Oregon Network for Compassionate Communication Board Meeting February 20, 2011; Skype call

Present: Fred Sly, Steve Blechman, Aiyana Lucas, Chuck Powers, Gary Baran, Cindi Fisher, Sally Marie, Gray Moen

- 1. Check in
- 2. Approval of Minutes of the January 23, 2011 meeting.
- 3. Review of action items from previous meeting:
- a. Possibly taking up the matter of selecting a volunteer coordinator to replace Fred. Put over.
- b. Chuck will finish creating the flyer (for the Teach4Life Training sponsored by ORNCC) and send it to Sura and Jean, and will coordinate help in publicizing the training. Chuck is exploring how to spread the announcement in the school community, the board was also asked to spread the announcement to as many schools as they can manage and we received agreements from Aiyana, Fred, and Steve to do so as well. Chuck will check with Jean and Sura about what the policy is for cancelling if we do not have enough registrants. Chuck will also check into event insurance in order to protect our assets.
- c. Cindi agreed to submit a proposal of her vision of how the board could support the facilitation of Restorative Circles, under the broader umbrella of Restorative Justice. Cindi and Fred sent a proposal, Gary sent a reply that expressed concerns, and we discussed the concerns expressed, and new concerns that were raised. We agreed to table further discussion of this topic until the next meeting, and to expand the discussion into the concept of ORNCC adopting a "Restorative Justice" project under which circles training would become one possible strategy. Concern was expressed about care being taken as we expand the organization to ensure that we are using our resources wisely and that we are acting to stay in alignment with our mission statement and in integrity with NVC consciousness. In general, everyone is supportive of circles processes, but it is not clear what role ORNCC wants to take in spreading them.
- d. Gray has agreed to contact Susan for more details about the NVC Training Institute event she would like ORNCC to support. Gray talked to Susan's support person and that Susan's request contained a number of items that may require significant ORNCC resources to satisfy. Gray states that he will resend the message to Fred who will attach it to the agenda for the next meeting so that we can discuss. We agreed to review the request prior to the next meeting in order to facilitate the discussion.
- e. Fred agreed to contact CNVC to see if it might be possible to bring an IIT to the Portland area and will craft a letter regarding this for review by Board members before sending it to

CNVC. Done, a reply has not yet been received; Fred will contact CNVC and ask about where our request is in their process.

- f. Steve agreed to head a sub committee of the Board to brainstorm ideas for fundraising to be presented at its next meeting. Gray and Chuck agreed to take part in this. The subcommittee will report back to the whole Board at or before its next meeting. Steve sent the result of the brainstorm to the group and would like to have discussion of the list on the next full in person meeting. Steve will resend the list and Fred will incorporate the list into the agenda for the next meeting.
- g. Board members agreed to send their contact information to Fred who will distribute it to all Board members. Fred did so.
- 4. We confirmed our next meeting will be at Gary's home in Eugene on March 26, at which we will have a pot luck lunch.
- 5. Check out/adjourn at 12:00 noon: Because of the difficulties we had connecting via Skype, Cindi suggested we explore alternative internet conferencing technology.