**SPSI Continuing Education Committee Minutes**

**May 9, 2019**

Present: Chris Keats (chair), Cara Alexander, Flaviane Ferreira, Kimberly McKittrick, Mary Murphy, and Kathy Weissbourd. Absent Peggy Crastnopol.

The minutes from our meeting on March 9, 2019 were reviewed and accepted.

We reviewed our experience with “Talk to Her” discussed by Maxine Nelson and with the Sandra Buechler event. These events netted $721.47 and $660 respectively, and were well received. Comments on the movie presentation included that this was a long time to sit, and that the discussion was difficult for some to follow. We wondered if we should ask presenters and discussants to try to spell out very clearly what they mean, giving examples, so that everyone can understand.

**Upcoming events:**

The committee also reviewed plans for the Emily Kuriloff event on May 18, 2019. Emily Kuriloff will receive round trip airfare and a $500 honorarium and will stay in a hotel. She will speak on a topic related to her recent book on how the Holocaust relates to analysis. The event will take place from 8:30 to noon and the venue will be SPSI. Emily Kuriloff will be available for book signing after her talk. There will be a luncheon at Voila Bistro at 1 pm following the event. **Leads: Mary Murphy, Flaviane Ferreira, and Cara Alexander (arranging CMEs). Action Item: Mary Murphy will coordinate with Peggy Crastnopol and/or Emily Kuriloff about any transportation requirements to and from the hotel.**

Sue Radant invited Danielle to present October 18-19, 2019. Knafo is professor at Long Island University and author of many books and articles. On Friday night she will present “Men Who Like Dolls” and on Saturday, “Women Who Want to be Dolls,” with discussant Cecile Bassen. Sue Radant would work with the Art Salon on a prior showing of a movie such as “Lars and the Real Girl”, or “Her”, or “Ex Machina”. The Graham Visitor Center will be the venue, and materials needed for CE application to APsaA have been forwarded to Zan. **Lead: Chris Keats**. **Action items:** **Chris Keats will coordinate with Zan about a schedule for announcements: Save the Date, Opening of Registration, and periodic marketing emails. He will ask Zan to be sure the event is included on the Alliance Calendar.**

Ken Cunningham and Bob Fahrer, community members at NPSI, are coordinating with Piyale Comert to bring Vamik Volkan and his International Dialogue Initiative (IDI) to Seattle in spring, 2020. There will be two parts to this event: 1) Thursday and Friday there will be all-day training in conflict resolution for 25 people from the community, drawn from four groups: politicians, academics, business men, and analysts. There is question as to whether this training will be topic centered (e.g., around an issue such as diversity) or more general. Volkan’s training model is to address peaceful conflict resolution using psychoanalytic concepts. On Friday night a Town Hall meeting will be open to the wider community (modeled after the Dorpat Lectures). The movie, “Vamik’s Room” will be shown, followed by a panel discussion by people in the International Dialogue Initiative (if Vamik Volkan himself cannot be here due to unexpected health problems [he is elderly] then Gerald Fromm will be in charge. 2) on Saturday, there will be a presentation by IDI faculty to psychoanalysts and therapists from SPSI, the Alliance, and NPSI. Following the presentation groups will be formed for training in conflict resolution. There is a possibility that the venue will be the Jackson School for International Affairs at UW. Deborah Porter is the contact person. **Chris Keats will be lead for this event. Action Item:** **Chris Keats will ask Piyale if there will be diversity CE questions for this event. He will follow up with Piyale about the exact date for this event.**

Sky Haberman has suggested she present a two-part program on Ecopsychoanalysis. **Action Item: Kimberly McKittrick will try to find out more about how this program has been received at places where it has been given, and will get back to our group via email prior to our next meeting. If she finds the program has been well received she will coordinate with Sky Haberman about possible dates for the program, looking probably towards January to March of 2020.**

**Other business:**

Mary Murpy reported her hour-long discussion on CE accreditation requirements with Laura Groshong. It appears that we may cease getting CE approval for social workers from NASW and instead get it from the Washington State Society for Clinical Social Work (WSSCSW). Mary Murphy said that Laura Groshong doubted that we can provide CE for psychologists, but Kathy Weissbourd read relevant sections of the Washington State Law that seemed to indicate accredited learning institutions can give CE credits to psychologists for programs they put on. **Action items: Kathy Weissbourd will summarize input on this topic and Chris Keats will bring this up with the Board, with the goal of being able to include wording about CE for psychologists in future brochures advertising our CE events.**

This is Cara Alexander’s last meeting with us; we thanked her for her work with us on the committee and we will miss her going forward. Mary Murphy suggested we ask John Allemand (253-235-0234) to join our committee. He is a community member of SPSI, and will apparently be taking over from Erin Carruth the job of organizing CE events for the Alliance. Action Item: **Chris Keats will ask the Nominating Committee if this is ok, and, if so, ask John Allemand if he can join us for our first meeting in Septmeber, 2019.**

The committee arrived at consensus that SPSI clinical associates should be invited to CE programs free of charge. There would be a reduced charge for other students. The committee approved Zan’s recommendation for the spread between fees for SPSI members and non-members. **Action item: Chris Keats will let Zan know about this consensus decision.**

Our next meeting will be at 7:30 pm at SPSI Thursday September 5, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Keats, M.D.