MSCSW BOARD MEETING   ---   October 19, 2013

Present:  Al Barton, Steve Franklin, Shelly Justison, Vincent Marino, Kathleen Mc Mullan, Linda Pevnick, Jesse Berg (Executive Director)

Absent:  Cindy Badamo, Mike George

1.  Al reported that there is $16, 227 in the treasury ($15,842 in bank, $385 in PayPal).

Steve suggested that the Society might want to consider bringing in a good paid speaker for a longer workshop; if the Society lost money, the treasury has enough to cover.

75 members are due to renew in 2014, 20 in 2015.

Jesse's Square account has $40 which needs to be transferred to Al.

2.  There are 100 members.  The Society had 18 members who did not renew this current membership year.

The Board discussed branching out to other cities in Missouri, but Jesse reminded the Board that the strategic plan calls for the Society to focus on increasing membership in the St. Louis area.  The Board discussed reaching out to SW students at the 3 local universities.  Mike is listed as helping with this.

3.  Jesse reported that the membership directory is ready.  He has passed out some & will pass out more at the next workshop.  After that he will mail it to the other members.

4.  The diversity workshop had 19 attendees and excellent evaluations.  The next workshop is on November 9:  Imago Therapy.

5.  Steve moved & Al seconded that the strategic plan be adopted.  There will be 4 committees:  social, membership, legislative, education.

The Board discussed having a social event in January after the holidays.  The Board decided on trying to schedule a movie night on Sunday, January 19 starting at 5 pm.  The Board would provide food, including pizza/subs, popcorn, candy, soda.  Those who stay for a discussion will get CE hours.

ACTION:  Jesse will post on the website.

6.  Shu Gong has approached Jesse about doing a longer presentation on her research.  Shelly stated that all workshops are lined up, except for the ethics one at the end of the year.

ACTION:  Shu will be asked to prepare a proposal about her proposed workshop to see if it might be of interest to members.

The Board discussed what can be posted on the list serve.  This discussion resulted from a question posed by a member about insurance payments.

ACTION:  Jesse will screen all messages to be posted on the list serve.  If he has questions about a particular message, he will consult with other Board members plus the person wishing to post the message.

An Illinois member is concerned about the attendance certificates.  They do not meet Illinois requirements for continuing education.

ACTION:  Jesse will research & see if MSCSW needs to become a recognized 'sponsor."

Jesse is having problems with the printer and/or its ink.  The Board authorized Jesse to do whatever is necessary to correct the situation.

7.  The Board decided not to have business meetings at a restaurant, but to provide a light lunch at Board meetings.

The next meeting will focus on the strategic plan focusing on community collaboration.

The Board discussed possible ideas for the ethics workshop.  People like doing the case studies in small groups.  One possible idea is to have a panel.  Other ideas are welcome.

Vincent J. Marino

Secretary