

## **ORNCC Board Meeting - Sunday, February 8, 2009**

10:00am-4:00pm: At the home of Steve Blechman in Portland, OR.

Present:

Board Members – Megan Hinkel, Lisa Marie DiVincent, Selene Aitken, Gary Baran, Steve Blechman, Chuck Powers.

Guests:

Michelle DeLude, Mary Blechman, Joe Mitchell, John Brown.

Board Member Carol Placer participated via telephone.

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We opened the meeting with a moment of silence. Steve read a passage from “Kitchen Table Wisdom” about babies, and moments of being connected to life. It was very nice.

Check-ins were brief and pleasant.

### **Administrative Items**

#### **1. 2009 Meeting Dates:**

##### **Retreat:**

Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, April 12

Megan is authorized to spend up to \$1,000 for the combined cost of renting a house at the coast and food. She is encouraged to try to spend much less than \$1,000 and will do her best to spend as little as possible.

Current and previous board members and their families, as well as Governing Council members and their families are invited to attend all or part of the 2009 ORNCC Board retreat.

Megan will email more information about location and RSVP deadlines after researching different places. Anyone receiving these minutes who has information about possible nice places to rent on the Coast ‘should’ contact Megan with the details, contact information or website.

Megan will plan the menu and prepare most of the meals, taking into account our numerous food allergies, preferences and special dietary needs.

Closer to the date of the retreat, Megan will email the preliminary agenda to the ORNCC email list with a request for additions/editions.

##### **Other Meetings (10am-4pm):**

Sunday, June 28

Saturday, August 8

Sunday, September 27

Saturday, December 5

Locations TBA

## **2. 2009 Officer Election Results\***

\*see appendix for nomination process and discussion

President: Lisa Marie DiVincent

Vice-President: Selene Aitken

Treasurer: Chuck Powers

Secretary: Megan Hinkel

## **3. Budget Report**

After some discussion and confusion, the Treasurer's Report for 2008 was approved.

Requests: Sparrow – some of us would like a report of the total conference accounting, including 2007 and 2008 expenses and income.

We have \$22,513.92 in the bank.

## **ORNCC Inventory**

Gary requests clarity about our inventory of books, tee shirts and other materials, and would like to have these materials provided at future ORNCC meetings, as well as a more organized and centralized routine/process for distributing our inventory to trainings.

Strategies: Steve will talk to Carol Placer about what inventory she has. It was also suggested that Karen Booth in Eugene and Stuart Watson in Portland be contacted regarding inventory. We will wait to hear back from Steve/Carol before contacting Karen/Stuart. Gary would be willing to talk to Karen.

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## **2. Old Business**

We briefly discussed conference follow-up. Megan will send Lisa Marie a report of coordinator services performed since September 15<sup>th</sup>. If you would also like a copy of this report, please email Megan.

In wrapping up Conference finance and other things, Megan, Michael and Sparrow met briefly in January. An idea for a follow-up letter to participants, presenters, etc was suggested. Megan drafted this letter. The ORNCC board asked to see this letter before it was sent. Unsure as to whether letter should be from ORNCC or from the "conference". General disagreement about whether this letter would be the best strategy. Megan will send this letter to Board members for discussion.

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## **3. Future Directions**

### **1. Review ORNCC Mission Statement**

We took a moment to read the ORNCC Mission Statement.

### **2. Future Directions Brainstorming**

Everyone in the room was given 3 minutes to share any inspirations they had around what ORNCC might wish to accomplish in 2009 and beyond.

\*All Governing Council members, prior board members and other ORNCC affiliated folks are more than welcome to share their 3 minutes worth of ideas for things they feel excited about ORNCC undertaking. Please email your suggestions to Megan and/or the ORNCC email list.

Megan will compile these ideas for the April retreat to create a section of the agenda which could look (but not necessarily) something like:

For each idea, we will discuss:

1. Is this something the Board would like to undertake 'right now'?

A. If yes, who is willing to work on this project?

B. How much money do we allocate for this project?

C. How much fundraising is needed?

C.5 Who will do that fundraising, and how will funds be raised?

D. Determine criteria for 'success' – what do we hope to achieve? By what point in time do we want to have what 'completed' or implemented?

2. Is this something we would like to undertake 'later/in the future'?

Etc.

Here are our inspirations for 2009 ORNCC and beyond:

MEGAN -

Would like to see ORNCC become more **bilingual** and reach out to Oregon's large communities of **Spanish** speaking people, for example, Eugene and Woodburn. In preparation for the conference, we worked with one organization – Siempre Amigos, and they were VERY interested in NVC and it's application in their work.

Megan also feels excited about teaching NVC to **social care workers/employees**, such as Womenspace, ShelterCare, social workers, etc. People who work with sensitive populations of various kinds.

Also excited about taking NVC into **prisons**, and/or introducing a curriculum into 4-J or alternative **schools**, and/or offering trainings to 4J and alternative school **teachers**.

STEVE -

Wants to serve the **underserved/unremembered**, including **prisons, lower class, laborers**, etc. "Yes, We Did" but let's continue. Blurring the lines between the "other"

Wants ORNCC to focus on **specific needs of specific communities**, not so much broad projects such as the Nonviolence conference.

GARY –

**Website development.**

**Social change activists, agents.**

Thriving in hard economic times – **institutional change** – for example, Gary has given NVC trainings to several local **businesses** including a local foods store who wanted it's 50+ **employees** NVC conscious.

**Consulting** - NVC support to organizations - we would go as observers.

Outreach to **Corvallis, Pendelton** and other areas that may benefit from NVC. Plant seeds – may take time to grow, but wants to plant them.

**Spanish** and **underserved** too.

SELENE –

Doesn't want to be on the front lines of **activism** anymore, but likes working with people who do.

**Grants for future projects**, especially for **subsidizing social service agencies** and other groups for trainings.

Geography is challenging – travel is expensive, supports Carol's vision that ORNCC **support local efforts**

**Working our 501(c)(3) status.**

LISA MARIE –

**Race** and **socioeconomic** areas we **underserve**, broad **religions**, and **all other forms of diversity**.

**Mentorship program** – where an “old timer” fosters a practice group leader – taking example from Bryn who helped get central Oregon on it's feet.

Open **Corvallis, Salem, and coastal areas** for self-sustaining practice groups, trainers and NVC communities.

CHUCK –

**Local areas**, including **Vancouver WA**.

Relation to **CNVC** - can we strengthen our support, can we get support from them and trickle down into local groups?

**Trainers** – certified and not certified – utilizing their specialties.

**Leverage existing resources** such as website and database.

**Coherent marketing plan.**

**Another conference** in 2 years.

JOHN BROWN –

Sees **Rooms for Peace** as an asset for moving giraffe consciousness through the world – NVC homes, expose guests to NVC. Expanding list of organizations affiliated with Rooms for Peace, and would like to see ORNCC stay as an affiliate.

**Transition towns** – taking NVC to groups trying to set up **post-fossil fuel communities**.

Springboard Innovations – **social business stock exchanges** – global, one opening in Portland in March. Social change dividends. (Unclear as to ORNCC role, perhaps just sharing an exciting idea with the group).

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### **Check outs/Closing Round**

LM read her wonderful NVC poem.

What needs were met during this meeting/what feelings do you have now/during the meeting?

Community, belonging, hope, inspiration, purpose, meaning.

All that, and support – especially around NVC community to belong to, trust, hope, some kind of nurturance, contribution.

All that, and confirmation of my choice to pursue this path, gratitude.

None of that : ) and understanding, acceptance.

Contribution, to mean something, being received, being contributed to by people I respect, safety, support, nurturing, safety, learning ground, abundance, touched, relief, strength, rejuvenation.

Feeling like a marble cake of met needs at this point in the go-round. Hope, trust, connection.

Closure and healing.

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## **APPENDIX**

### **2009 Officer Election Nominations and Discussion**

**Secretary:** Megan Hinkel self-nominated, Chuck Powers seconded. Megan was voted in as Secretary.

**Treasurer:** Steve Blechman nominated Chuck Powers, Megan Hinkel and Selene Aitken seconded. Chuck accepted this nomination, and was voted in as Treasurer.

**Vice-President:** We nominated the runner-up of the Presidential election.

**President:** Lisa Marie DiVincent self-nominated, Selene Aitken seconded. Gary Baran nominated Carol Placer. Carol was contacted via telephone and accepted the nomination.

We asked Lisa Marie and Carol to explain briefly why they would like to serve as President. The issues raised sparked a lively and emotional dialogue in which everyone in the room (and Carol on the

phone) participated. Secretary did not record the flow of this conversation as it did not feel appropriate to her to do so, nor could she stay cognitively present for the discussion and record notes at the same time. For details about the discuss that took place, please contact the board member of your choosing for their version of the events that took place. If any board members have a recollection of this discussion they would like to share with other board members and governing council members receiving these minutes, please send your contribution to the ORNCC email list.

If you have anything you would like added to these minutes, Megan will amend the minutes before the April retreat, and any changes will be approved at the opening of the meeting.