



Board Meeting 2/11/21

Members present: *Kathy Fleming, Cynthia Gentry, Rusty Keeler, Olga Jarrett, Deb Lawrence, Bradley Roberts, Reece Wilson, Whitney Woodward*

Board Member Check-In:

UN Convention on the Rights of a Child (Cynthia)

Writing a book on article 31. Hopefully published by the end of the year. IPA is backing this initiative. Looking at the city level, how can we look at a city/community. Specifically, Atlanta (Parkpride). Cynthia spoke with their ED, who is a play proponent. What would it take to make Atlanta a playable city? Build a framework for “how to follow” guidelines. How is this generating information? Looking to “make some noise” with Georgia as an example. Olga shared that she knew history in getting article 31 signed. Jonathan Koderes’ book - Cynthia reiterated that the UN treaty was signed by the Sec of State (Clinton) so is binding. Would UN ambassador from the U.S. be a good option? Linda Greenfield-Thompson. Look to Parkpride and Sudeshna to put heads together. Need committee – Cynthia (Chair), Deb, Brad, Olga, Rusty, Whitney

Committee Reports:

Treasury (Reece)– Stayed very steady. Healthy balance. Spreadsheet was provided.

Conference (Rusty) San Antonio was nixed. Speaker series for IPA Oct. 2021. Face to face for October 2022. Committee is meeting regularly.

Indoor & Outdoor Play Committees/Recess – Outreach to schools about prioritizing recess (Summer). Classroom kits to stay safe for covid with Play Boards Schedule Town halls for members on Hot Topics DAP Principle Discussion April/May; Covid 19 Outdoor Playground, you can do it August 2021 ? The Committee on Covid and Play us on Play Talk on the website. Play Talk has a wealth of great information – please send more articles and books to Deb.

NEW – Pandemic and Play – There is a fantastic new resource on the IPA/USA website! This was established so that children, caregivers and teachers in the US and beyond can easily access these new play resources during the COVID-19 pandemic. These resources have the potential to benefit children everywhere. A huge thank you to this committee for the time and effort putting this great work together!

Membership (Kathy) Need committee members. Quarterly out reach to new and lapsed members. Connect with World for renewal, and utilize relationships with TASP, IPA World, and US Play Coalition

Social Media, Outreach, & Marketing (Whitney) – Providing Facebook posts weekly, including posts to drive more traffic on Amazon Smile

Town hall for members- need photos of play

Porch Play Chats – Going well. New batch to be filmed in March, and then more in July

Principles of Child Development – Town Hall scheduled for April May 2021.

Next Board Meeting after the Townhall in May – Stay tuned.

Addition – If you have not already signed up for the Town hall, the link is [here](#).