

Conscience Project Meeting 5-14-05

Regrets received from Dr. Meg Gaffney and Dr. Linda Stephan. The meeting was convened at Barb's home. Present were Matt (Dr. Galvin), Tamara (Mrs. Hamilton), Sue (Ms. London) and Barb (Dr. Stilwell).

Meg sent her regards and word that she would be traveling to Madison, Wisconsin, 5/19/05, upon invitation from U. of Wisconsin SOM, to give a series of talks the next day. One of the talks will be "A Conscience Sensitive Approach to Teaching Caring Attitudes." The abstract Meg had submitted to AAMC on the same subject was accepted. Congratulations to Meg and all other contributors. Meg will receive funding from AAMC to travel to present the paper in Boston, 9/23/05. Only one author can receive funding from AAMC but others may be present. Matt will attend along with Meg. Those present at today's meeting were excited about Meg's keynote address to this year's graduating medical students and congratulated her (though she was *in absentia*) on this great honor and accomplishment. The senior who introduced her highlighted her involvement in the I.U. Conscience Project. Her address incorporated three very moving stories of very human encounters in clinical medicine.

Linda sent her regards and word by e-mail, discovered immediately following today's meeting, that she was unable to attend because she was in New York. She had called APNA regarding her submission and was informed that APNA had not been able to meet their April 5<sup>th</sup> deadline to inform persons who made submissions regarding the status thereof. They were hoping to send out notification of decisions this week. Linda will follow-up.

Tamara reported on the work she had conducted on 5/3/05 with an audience of about twenty 14 year olds at Park Tudor. A copy of her handout, "The Good, The Bad and The Choices" was circulated at today's meeting and garnered praise. Barb requested a copy. Tamara reported using the Value Matrix with the assembled youth to good effect. Another group will convene at 2:00 PM 5/24/05 under the auspices of Mrs. McClain who is in charge of the middle school. Barb offered to attend 5/24/05, observe and write up the group process.

Tamara completed her review of **The Otters of Conscience-Berg**. Her review was very favorable (Thank-you, Tamara—M.G.). Tamara indicated she wanted to continue using it in her group work. Tamara also requested permission to provide copies of the Conscience Project psycho-educational books to Mrs. McClain. Matt agreed to provide Tamara with the CD-ROM's for the books, to be used for generating hard copies 'on demand.'

Sue spoke for all present in urging Tamara to write up her experiences at Park Tudor for *Theory, Research and Clinical Applications* division of **Conscience Works**. Tamara brought an example of a 'Conscience Box', created by a participant in an earlier (therapy) group. We discussed imaging the box as an illustration to accompany Tamara's (other?) paper explaining this innovative therapeutic technique.

Sue had heard from the University of Illinois and had set up her accounts. She reminded us that travel to meetings related to developing and promoting **Conscience Works** could merit reimbursement from her grant.

Barb wondered if her trip to the annual meeting of the AACAP, where she would engage (as she had done at past meetings) in networking and promoting a conscience sensitive approach to the nosology of conduct disorder, would merit funds from the **Conscience Project**. Barb was not sure her work would be clearly pertinent to **Conscience Works**, and would not be a formal presentation. Matt had no question about the merit of Barb's representing the Conscience Project at the annual meeting of the AACAP. He indicated he believed there was still money in an operational fund that might be tapped for this purpose without having to liberate additional money from the Conscience Fund. He agreed to check with Meg about the account number.

Matt indicated he wanted to begin devoting time translating existing documents into PDF so that the backlog of submissions to **Conscience Works** could be reduced. Matt indicated he wanted to give priority to the paper entitled "Preliminary Observations..." in the *Theory, Research and Clinical Applications* division of **Conscience Works**. He also wanted to see Meg's keynote address to the seniors up either in *The Editor's Column* or in the *Conscience and Ethics* division. Sue indicated there are scholars' work stations in the library set up for just such purposes. Matt indicated he currently has a respite in voluntary teaching at IU SOM on Tuesday PM's since ICM I has concluded, and also will have time Friday AM's since his last day for this year at The School for the Blind (ISB) will be 5/20/05. Sue indicated she would be in touch with Matt by e-mail to make the necessary arrangements. Sue indicated that she could resort to scanning our best available hard copy of **Rachel** rather than having to have it translated into PDF format. Matt liked that idea a lot. With the media server available to her, Sue can video-stream the 1990 vcr-tape *Conceptualization of Conscience*. Barb thought this should be included in the *Conscience Sensitive Moral Education* division as it was made with psychology interns in mind. Sue reported she had submitted an abstract for a poster on 'Conscience Works: An electronic collection' to the Midwest Chapter of The Medical Library Association meeting in Fargo, N.D. next fall. In regards to meetings and poster presentations, Sue requested Conscience Project members think of where these could be conducted and which groups and institutions to target. Sue reported she is still thinking of what she wants in a laptop and a display board. She also noted the University is moving closer to finalizing the form that the digital archive will take.

Matt reported that there is a Braille Press now at the ISB and that Mrs. Leslie Durst is proceeding with the project of putting the Conscience Project psycho-educational books into Braille. Dr. Doug Johnston, the psychologist at ISB, was instrumental in bringing this about. Matt asked Barb if she were interested in having Right vs. Wrong 'em-brailled.' Barb agreed to contact I.U. Press to see how this could be best accomplished.

The next meeting of The Conscience Project is scheduled for Saturday August 13, 2005 at 10:00 AM Tamara's home, 10924 Echo Spring Circle. This is east of Castleton Mall. Tamara's number is 826-2922, should you like to RSVP or if you need directions.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Galvin.