

ORNCC Board of Directors Minutes for August 22, 2010 10:04am

Present: Chuck Powers, Steve Blechman, Gary Baran, Fred Sly

Remembrance and Check in

Approval of July meeting minutes, they were approved.

Action items

- 1. Chuck agreed to begin to craft a policy statement concerning affiliation and will send it to the other board members for review and comments.* Chuck derived a checklist and sent it to Gary; the process is in progress. Gary and Chuck have been in contact and are crafting a policy to guide our possible affiliates. Gary and Chuck will continue to craft the proposal and will bring it back to the board for discussion.
- 2. Steve will continue exploring the possibility of videoing in OSP with Lou Zweier.* Steve received permission from Lou to use selected material as long as we acknowledge BayNVC in whatever we produce. The conversation about how to use the material to fundraise was put over to an agenda item.
- 3. Steve will forward information about possible new board member Sally Marie to Teresa. Fred will contact Elaine Hultengren once the letter for prospective members has been crafted.* Steve attempted to contact the Governing council once again and had less success than he was hoping for. We are confused about who is now on the Governing Council. Chuck called Michael Dreiling during our meeting and Michael said that Teresa Farrel, Lisa Marie, Michael Dreiling, and Stuart Watson are the GC members with Teresa as liaison, Michael as backup. A message was left for Teresa along with hope for her to respond. **Steve will send both Teresa and Michael copies of proposed board applicant information.**
- 4. Report about Umpqua Bank situation (Fred)* Fred meets with Ray Davis on August 18th at 10:30am. **Fred will send an email report after the meeting. Chuck will review banks and will make suggestions for who to choose. Oregon Community Credit Union, OnPoint Credit Union, and Sterling Bank were all suggested as possible alternatives. Chuck will look at features of Oregon Community Credit Union and Gary will research their reputation.**
- 5. Report about process for adding new board members (letter to those in network and relationship with Governing Council)(if not covered in 3 above).* **Steve will send it out to the group again. Chuck will edit and send back to the group by August 24th.**

Reports

- Oregon Prison Project plus Freedom Project update. (Fred) The Oregon Prison Project is now exploring associating with The Freedom Project of Washington and The Freedom Project of Vancouver, BC. OPP will set a meeting time in November or December.
- Teach for Life Educator's Institute plans (Fred) Parents from Fred's Parenting Series are hoping to raise money so that the Teacher's Institute can come to Portland next summer. The Institute would be housed at Portland Village School.

Agenda

1. Strategy for distributing outdated NVC materials (Chuck) (see July meeting minutes). **Chuck will bring to Steve's house for use by OPP and will donate the remainder to office supplies to SCRAP on MLK in Portland. Chuck will collect the shirts and old format stuff and put it in his garage for future distribution and Chuck will do inventory by year's end.**

2. Proposed questions for possible affiliated organizations and discussion of policy for agreeing to affiliate (Chuck) (e.g do we review each request separately and, if so, do we do so as a whole board or have a subcommittee handle this, with recommendation to the board?) If we agree on a policy, then we can consider:

- i. Affiliation with Rooms for Peace?
- ii. Affiliation with PSU

Gary will create a final draft of the developing policy and will send it around for final review. We agreed to finalize this issue using email. Chuck will contact Rooms for Peace and ask for clarity about what they would want from us and specifically how they respond to about our concerns about liability.

3. Issue of disbursement of funds collected for projects (Fred's topic re OPP). **Fred was assured that all funds collected for the prison project will be disbursed upon request Fred will review the contract.**

4. Selene's request for ORNCC to sponsor her trainings (Steve). **Steve will contact Selene and ask her specifically what she would like from us. Steve will also forward to Selene a draft contract for her to review that delineates our relationship. Chuck will send Steve the contract form.**

5. Brainstorming things that volunteers could do for ORNCC (for LaShelle Charde and others) (Chuck) **One idea is to ask for an IT volunteer that could help us integrate the two current data bases that we have. Another would be to gain information about how to integrate our data bases by buying and/or programming. Fundraising expertise. Contacting trainers if they would like to have NVC materials for sale (a training material coordinator). Email list management for Eugene. ORNCC newsletter. Local PR (a public relations assistant). Chuck will list the volunteer opportunities on the website and produce a ORNCC newsletter.**

6. Thank you letter to Holly Humphrey, for her many years of service. **Steve will craft a thank you message and send it to Chuck who will send a electronic card to Holly.**

7. Planned fundraising (email message to those in network, with particular focus on need for funds for OPP?). **We agreed that creating a comprehensive fundraising strategy will be a future agenda item.**

8. Time line for submitting information for new board members. (Steve) First board meeting in 2011 will be January 30th in Eugene. New nominees will be invited to come to the December 19th meeting, and we will submit to the Governing Council all new board nominations by October 31st. We will finalize our list by the October 24th meeting in Eugene. We will request that all nominee responses be presented to us by Oct. 22nd. **Chuck will send the announcement to new prospective board members by September 4th.**

Unaddressed items from past agendas:

1. Arranging for CEUs for trainings in Oregon (and other than those offered through the Educators Institute). **We agreed to ask for a volunteer to research this opportunity.**

2. Database use and issues. **We agreed to look for a volunteer to handle our database needs.**

3. Proposal to modify ORNCC Mission statement to include explicit reference to social change. (Chuck). **We reviewed the vision and mission statements and discussed how to incorporate social change wording into the vision statement. We agreed that the vision statement would now read, “The Oregon Network for Compassionate Communication (ORNCC) is a regional non-profit association of people who envision a world in which all people’s needs are being honored and met compassionately. We are committed to living and teaching the process of Nonviolent Communication (NVC), which strengthens the ability of people to connect compassionately with themselves and one another, to share resources, to resolve conflicts peacefully, and to contribute to social change that is in harmony with NVC consciousness.” No changes were made to the Mission Statement.**

4. Reporting on ORNCC activities (via email, website, etc.)—Policies and administration related to this matter. (Gary) **We agreed to advertise for a volunteer to construct an annual e-newsletter. Chuck said that he would create an e-newsletter for this year.**

5. Format for minutes (consideration of Fred’s specific proposal). **We agreed that all intend to respond directly to the minutes with a yea or nay within a week of receiving them and to read the minutes at each meeting’s close. Fred agrees to intend to send them within a week of the meeting.**

6. Review Training Support policy. (Chuck)

The meeting adjourned at 4:00pm