ORNCC Board of Directors April 23, 2011, Skype Meeting

Present: Gary Baran, Steve Blechman, Cindi Fisher, Sally Marie, Chuck Powers,

Absent: Aiyana Lucas, Gray Moen, Fred Sly

The meeting began at 10 am with a Remembrance and check in.

The minutes of the March 26, 2011 meeting were approved as distributed

Action items were reviewed:

1. Gary and Sally will create a preliminary prioritized list of funding concerns for **ORNCC**. They did so, list follows.

Possible Uses for Funds Donated to ORNCC

- 1. Prison project
- 2. Scholarships for Teach4Life Educator's Institute
- 3. Scholarships for IITs
- 4. Hire administrative assistant(s) and/or volunteer coordinator
- 5. Purchase NVC materials and make them available at public libraries (if they are not already there) and/or schools throughout Oregon and SW Washington
- 6. Outreach--e.g. sponsor introductory trainings in areas and communities not currently served
- 7. Follow up--e...g to help organize practice groups for people who have recently taken introductory training
- 8. Website development
- 9. Other NVC projects
- 2. **Teach4Life Report:** Chuck reported that 6 paid registrations have been received and 5 people seem to be trying to pay. He also reported that we have been targeting local schools in the Portland metro area, but there has been difficulty in reaching teachers with publicity about the training.
- **3.** Gary will get materials from Karen to have on hand in Eugene. Gary spoke with Karen and will have these materials available for the next Eugene area Board meeting.
- **4. Steve will create a draft letter to be sent to do ors.** Steve agreed to have a draft available for our next meeting. (Some discussion ensued about the value of the prison project.)
- 5. Steve said he would look into the creation of mugs with the NVC process. Steve reported that without specific artwork it is difficult to tell what the cost would be but he estimates it would be about \$2-2.50 per mug. We're looking for a volunteer with graphic art design experience to help with this project.

New Business

- 1. Website issues (Fred, 45minutes). Fred was not available on the call to focalize this question. The item was tabled to our next in person meeting.
- 2. Discussion about how to increase registration in Teach4Life Training (Chuck) One idea: possibly combine the two trainings (the one for the Village School and the public one). Steve agreed to explore this idea with Fred.
- 3. Steve expressed frustration about having several board members not participating and would like to discuss our commitment to attending at a future meeting.
- 4. The location of the May 22nd meeting in Portland was discussed. It could be at Steve's, Fred's, or at Chuck's in Vancouver, WA. Steve will send an email when a decision has been made about the location.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am

Respectfully submitted, Gary Baran, Acting Secretary