

**ORNCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 24, 2012, SKYPE**

Present: Gary Baran, Steve Blechman, Sally Marie, Chris Riehle
Absent: Gray Moen

1. The meeting began at 3 pm followed by a check in

2. Action Items from Previous Meeting

1. Chris will send questionnaire to people in the network (carried over from April meeting). *Done*
2. The Board agreed to send Chuck a card thanking him for his contribution of time for doing ORNCC taxes. *Done*
3. The Board agreed to begin initial budget discussion at our next meeting. Chris agreed to share with the Board what ORNCC's fixed expenses are and to provide a treasurer's report (including at least our current bank balance) at every in-person board meeting. *This item was put off until the next in person meeting. **Chris agreed to send board members some information about fixed expenses prior to the meeting.***
4. Board members agreed to bring names of possible nominees to the Board to our next meeting. *None of the board members had any new names to suggest. **Steve agreed to speak with Selene Aiken about her interest in joining the board; and later in the meeting Judy agreed to contact Bryn Hazel to see if the Bend area could be represented on the board.***
5. Judy agreed to explore some dates and venues for an NVC gathering, possibly to be held between late January and mid March, 2013. *Judy reported that she has been exploring three different venues in Salem (see item 1 in New Business below.) and will continue to do so over the summer.*
6. Steve agreed to check into the possibility of NVC training at OSCI and CRCI and report back on what he learns. *Steve reported that he left messages with the chaplain but they have not yet been returned.*
7. Gary and Steve agreed to draft a letter soliciting volunteers to help with distributing NVC materials and to help organize local training. *Done* Gary will contact Joe Mitchell to see what role he might like to play in such a project, and also if he'd be interested in the NVC gathering that is being planned. *Gary reported that he spoke with Joe about NVC materials but not about local training. Joe expressed doubts about the wisdom of establishing various distribution centers for the materials, citing the labor intensive and relatively poor return of such*

activities. Joe did express an interest in offering something at an NVC gathering. (Gary previously forwarded an email about that to the board.) Judy reported that she knows someone in Newport who is willing to coordinate an NVC training on behalf of ORNCC.

8. Chris agreed to contact a few PTAs at schools in Portland to see about interest in NVC training for children and families. *Chris put this off because he didn't think this is good time for doing this.*

9. In communication regarding nominations for new board members, the Board agreed to include a statement that we would like new board members to commit to serving for at least two years. *(No action needed at the moment.)*

10. Chris agreed to explore his contacts and propose some training to meet the need for training of people who cannot afford some of the trainings currently offered. *Chris reported that nothing has come of this yet.*

Old Business

New Business

1. NVC Gathering, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 19, 2013: We discussed our vision for this project. Judy mentioned the three possible venues she has been exploring are the Friends Meeting House, the Unitarian Church and the community college, all in Salem. Judy has spoken to a couple of trainers and we speak with others about what they would like to offer. Details about the scheduling and other issues related to the gathering will be discussed at a later time.

2. Chris reported that the board survey had only gone to 100 people because we were using a free service, and only five responses had been received. The board agreed to authorize spending \$204 needed for the survey to be sent to all of those on the ORNCC email list.

3. Next steps regarding nominations to the board: The board agreed to have included in the survey (see 2 above) a question about the network member's possible interest in serving on the board.

4. Discussion about using ORNCC for supporting grant proposals for NVC training. Judy mentioned that Selene suggested the idea of seeking a grant to fund training for school bus drivers, a possible future project for ORNCC.

5. Approving newsletter editor for Portland NVC Newsletter. No objection was expressed about Sarah Peyton taking on this role but the board discussed several issues related to this matter and to the website more generally. Interest was expressed in having those who sign up for the Portland/Vancouver newsletter

(and other newsletters that people can sign up for on the ORNCC website) also be added to the ORNCC email list, if that is not already happening; and to have the trainings listed in the Portland/Vancouver newsletter also posted on the education page of ORNCC, which currently is not the case; and generally to make it easier for trainers to post their trainings on the website. ***Steve and Gary agreed to speak with Craig about these issues and also to ask if Craig could be available by phone for part of the next board meeting.***

Adjourn to August 5 meeting to be held at Judy's home in Corvallis.

Action items in bold and italics above.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Baran, Secretary