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SSWAG SUMMER RETREAT DAY 1

June 6, 2024
Time: 2:00 pm

Crystal Wright - The meeting began at 2 pm.
Past President- Dr. Brown-Pinkney was in attendance via Google Meet.

Dr. Oliver – GaDOE Updates:

- School Safety Grant
- TF-CBT training is currently full through GaDOE.
- Office of Whole Child Supports – offers training
- Podcast – Dr. Abifee Thomas – APS. Starting in fall 2024 to view.
- SWARM – dashboard created by the University of North Carolina, 45,000 home visits were completed.
- Chronic Absenteeism—The Department of Education has identified a leadership group. To improve student attendance, home visits will assist with the data.
- Literacy laws – how does this impact SSWs?

Cory Lowe

- The icebreaker was explained, and the goal is to have a golden coin by tomorrow. Ask someone if they have a coin. Two envelopes have a coin.

Rasha Portis

- Wellness kits you will build yourself.

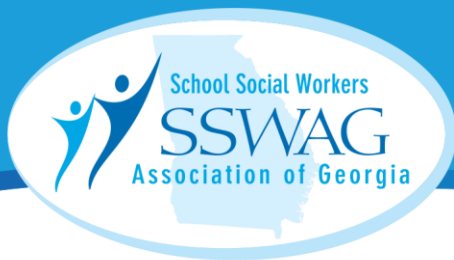
New Business

Ms. Ida Hafford: Include community members in SSWAG meetings. We are building partnerships.

4:35 pm

Alicia McClung

- March 28, 2024, is the updated and most current guideline.
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion language included.
- Removed “visiting teacher” language from the procedural guideline.
- Historian duties, inter-agency liaison, LEAD, compassionate committee – Cory



- You Make a Difference scholarship was added.
- Tool included for social work standards.
- Vendor committee = vendor sponsorship and coordinator
- Webmaster – Titan Team – social media support
- Get confirmation if you can use “sponsored by SSWAG.”

Crystal Wright

- Shared an SSW in Georgia guideline/handbook. Archived books.
- Had a retiree in Bibb County.
- Digitize previous articles. – Dr. Abifee Thomas

Rasha Portis

- The Nesbitt family would like to present
- Increased budget for district SSWs of the year.
 - Recognition and awards

VP Cory Lowe

- Meeting with DP’s

5:26 pm

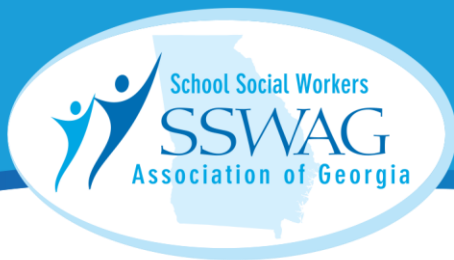
Dr. Booker

- Submit mileage if it applies.
- Per diem for dinner = \$23.00 today only.

Rasha & Heather – Spring Conference

- April 9-12th, 2025, SSWA conference in Atlanta
- SSWA does not see it being beneficial to merge with SSWAG for the spring conference.
- SSWAG conference = early March
- SSWAG Fall conference = exploring options. Virtual? In-person?
- A survey will be conducted, and responses will be needed.
 - The survey will be sent in August when everyone returns to work.

Motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Dr. Turner. The meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.



SSWAG SUMMER RETREAT DAY 1

June 7, 2024

Time: 8:22 AM

Petrina and Heather

- Reviewed the options for a joint conference or keeping the SSWAG conference separate from SSWA.
- Proposal for a SSWAG 2-day conference. One form is somewhat combined with SSWAA fees.
- Is there an option to “add awards dinner” to the ticket?
 - Paying for the SSWAG only options + any other options
- SSWAG business meeting pre-conference + celebratory option
- SSWAG Fall Conference – virtual? Or face-to-face
 - Crystal needs to plan for the fall conference
- SSWAA – Omni Hotel
 - SSWAG has the most members in the US, GA.
- Lean on district presidents' support, survey the districts, and get their insight.
- Survey will be sent out in August.

Amber Wade

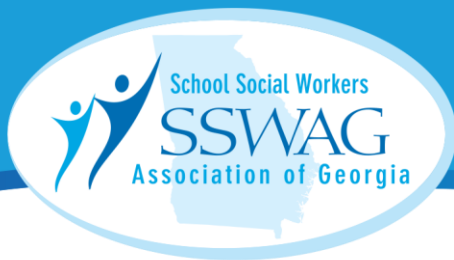
- Team Titans – Taylor and Devin
- Communications – social media, podcast, YouTube channel
- Highlight your district members, picture, what is your why, newsletter, and Facebook page.

Dr. Cooper

- Bachelors level SW – bringing them back to the table and including them in events.
- Valdosta State University
- UGA – they do not offer a SW elective

Dr. Abifee Thomas

- Report shared.
- Requesting SSWAG historical items.
- Fowler will utilize the KSU interns to digitize SSWAG materials.
- Include retirees in the social media marketing.



Jarod Anderson

- Youtube channel
- Provide bio and pic for all board members.

Sonya Cruel: Event Sponsorship and Vendor Coordinator:

- The SWARM sponsor was unable to attend in person. They provided a video for us to watch.
- We raised \$16,050 last year from sponsors and vendors
- We raised \$700 from Marketplace vendors
- We provided a sponsorship package for the sports to purchase
- The space they are sitting in the conference is based on how much they paid.
- Alaja will assist this year and will likely take over next year.

Mentor Chair: Gwenetta Sullivan-Echols - Not here

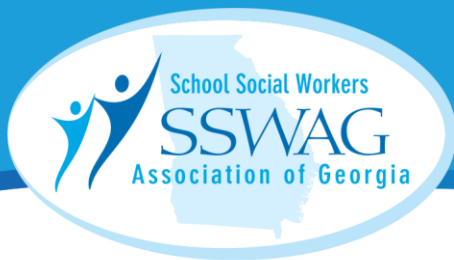
Procedural Guideline Chair: Alicia McClung

Dr. Cynthia Turner Journal/Research Chair:

- Report sent to secretary on Jun 3, 2024
- Read report details to the masses
- College students are reaching out to SSWAG to have their journals posted. Their work is in Dr. Turner's previous report.
- Dr. Turner mentioned collaborating with the University Liaison to get BSW programs involved with SSWAG.
- The committee is looking for research. Send Dr. Turner this information.
- UWG Professional Counseling program - a specialist in professional counseling (EDs) - social workers are joining this program and completing the research that makes sense to them. Dr. Turner will reach out to UWG to inquire more about this and the research articles that have been published.

Ida Brown, Retirement Chair

- Trying to recruit people to get them engaged with SSWAG.
- Meet up in September with new retirees - maybe attend a Braves game or lunch in that area.
- 2024-2025 - membership applications will be handed out during this meetup.



- Will reach out to current and past retirees.
- Open to new ideas

Skipping Break

The President will ask committee Chairs to send in their reports.

Fall Leadership Institute Discussion (Vacant Chair)

- President is seeking a chair
- I will speak with any member who is interested in joining.
- Discussed the logistics of the fall conference briefly, including whether to be virtual or in person. I decided to keep it virtual.
- Dr. Cooper Motion Fall conference to remain virtual - Amber Wade second - 11 people voted I.

Unfinished SSWAG Business:

VP Lowe - Information on the compassion committee

- \$1,500 Budgeted for flower arrangements and cards.
- Procedural guidelines include the logistics of the committee and who qualifies.
- Effective today.
- The District President recommended that SSWAG participate in more conferences as a vendor. Setting up a table at GALE, Fed. Programs conferences, etc., to disseminate information about SSWAG
- Members inquired about the year's calendar. The president is still working on it and the dates.
- Dr. Thomas inquired about the budget since storage for historical items and digitizing historical documents to make them more accessible were mentioned.

Adjournment: Dr. Cooper motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 AM. Dr. Turner seconded the motion, and everybody said I.