

**Oregon Network for Compassionate Communication
Board Meeting Notes – January 13, 2007 – Eugene**

Celebration of Attendance: All 8 re-elected board members, 3 of 4 newly elected board members, 1 governing council member and 2 guests were present!

Present: Re-elected board Sparrow Bailey, Lisa-Marie DiVincent, Evelyn Doherty, Michael Dreiling, Teresa Farrell, Amber Fauson, Bob Hall, Bryn Hazell. New board Chrysani Fauson, Megan Hinkle, Jim Hussey. Governing Council Sophia Douglas. Guests Gary and Lynne Baran, Eugene. Absent: New board Susan Skye. Governing Council Karen Campbell, Michelle DeLude, Tom Happy, Holley Humphrey. Regrets: Stuard Watson, State Coordinator; Dick Loescher, Eugene.

Organizational Regrouping: New members welcomed and initiated. Michael presented brief overview of ORNCC history and current activities. Gary offered compliments from his perspective as former CNVC Exec.Dir. that our ground-breaking organizational development has “made a huge impact throughout the country and the world.” Bryn briefly reviewed board manual and structure.

New officers elected through new process: By request, Teresa facilitated sociocratic model for nominations and consent. Results: President – Teresa; Vice President – Michael; Treasurer – Sparrow; Secretary – Amber.

Announcements:

- Sophia -- Music Benefit for Dept of Peace Conference in Washington, DC (Michael, Amber and Megan will attend) Saturday 1/20, 7:30 pm, at the Center for Spiritual Growth, 390 Vernal St, off Coburg Rd at Rustic St, Eugene
- Jim – In negotiations with Oregon state prisons to start NVC trainings again at Coffee Creek
- Bryn – With Evelyn and a coalition of other volunteers is opening the Peace Center of Central Oregon this week in Bend/Sisters, with a program of NVC practice groups and facilitated discussions; there are now 3 practice groups in Bend, 1 in Redmond, and soon to be 1 in LaPine
- Michael –Twin Rivers Interfaith Ministries (TRIM) in Eugene is sponsoring a Season of NonViolence, requests an NVC intro for the series; Gary Baran volunteered to do it.

Treasurer's Report: Sparrow reviewed a comprehensive list of her duties/activities and ORNCC's financial status. Current cash balance is \$37,070 with approximately \$7100 of that held in trust for “profit sharing” with CNVC and local teams.

The C ___ [Sparrow, please provide name] community made a \$150 contribution to ORNCC in honor of Bob Hall's skillful practice group facilitation.

****Resolved:** Board approves the Sept 2006 decision to open a CD and money market account and to transfer funds from checking to these accounts; authorizes Treasurer to make future transfers as well.

****Reaffirmed:** Expenditures over \$500 require two check signatures. Credit card purchases over that amount, request an email communication from State Coordinator to Treasurer.

"Nonviolence as a Way of Life" Conference: Michael reported progress on planning and coalition building for the conference at Univ of Oregon in spring or fall 2008. The ORNCC team is working on ways to conference with other allied organizations interested in social change, forming networks locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. ORNCC has committed to provide \$10,000 in matching grants for the conference. A question for the next ORNCC meeting agenda is whether ORNCC will sponsor the event or serve as a fiscal sponsor for a more inclusive coalition. Bob emphasized that it will be important to have a specific budget to gauge the level of fiscal responsibility. Conference website is

****Approved: Board authorizes Sparrow to pay up to \$250 in fees for Ellie's work on listserv and web link for the Nonviolence Conference.**

****Approved: Board authorizes Michael to consult with attorney David Atkins regarding sponsorship/financial responsibility for the conference.**

Global Coordinating Council (GCC) Report: Jim has been participating in the sociocracy model trainings and organizational process initiated by CNVC. He reported that the GCC had devolved into many factions, then dissolved. The emergent structure now referred to as the Leadership Team is made up of Marshall Rosenberg and Valentina, who apparently are charged to designate other "circle leaders." Jim observed, and Gary concurred, that there is no clarity and the hoped-for grassroots participation is in limbo.

Website postings for trainers: Bryn raised the issue of how our process is responding to requests by certified trainers for website postings. The topic was deferred for further discussion at next meeting.

More celebrations: Praises and appreciations to outgoing president Bryn Hazell and continuing treasurer Sparrow Bailey and vice president Michael Dreiling. Gratitude for gracious hosting at Sparrow's home.

2007 Meeting Calendar:

- **March – Saturday 3/17, Portland, Bob Hall's house – agenda items to Teresa by 3/3**
- **June – Saturday 6/2, Eugene**
- **Sept – Board Retreat, 9/14-9/16, Bend (slate of Board/GC nominations to be finalized by then)**

--Sophia Douglas, recorder