

## **ORNCC Board of Directors Minutes for September 25, 2010 10:04am**

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

Remembrance and Check in

**Approval of minutes from the August 2010 meeting:** They were approved.

### **Action items from past meeting:**

- 1. Chuck will bring outdated NVC materials to Steve's house for use by OPP and will donate the remainder to office supplies to SCRAP on MLK in Portland.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).** Fred is storing signage from ORNCC that was in the boxes that Chuck brought to Fred. Chuck will bring the remaining ORNCC promotional materials to Fred for storage. Chuck is working with Joe to complete inventory in the agreed upon time period, by the end of the year.
- 2. Gary will create a final draft of the developing policy re. affiliates 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 our concerns about liability.** Gary wrote the policy and the reviewed and approved policy was posted on the website. Chuck did talk to John about Rooms for Peace. John has discussed the liability issue with an attorney and we are awaiting his response to our request for clarity about this issue.
- 3. Fred will review the contract with ORNCC re. the OPP with attention to provision for fund disbursement.** Fred did so and is now comfortable with the policy.
- 4. Steve will contact Selene (who asked ORNCC to sponsor her trainings) 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.** Chuck sent the form to Steve who sent the contract to Selene. Selene stated that she would respond eventually and Steve has not yet heard back from her.
- 5. Chuck will list the volunteer opportunities on the website and produce an ORNCC newsletter.** Deferred to the agenda under new business.
- 6. Steve will craft a thank you message to Holley Humphrey for her service on the ORNCC Board and Governing Council and send it to Chuck who will send an electronic card to Holley.** Steve wrote a card and Chuck sent the card to all of Holley's email addresses, we have not yet heard back from her.
- 7. Chuck will send the announcement re. nominees to the Board to new prospective board members by September 4th.** The announcements did go out and we now have five new prospective board members.
- 8. Fred will meet with Ray Davis about our relationship with Umpqua Bank.** Fred did so and as a result we tentatively agreed to ask a volunteer to compare the actions of Umpqua Bank with the published statements they are making about their pro-social policies. We have not yet identified a volunteer to do this. **Fred will ask Cascadia's Ecosystem Alliance for specific observations about Umpqua bank that we can use to in our decision making process.** We have deferred transferring our funds until after we make this assessment.

**9. Steve will contact Lou Zweier about video taping in Oregon State Penitentiary.** Lou stated that he was willing to make a video for us if we cover his expenses. He estimated that a finished video would cost about \$1500.00, the raw footage about \$500.00. **Fred will ask OSP for permission to film and photograph in the prison.**

**Reports: Teach4Life Educator's Institute.** Two Oregon educators completed the institute and applied for our scholarships. Kent Siebold and Elaine Hultengren both will provide photos and testimonials about how our support enabled them to bring NVC into their schools. The institute will be coming to Portland hosted by the Portland Village School and dates will be selected in the next two weeks. **Oregon Prison Project.** Fred and Gray Moen will be offering an introduction to the Phoenix Rising Transition group on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. A MacLaren youth facility introduction is in the works. New OSP volunteers are now Focalizing the NVC I class (Basic Skills) and report excitement, challenge, meaning, and purpose all being met by doing so.

#### **New business:**

**1. Fund raising. (Steve)** We brainstormed the following ideas. That we create a solicitation letter either electronic and/or surface mail that is linked to video clips placed on YouTube that contain supporting information about our projects. That we Identify individuals and groups that might have specific interest in the success of some of our projects such as OPP and Teach4Life, and send them offers to contribute to our efforts. That we sell NVC materials at local events as a way to both raise funds to support our activities and to raise awareness of NVC in our local communities; both volunteers and board members would perform this function. That we sponsor community events designed to raise awareness of NVC in our local communities. That as our community grows we consider larger fundraising efforts such as "The Ask" as forms for our fundraising efforts.

**2. Review Training Support policy. (Chuck)** Deferred until our next meeting.

**3. Volunteer opportunities.** We agreed to defer soliciting for volunteers until we have specific volunteer opportunities created and agreed upon and board members who have agreed to oversee each position.

**4. The newsletter. (Chuck)** The form of the newsletter was discussed and we agreed to try to publish an ORNCC newsletter by early December. We agreed that the newsletter would contain both news about our activities and a request for support for our activities. **Gary will create the basic form and will obtain components from Fred about the prison project and Educator's Institute, from Steve about new board members, and from others that might have input.** We agreed to discuss the form and content of the newsletter during the next meeting.

Meeting ended at 11:32am