

**WYOTA Monthly Meeting  
2/12/2020**

Meeting called to order at: 7:34 pm  
Dial in Number: 605-475-4000  
Code: 638669#

**I. Roll Call**

- a. Board Members Present: Phylcia Lipes, Jessica Lambert, Molly McNicols, Shellie Szymd, Kelsey Hieb, Jessica McWilliams, Emma Mumme, Kristine Shaeffer
- b. Board Members Not Present:
- c. Additional Participants:
- d.

**II. Treasurer Report**

<b>Checking</b>	\$ 15,007.47
<b>Savings</b>	\$ 8,175.16
<b>Total</b>	\$ 23,182.63

- a. Sent letters to Park County school district and Sheridan County school district reporting lost checks and providing new W-9 and updating contact information. Have not heard back.
- b. Updated PayPal account. May need to call as current listed owner of account is not accurate. Will follow up this week so that conference registration can be through website.
- c. Shellie will be reimbursed for Autism Summit.
- d. Phys Dys speaker deposit paid.
- e. AOTA Conference flight paid for President (Phylcia)

**III. Secretary Update**

- a. Updated website for job postings. Checked on current postings and they are still current.
- b. Sent email with P&P and Action plan to all board members for review.
- c. Contacted Hallie regarding website. The password protection is removed for now and most other sections of website are updated. She said we can have people pay on our website but suggests we get a PayPal account integrated on the website. Will need to follow up and figure out how to get all registration info on there.
- d. Reached out to Summit Professional Education with no response for a Peds speaker.
- e. Shellie is added to current membership list

**IV. RA Update**

- a. No specific new information for motions or meeting changes.
- b. Molly will not be able to attend AOTA conference this year.

**V. Student Update**

- a. UND: No major reports. On level 1 fieldwork so SOTA has not met for some time. New student member to attend next WYOTA meeting (will be taking position next year)

- b. CC: Has been working on volunteer opportunities (Night to Shine and Jackelope Jump). All class members will be attending AOTA Conference.

## **VI. Legislative Update**

- a. There is a bill on the floor currently for Wyoming School Districts billing Medicaid.
  - i. Attempting to set up meeting with SPED director with Senator McKenzie to discuss pros and cons of this bill.
    - 1. Wyoming is currently the only state to not allow schools to bill Medicaid.
    - 2. Foresees problem with administrative burdens, 20 visit Medicaid caps currently in place potentially limiting more intensive therapy needs in outpatient setting being met, preventing continued State/Federal funding, staff turnover issues due to credentialing process.
  - ii. WYOTA Legislative representative is personally against however will discuss issues with State Senator in collaboration with SPED director in Sheridan County to avoid bias.
    - 1. Buffalo School District opposed, Sheridan School District opposed.
  - iii. Will send email update following meeting with State Senator.
  - iv. Would like to work with WYOTA to create WYOTA opinion.
  - v. Shellie to update Facebook regarding these issues and send info to Kelsey for website update.
- b. Medicaid expansion bill killed in House.

## **VII. Old Business**

- a. Conference
  - i. Phys Dys- Phylcia to discuss payment and registration info with speaker/company. Downpayment has been made.
  - ii. Pediatrics-
    - 1. Size Matters Handwriting Program- is the newest and up to date handwriting program currently. Is research-backed from 2019, 2017. Participants will have certification after 2-day conference. Costs have been sent to Phylcia regarding speaker and supply cost. Weekend is available. Need to follow up for covered costs/needed costs for travel, lodging, meals. Phylcia to get clarification.
    - 2. Pediatric Yoga- Will have to bring 2 trainers. Is available that weekend. Has discussed next year possibility. May have issue with room space.
    - 3. Trauma-
      - a. First trauma speaker is continuing to check dates.
      - b. Tina Champagne (Trauma and trauma care)- is waiting on verification of date on something else. Shellie to reach out again to follow up on date availability.
  - iii. Goal: have Save the Dates out by end of March. Email board before next meeting to follow up.

**VIII. New Business**

- a.** Selling WYOTA t-shirts this year at conference?
  - i. Kelsey to look into shirts, Phylcia to assist.
  - ii. Shellie to send picture of previous shirt to email or Kelsey.
- b.** Next meeting: March 11.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Phylcia at 8:19 pm.