

## **ORNCC Meeting Minutes: Saturday, March 15, 2008**

### **Check-ins**

Check-ins began at 10:30ish!

After our moment of silence, Sparrow was inspired by our surrounding elements to sing a little song which went:

“Earth my body, water my blood, air my breath, and fire my spirit”

Earth: 33% of the people in the room were expecting babies (plus one absentee member makes 37.5%), Water: it was raining, Air: we were all breathing during our moment of silence, and Fire: the delightfully wonderful fire burning cozily in the fireplace.

Many people groggy and tired due to major life transitions or friends needing support, yet inspired by the present company to sing another little song that went:

“Make new friends, but keep the old  
One is silver and the other’s gold  
A circle is round, it has no end...  
And that’s how long I want to be your friend.”

Check-ins for those who are not here: A few sick, a few just returning from long travels and unable to be present, a few vaguely unavailable.

### **Quick Conference Update for Tom**

#### **Marshall:**

Len and Phyllis can drive him around town (we are seeking additional drivers).

**Thursday** Pre-Conference Training on Thursday. LIFE Breakfast – don’t know yet, as this will affect the amount of time he’s available for the pre-conference training, which will affect revenues.

**Friday** a couple topical workshops: afternoon 2-3:30, 4-5:30). LM reports: Peter LeSeur sponsors health and wellness section of Eugene Celebration. Might be willing to pass on some sponsorship- Atrium building (300 ppl, city building NE corner of Olive and 10<sup>th</sup> right across from the bus station), or severe discount for Hilton- Friday evening. Tom suggests that the Atrium might be a better location for folks coming across Marshall.

1 or 1.5 hours for speech, and a little time for schmoozing afterwards, add travel time. 2-3 hours total.

\*Friday morning NVC- other NVC trainers fill in Marshall blanks. Gary prefers to NOT have other NVC trainers doing stuff while Marshall doing stuff.

**Saturday**- full day workshop. Rev C.T. Vivian keynote.

**Sunday**- Marshall post conference training 1:30-7pm.

### **Other stuff while Tom was here**

Tom Happy can be an empathy person, but with new baby, is unsure of his level of commitment.

LM reports: Tree Bressen wants to get other facilitators/mediators involved to offer experiential environments- meals, during other times of the conference, and planning the plenary session(s). Communicate with presenters- make them experiential, rather than talking to/at- talk with. Can give us point people to communicate with presenters to help shape their proposals.

Statement about vision or needs met by providing experiential offerings.

### **Administrative Items – 11:34am – 12:20pm**

**Approve January minutes**– Sherry Klein’s – fix her name. Approved (with quorum- Evelyn via conference call).

### **Treasurer’s Report**

Thank you Sparrow for meticulous attention to detail, record-keeping, and the time that you put into preparing these reports and sustaining clarity about the budget.

ORNCC will have \$16,000. Move account from Umpqua to Oregon Community Credit. They offer checking options that earn interest if balance is high enough. Quorum approved this future switch (Evelyn via conference call). Keep \$8,000 to spend in July for books. On April 27<sup>th</sup>, Sparrow will do research about Oregon Community Credit Union for best options.

Reports due soon: Annual Report. Secretary of State, Corporate Division. Sends to David Atkin, David sends it to us (Michael). Michael will call David Atkin to get this taken care of, and will communicate with Sparrow.

Feds: 990 EZ, due May 15. Sparrow will do start this April 21<sup>st</sup>.

CT12: Department of Justice (sent to Michael).

Blah blah blah...this part was a little boring, and everyone who needs to know this information already knows it so I quit taking notes at this point.

### **Confirm Non-President**

We at the meeting elect LM as our un-president, added Evelyn via conference call as quorum.

### **Carol Placer**

We at the meeting (and Evelyn via conference call) agree to recommend to the G.C. that they add Carol to the Board. Teresa has agreed to begin election process with G.C.

**Change address** for ORNCC docs sent to Michael

Quorum approves that Michael will continue to receive ORNCC mailings at his new home address.

### **More Conference Stuff before Lunch**

#### **Request to ORNCC Board:**

1. Please help distribute the Call for Proposals (along with Join the Coalition Letter, and Youth or Spirituality Letter if applicable).

Megan will email each member not present at today’s meeting to send documents, request, and instructions.

2. Volunteer: are you, board and GC members, willing to help out during the days of the conference?

Bob will be available to volunteer during the days of the conference, and has agreed to send some Call for Proposals.

**Letters to NVC mailing lists** – Conference/Marshall announcement, Call for Proposals, etc.

Gary will send to Jim Manske

LM will send to NVC Social Change

Sparrow will send a few to Puget Sound, Bay Area, etc.

## **Lunch**

Yumm! Thank you to everyone for your delicious and healthy food contributions!

## **More Content –**

### **Reminders!**

1. Please remove the address: [nvcmediator@comcast.net](mailto:nvcmediator@comcast.net) from your ORNCC email list.
2. When you send an ORNCC email, please put “ORNCC” as the first word in the subject line. More than one of us have found this strategy tremendously helpful in terms of staying organized.

### **Continued discussion – Relationship between ORNCC/CNVC and GCC Survey**

Selene was going to look at the survey and report back to the board. We will email her to see if there is anything to share via email before next meeting?

ORNCC wants to know about CNVC: What is the current master structure? How do we want to be a part of that? ORNCC could be one of the circles that connects with larger CNVC circles.

### **Paul Simon’s Eugene Peace Center plan**

Megan and Gary are going to meet with Paul on Wednesday, March 19 to discuss a summary of the ORNCC discussion- ask questions, raise concerns, etc.

A sketchy summary of this discussion:

Statewide focus vs. local focus. Many local ORNCC’s vs statewide ORNCC. Portland is currently very dormant, what about reaching out to other areas. Right now, we’re little pods.

Evening space for trainings. Do we need something from there? How could we use it? Funding? Would they ask us for money? ORNCC quality control over trainings? Lots of opportunities, and many potential responsibilities. If we are not clear, we could miss out or get overwhelmed.

What requests do we have of Paul? 1. What does he request of us? More specific requests.

LM will send her ideas to Megan, Gary and Bob if she feels like it.

### **Posting to ORNCC website**

Someone recently asked us how, LM sent to Michelle who is still willing to help. Take people off a part of the website (contact to add a training?). Each region has it’s own representative...requests on the website about profit sharing and email-list sharing.

\*Does the list of board members for emailing include our offices? New board members and officers, new picture of board retreat.

CNL/Marshall ad in DoP conference brochure: Cnference-CNL-Marshall, nonviolentliving. The issue of an ORNCC ad in the dop conference brochure was discussed, and added to future agenda topics:

### Future agenda topics

GCC Survey

Relationship between CNVC and ORNCC

Bylaws

Election process

Purchasing NVC books to sell at the Conference

Lunch next meeting: Gary's NVC light bulb remembrance

Advertising- ORNCC ad's in periodicals, conference programs, etc. Form subcommittee.

How to have a quorum (2 strategies)

Posting stuff to the website- who are our website updaters?

Have more to add to this list? Send to Megan: [mintyminions@yahoo.com](mailto:mintyminions@yahoo.com)

### Check Outs

We played a quick game developed by Allen Hancock with 3 decks of cards. 2 had feeling words – needs unmet and needs met, and 1 had needs. We each picked one card, and went a round saying how we related to the word on the card.

Our words:

Megan: **Discovery**. That word was not one that Megan would have chosen during today's checkout, so she picked a second card which wasn't great either, so she made an icky face and it made LM laugh. The second card was **Shelter**. After Megan thought about it, she resonated with the word, in the sense that she is so grateful to have a warm, dry space to stay each day and night in this rainy state, and also thanks Gary for providing his awesomely lovely shelter for our meeting today.

Bob's: **Inspiration**. Bob said that in our own warped way, ORNCC manages to meet his needs for inspiration every time he comes to a meeting.

Sparrow: **Hopeful**. Sparrow felt hopeful after hearing Bob's description of how ORNCC inspires him. LM's: LM felt troubled by the fact that her word was **Troubled**, because she wasn't feeling troubled at all. So why even go there?

Gary's card was blank, so he thought of the word **Frustrating**. But he wasn't frustrated, so who cares, it's just a word.

We were all laughing, then the laughter died down and we were all sitting there in a quiet space smiling for a few moments, and we decided that sharing a moment of the smiles was a nice checkout.

**We accomplished a lot, had some nice chats, started on time and ended early!!!**

**We missed everyone who was not there, we hope to see you in at our next meeting in Bend!**