

ORNCC Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2011

Present: Gray Moen, Sally Marie, Chuck Powers, Cindi Fisher, Steve Blechman, Fred Sly

Check in, Remembrance

Review minutes of last meeting. Minutes approved.

Review action Items

1. Teach4Life report (Chuck) Down to three weeks left, eight people paid. We are trying to recruit more participants, four new potential registrants are in the works. We are in a deficit condition at present.
2. Prison project report (Fred) The report is attached as appendix one.
3. Matching fundraising for the prison project (Steve) Solicitation letter will be revised by Tim Buckley and Cynthia Dettman and sent back to the board for approval before being sent again out to our contact list.
4. Combining Teach4Life workshops. Steve agreed to explore this with Fred. Fred reported that because the two workshops have different structures that it was not a doable request.
5. Treasurer's report (Chuck) Chuck reports that there are now donations and other activity in our bank account so he will now send reports as needed. Chuck will send Fred a report early next week.
6. Cindi Fisher announced that she was leaving the board and moving to a town south of Seattle. She will associate with the Freedom Project.

Old Business

1. Offering an IIT in Portland in 2012. (Fred) 30 minutes. We are exploring offering an IIT in the Portland Area. Gary suggests that we send an inquiry to our mailing list, the Seattle Area list, and the BayNVC list to check for the level of possible response. We also agreed to strengthen our volunteer base and inquire in the communities mentioned above about who would be willing to support us. Gary agreed to draft a letter recruiting volunteers for this project. Fred will contact CNVC about available dates in 2012.

New Business

1. Website concerns (Fred, 30 minutes). Chuck will change the drop date scheduling to be the day after the workshop. Chuck will investigate calendar programs that can be integrated into the ORNCC and will send examples to board members. Chuck will also re-construct the home page to balance the program emphasis vs the other content of the homepage. We also discussed the difficulty donors have, when they donate via Paypal, of designating how their contribution is to be used. It was suggested that clearer directions on our donation page might help.
2. Teach4Life, strategies to fill out the second workshop. (All, 30 minutes). Dropped because no new ideas were expressed.
3. Distribution of funds to the prison project. (Fred, 30 minutes) Fred agrees to construct a budget that reflects expenses that are accruing to OPP. Sally suggests direct expenses be covered by the project, and we decided that this issue is more an issue for the Oregon Prison Project than an ORNCC issue and the discussion was put over to OPP financial committee.
4. Elect new Vice – President (all) 15 minutes. We elected Sally Vice President.
5. Future publicity (Sally) 5 minutes. Sally agreed to ask Tim Buckley to provide promotional expertise to ORNCC. First, a marketing plan for next year's Teach4Life, and advise about plan implementation.
6. ORNCC taking over OPP as a training venue for those interested in learning to teach NVC. (Fred, 30 minutes) Put over until we figure out what this means.
7. Post office box proposal (Sally) 10 Minutes. No action taken.
8. Recruitment of new board members. (Gary) 10 Minutes. We surveyed current board members for their willingness. A longing was expressed for greater involvement and diversity from members throughout the NVC community. We agreed to revise the invitation letter we sent to the community last year informing the community about our current successes and will also invite other NVC trainers and those that might want to volunteer with ORNCC to support our efforts. Chuck will retrieve and update the board nominating process, and Sally has agreed to become the new board/governing council liaison. Gary will update the last letter and send it to the board for comments.
9. Social media. (Steve) 10 minutes. Steve suggests that ORNCC be on Facebook and other social media. Chuck reports that we are already on Facebook and board members agreed to visit the ORNCC website and check our Facebook page.

10. Volunteer Development in ORNCC. (Gray) 30 minutes Put over to the next meeting. In further discussion we agreed that focus on project development will be likely to promote enthusiasm and will invite volunteers to self-identify.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.