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Jungian Society for Scholarly Studies

Annual Members Board Meeting 2019

Members Meeting on Saturday June 29th, 2019, Asheville Conference.

Convening: Luke H, President

Recording: Heather T-Z, Secretary

Introduction of board members: Lisa P, Sukey F, Cynthia C, Elizabeth N, Inez M, Luke H, Matthew F, Heather T-Z (minus Greg M)

Apologies:

Robert Mitchel
Alexandra Fidyk
Susan Wyatt

Agenda

- 1) Matters Arising/Emerging
- 2) Thanks to Chiron, Asheville Friends of Jung, Steve Buser. Thanks to Routledge. Thanks to Lisa Pounders – Site Coordinator. Thanks to Susan Wyatt – Conference Chair.
- 3) Feedback conference 2019
- 4) JSSS Journal
- 5) Website developments
- 6) Diversity Scholarship
- 7) Treasurer's Report
- 8) Proposals for conference 2020 – including support for site host, eg Technical support or catering support.
- 9) Any other business

1) Matters Arising/Emerging

The previous minutes were reported and approved

2) Thanks

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3) Feedback conference 2019

Invitation to the members for sharing insight and input

A suggestion was made that Pacifica Graduate Institute could be used to highlight and publicize conferences and reach out to the broader public with talk of local liasons and social media outreach. Engaging support on a broader level was discussed with a simultaneous recognition that the size of the group is intimate and JSSS is also expanding beyond a north American organization (perspective Mexico conference, for example).

A first time Jungian conference attendee and presenter noted that the conference was outstanding in terms of experience, including the hosting and the presentations. People noted that they were pleasantly surprised at the experience, grateful and learned a lot. This sentiment was seconded and thirded. There was a suggestion regarding the small room that did not have a podium and sound system that the spaces would be checked in advance before conference days to make sure the equipment was ready. Another suggestion to have helpful hints in presenting on the website was made.

There was an acknowledgement of how fantastic the conference is to present at for the first time. The small, welcoming and supportive nature of JSSS provides a safe container, and it is deeply appreciated and recognized. This was seconded and thirded. JSSS is a supportive community in which everyone wants you to succeed. It is also interdisciplinary. All of this is exceptional and appreciated.

The room for discussions afterward (in the program schedule, evening events and member's meeting) was incredibly rich and helpful in connecting the dots and integrating the material.

Another first-time attendee and found it to be wonderful and contained with strong attendance in contrast to schedules that were spread too thin. Another first-time attendee recognized the open mindedness and excellence of presenters. They suggested going back home to solicit others to the experience, growing organically through word of mouth.

It was asked how people liked having everything in one space, and the overwhelming response was that they did. People responded that it was convenient and easy, fostered community, and it was also more comfortable. General consensus was that the facility and rates were excellent. Thanks given to Lisa.

Additional note that the program timing was spacious enough to eat and integrate the material. Social interaction and creative engagement was also valued as well as the experiential dimension. It was echoed that being in one building is a relational space in which we encounter each other. We are mutually reinforced.

4) JSSS Journal

Luke wrapped up the dialogue and Elizabeth entered into a discussion and introduction of the journal.

The deadline will be October 1st and conference presenters are encouraged to expand their presentation to meet the 4000-9000word limit in a paper that expands and applies Jungian theory. An emphasis on transcending the personally revelatory to focus on the movement that the paper can provide in the field was emphasized. The call for paper will be followed by a prereview checklist and then it will go on to a more robust peer review process. Take the list of items in the checklist seriously. The theme of the 2020 journal is the Chaos and Interdisciplinarity of the conference, and we welcome original poetry and artwork. There was also an invitation to publish reviews—including books, movies, art, plays, etc. Look for the link upcoming on the website.

5) Website developments

Social media was addressed as a place to communicate and share projects, opportunities, ideas, pictures, and information. If you are researching or soliciting information, you can ask people in the community. This will create a community forum. It was brought up that we do not have a presence on Reddit, and this could be created. There was an invitation to help extend our social media presence.

Evi V volunteered to help with website design. Filming presentations to have available either for the presenter or a broader audience was discussed and tabled for a later time. Some conferences allowed the presentations to be recorded and sold upon request. Workshops would not be recorded, and people could opt out. This could be discussed in terms of media representation. How can we use technology to support us and our outreach?

6) Diversity Scholarship

Inez introduced diversity, announcing our effort to help the Jungian community to become more diverse. We established a scholarship to help with diversity, inviting members to nominate new participants who would just agree and be included, chosen by lot. Two nominations the first year and they came. Both said that it was a meaningful experience. This year we had no member nominations. We are reevaluating the program and thinking of other ways to strategize and create momentum to increase diversity as a decision-making factor in all of our planning. Every level of the process should have diversity built in and considered. At the end of our meetings we will check and see that we have taken a positive step towards increasing diversity. Members were invited to help with our agenda to increase diversity and engage in this cause.

Comments included a commitment to diversity with an obvious emphasis on people of color and cultures outside of the normative or privileged culture. Sexual orientation and other diverse groups were highlighted to expand our sense of diversity. We will focus on inclusivity (as UK refers to it). To welcome people we are offering no registration fee with the creation of a fund that could be applied for increasing diversity that could help with transformation costs, etc.

Diversity and inclusion distinction—diversity is an invitation; inclusion is being asked to dance.

7) Treasurer's Report

Sukey reported that the bank account is healthy. Thanks to everyone for coming and helping to keep the JSSS conferences running. It is an all-volunteer army, and expenses are minimum. We imagine that after conference expenses are covered, we should have approx. 22,0004

8) Proposals for conference 2020 – including support for site host, eg Technical support or catering support.

A conference proposal by Fanny Brewster for next year in Philadelphia on “Liberty and Justice; Freedom” was introduced with following discussion. This included the proposal of the Quaker building for the conference presentations with possible hosting in Cambria hotel for other accommodations. An ecological ethic to the building for the Quakers was noted, and a discussion of different hotels.

Creating a safe and accommodating conference container discussed with a discussion of continuing our relationship with Cambria hotel which has been efficient and inexpensive with a good ecological policy. It is near city hall. The discount wouldn't be as good without the use of the conference rooms, however.

It was brought up that IAJS was brought up as meeting in Pittsburg months before. Someone asked if there is an option of a hotel where we could have everything in the same hotel, given that Philadelphia is a conference rich city. Additionally, people wondered how much sponsorship from PJA and the conference might take place—for example discounting the conference space. This has not been discussed or developed fully as a connection. Different levels of engagement with the local Jungian community was also discussed. A local reported that there was a lot of enthusiasm for the PJA.

Another suggestion along with embracing mother earth and a native presence for down the road was suggested for a conference in Seattle Washington which has the first living building (eco). We could look into Seattle as a site...but there was a counter argument stating that the building had not been supportive of gay and trans participation in their personal experience. Mexico was brought up as a suggestion for inclusivity and political issues to counter our previous conference in Canada and current political climate.

Show of hands supported being in a single location and discussion of Mexico and Canada in the future.

The conference theme resonated with discussion of the wording. Playing with the idea of the cowboy and buffalo soldiers around the idea of liberty and justice was brought up. The stereotypical aspect of the title was pointed out as potentially misconstrued and nationalistic (America and injustice—liberty bell). Does it seem like nationalism? Should it have the same conference theme elsewhere or are we redeeming the words. Could we add words to help make it more dynamic? Is there a way of repackaging the words? This will be discussed in the executive board and with Fanny. Thanks was given to Fanny B for the proposal.

Concluding thoughts: During an election year it might be even more contentious in that location. Do we want to be political? Do we want to create a contrast in the words? Rebirth of liberty, for example—or has it every been born. How can it be framed? Shadows of Freedom was suggested as a name. End of June will be the timing.

9) Any other business

There was a closing invitation to include others as members of large, acknowledging that we all take active roles in different ways. We welcome people who want to engage and help in the active work of the organization. The meeting was adjourned.