

ORNCC BOARD of DIRECTORS

Minutes for January 23, 2015 Meeting in Eugene

Present: Sally Marie, Gary Baran, Bryn Hazell, Mark Babson, Steve Blechman, Gary Baran, Selene Aitken

1:05 Meeting called to order

1. Introductions and Check in.

2. Discussion addressing what NVC communities look like in different locations. Practice groups?

Overview on Eugene, Portland, Bend community, Salem, Ashland.

What would it look like to have vibrant NVC communities?

When there's a clear project, like work in prisons, people coalesce around that. Similarly, trainings in various institutions will generate collaborative efforts.

3. Website: Functions that will help communities state-wide.

Update on process of building the website.

We've paid half, \$2,500. When complete we'll pay the other half.

How do we go forward with the project?

Action item: Gary will send a draft of a message to the secretary before sending to Kay. The message will be asking Kay to write a 1 page summary by middle of February of what's needed to complete the project and an assessment of her energy and interest in continuing the project.

4. Finances.

We are pleased that we have Chuck helping us do our taxes.

The year-end email appeal brought in donations.

We will have a net loss of several thousand dollars which includes 1/2 of website development cost.

Approximately \$2,000 a year is spent on administrative support.

Bank account is reconciled.

5. Meeting Schedule.

Phone meetings have worked very efficiently for 4 of us. With 6 people we will agree to hold to conventions that will make calls run smoothly.

Meetings will be 3x a year in person and monthly by phone.

Make the in person meetings correlate with something we're doing.

4. Hopes and dreams for 2015.

Bryn, Encourage a model along the lines of the Bend Peace Community where everything is done on a sliding scale and offered by volunteers. Is this how to build community? To do what we're passionate about? The Center for Compassionate Living. It's a 501.c3. They sell books at a profit.

Sarah Peyton's workshop in Eugene at the end of March might be an opportunity to network with others who share a vision of NVC community. Can offer support for people who want to step out and lead practice or skill building groups.

How can ORNCC create the conditions that foster people having the desire and courage to lead practice groups and trainings?

Picnics help people network and know there are other groups and that people can lead groups and teach even if they are not certified trainers.

Possibility of having in-person board meeting in a location where the Board can invite community members after the meeting to gather and receive support to offer NVC practice groups or teaching NVC.

Empower people to put a group together.

In Eugene potential response network if there's focalization, leadership. Won't be hard to draw people to a gathering especially if it's free. Gary would help organize. Location? Maybe the Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene. After the Sarah Peyton training? Looking at maybe Thursday evening week after Easter? Bryn might come and share about what has happened in Bend.

Action Item: Gary will discuss with Unitarians re availability of venue.

Selene: dream for ORNCC, that we serve as a regional organization.

If there's a community built, there are resources to put on trainings, work in schools, etc.

If we have developed communities, we might draw trainers.

Gary would like to see ORNCC provide seed money for projects, resources.

ORNCC could support Bryn in transportation and lodging to go to eg Salem to help inspire people coming together to form NVC community.

Idea, what if on Sept 19 we sponsored picnics in Portland, Salem and Eugene.?

Action item: Mark will reserve Minto Brown Park in Salem for September 19.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

President: Sally Marie

Vice-President: Mark Babson

Treasurer: Gary Baran

Secretary: Selene Aitken

Meeting schedule for the year SET.

Action Item:

Mark will remind us of upcoming meetings. About 2weeks before the meeting. Selene will send out the agenda after folks submit agenda items.

Action Item: Secretary will request names of Oregon participants in April IIT in Portland. So we can be in touch with them.

MEETING ADJOURNED:5:30

Next Meeting: February 27, 9:45am on the phone.