

Minutes, ORNCC Board Meeting

07-25-2010

Present (on Skype): Chuck Powers, Fred Sly, Gary Baran, and Steve Blechman

Guests: none present

Checkin

Review Minutes of last meeting, minutes were approved.

Review of Action Items:

- 1. Chuck will follow up with Karen and Joe to produce an inventory of NVC materials held by ORNCC.** Chuck has contacted Karen Booth and she agreed to keep them at her home. Sparrow gave materials to Gary who gave them to Steve who gave them to Joe. Sparrow gave an inventory to Chuck of what she still has. Karen has not given us an inventory of what she has yet. Steve suggested that we review the inventory and decide what we would like to stock and how to handle those items that are no longer viable. Chuck will work with Joe Mitchell to develop strategies to distribute outdated materials. We will address this item at the next board meeting.
- 2. Chuck will forward the email from John Brown, about various options possible with Rooms for Peace, to other board members.** Chuck distributed a one-page summary of this information to board members present at the last board meeting; Chuck emailed the summary to the others involved.
- 3. Within two weeks, Chuck, Selene and Steve will produce an initial draft of an email inviting people in our network to consider nominating themselves and/or others to serve on the ORNCC board; Chuck will draft the job description part of the letter.** Selene and Steve drafted an initial copy and are forwarding it to Chuck for his review. The three of them will send it back to board members for review prior to sending it to the email list and posting it on the website.
- 4. Chuck will contact Teresa (the Governing Council liaison) for information about the process of board nomination and to let her know we would like the Governing Council to assist us in finding new board members.** Chuck did not contact Teresa because we do not have a coordinator identified on the board to mediate nominations and contact the Governing Council. Steve volunteered to receive messages from prospective members and then send them to Teresa for review.
- 5. Within 2 weeks, Chuck will produce an initial draft of a message requesting former board members and trainers to help us find new board members, and will also compile an email list of trainers and former board members that can be used for sending this message.** Chuck suggested that we send the message crafted in #3 above to former members. Chuck will send the message on when it is produced.
- 6. Chuck will (meet with Stuart and) provide the board with updates on plans for a Portland area NVC gathering.** Chuck did this and Stuart withdrew from organizing the day. The day was cancelled.
- 7. Chuck will construct a webpage and email appeal for funds and coordinate this with an NVC community day (in Portland).** Cancelled due to #6 being cancelled.
- 8. Steve agreed to locate and review a video from Bay NVC to see if it would be suitable for our fundraising purposes, and to check with Bay NVC about permission to use that video.** Fred has copies of at least two of these videos and will view them with Steve.

9. Steve will follow up with Fred regarding his asking for permission to film in the Oregon State Penitentiary. Steve called Leu Zweier who stated that he would ask Miki Kashtan if we could use the San Quentin materials. Leu has not gotten back to us yet. Leu offered to film in OSP and Steve will continue to discuss with Leu how we might develop our promotional materials. Fred asked inmates participating in the trainings in Oregon State Penitentiary if they would agree to be video recorded and at least five said, “Yes”.

Agenda

1. Our relationship as board members. We discussed our working relationship and agreed to again work through our agenda focusing on our feelings and needs. We reviewed the NVC community day proposal and the idea of a statewide meeting and discussed how we are relating about these topics.

2. Adding the words, “Social Change” to the agenda. **Deferred to next meeting influenced by our discussion of number 1.**

3. Partnership with other organizations. Chuck, 16 minutes. We discussed our ideas around the use of the word, “partnership” and have agreed to continue our discussion about the needs we have about affiliating (associating) with other organizations. **Chuck agreed to begin to craft a policy statement concerning affiliation and will send it to the other board members for review and comments.**

4. Partnership with Rooms for Peace. **Deferred to next meeting awaiting the outcome of #3 above.**

5. Fundraising. Fred, 8 minutes. **We discussed exploring crafting agreements with sponsored agencies about how to distribute any funds collected in their behalf. We agreed that Steve would continue exploring the possibility of videoing in OSP with Leu Zweier.**

6. Soliciting new board members. Steve, 7 minutes. **Gary offered Sally Marie as a potential new board member. Sally is working in like-minded organizations and is excited about NVC. Steve will forward her information to Teresa. Fred will contact Elaine Hultgren who has also expressed cautious interest once the letter for prospective members has been crafted.**

Possible Future Agenda Items:

1. Arranging for CEUs for trainings in Oregon (and other than those offered through the Educators Institute).
2. Database use and issues.
3. Proposal to modify ORNCC Mission statement to include explicit reference to social change.
4. Reporting on ORNCC activities (via email, website, etc.)—Policies and administration related to this matter.
5. Format for minutes (consideration of Fred’s specific proposal).
6. Further consideration of the topic of affiliation with other organizations and specifically with Rooms for Peace.