

ORNCC Board Meeting Minutes -- 6-22-07

Duly and humbly submitted by Lisa-Marie. Physically present were Megan, Meta, Sparrow, Tom (Governing Council member), Michael, and LM. Absent Board members were Teresa, Evelyn, Chrysan, Amber, and Bob. Expected to attend but absent Board members were Jim and Susan. Absent Governing Council or State Coordinator members were Michelle, Sophia, Holley, Karen, and Stuart.

Check-in and snacks. ;-)

Minutes of last meeting accepted into the record without changes or additions. Annual Board Retreat in September -- Michael will call to reserve another room; Tom will check to see if he and his family might be already scheduled to be nearby and could attend some of the retreat. Announcement -- Meta shares needs met from participating in the national Department of Peace / NVC conference call facilitated by Miki Kashtan of BayNVC. which are available to download from the website: www.thepeacealliance.org The column on the right hand side contains "Nonviolent Communications." Click on "more" and it leads you to a page where the previous calls are posted.. This might be easier for some than requesting transcripts or tapes. Meeting agenda accepted as modified.

Reports from returning ORNCC community member and new Governing Council member

--Meta just finished a series of three groups at her new co-housing community in Corvallis and is excited to be living with people who want to use NVC. Noticed that members are under stress from moving and adjusting to new living situation.

--Tom assisted in an IIT last summer and got recharged and back into the Thursday night community practice group where he finds enough of a peer group for mutuality and a healthy family feeling. Feels disappointed not to have met more new people today at this meeting (since a majority of members were absent).

Email and mailing address list of Board and Council members to be updated yet again by Sparrow.

Trainers on website

--Tabled until more Board members are included, including Susan and Stuart.

Nonviolence Conference update

--Sept 11-14, 2008 confirmed dates. University of Oregon venues also confirmed.

--Confirmed dates include long-awaited, final announcement of the Marshall's four-day appearance.

--Mission statement was shared: Nonviolence as an organizing principle in all areas of human society. Barbara Larsen, scheduler for Marshall R. wants to give substantial support to conference because it's the only West Coast appearance of MBR in 2008. She wants to draw people in from the entire NVC community from Vancouver to San Diego.

--Conference needs a liaison for networking and publicizing within already existing NVC communities, possibly to be called In-Network Co-Liaison ;-)

--Grants confirmed. \$10,000 from the Savage Foundation to be received

in July 2008. This provides the conference \$10,000 from the matching grant offer from ORNCC. When we applied for \$85,000 from Ploughshares, we decided our goals are not close enough to theirs because they focus specifically on preventing nuclear warfare, are skeptical of conferences, and said we would likely "not be a strong candidate for funding" (which we think means "don't apply," though the person we talked with personally liked our idea for the conference). Other grants have been submitted from \$2,000 and up. A grant committee will meet over the summer. New members welcome.

--Megan is acknowledged by Michael, Sparrow, and LM as the primary keeper of information, mailings, agendas, printing, and acting coordinator of grantwriting. We appreciate her for a variety, plethora, and veritable bounty of needs met in us for all the time and energy she devotes to co-creating the conference.

--Sparrow will talk with Stuart about using the ORNCC mailing list to invite people to donate time and financial resources to the conference, which is an ORNCC project.

--The conference core planning committee has formed an entity registered with the State having filing an "assumed business name" to be a project of ORNCC called the Coalition for Nonviolent Living as an umbrella organization to build ties between like-minded organizations. Core group members consider the conference to be an ORNCC contribution to cultural and social change, a landmark coalition-building event and innovative bridge building exercise.

Local issue

--There is a data base gap between Eugene NVC mailing list and the statewide ORNCC mailing list. This will be dealt with at the retreat so that Meta's extensive work of many years will not be lost but will be transferred on after she moves to Corvallis.

Treasurer's Report

--Question about the interest rate. See Sparrow if interested.

Historical Moment

--Michael and Tom related their shared story about how Tom was turned on to NVC through a class at LCC with Robert Gonzales and invited Michael to attend an event of Marshall's in Ashland where Michael immediately invited MBR to present in Eugene. The next year we started forming a statewide nonprofit called the Oregon Network for Compassionate Communication.

Acknowledgment of Board member Bryn Hazel's resignation --Duly noticed and mourned and celebrated. ;-)

LM to send these minutes before July 14th.

Agenda for September retreat in Redmond will be collected through email.

Meeting affectionately adjourned with a heart-warming check-out.
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