

**ORNCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF PHONE MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2013**

Present: Gary Baran, Steve Blechman, Sally Marie

Guest: Selene Aitken

1. The meeting began at 4:40 pm, followed by a check in. Because of problems with the Skype connection, we met via phone and agreed to explore other options for meetings that are not in person. ***Sally will check on how we can connect via a conference call system.***

2. Action items from prior meetings:

a. Sally will send an email to certified trainers to see if they might be interested in taking part in a statewide (OST based) gathering sometime between late January and late March 2014. This has not yet been done because it is not yet clear if ORNCC will sponsor such an event. There has been no response to date to Sally's email those on the mailing list asking if someone would be willing to coordinate such an event. DONE (A REVISED PLAN WAS CREATED AND IMPLEMENTED.)

b. Within the next week Steve will ask Joe if he would be willing to organize a community meeting in Portland. DONE.

c. Sally will send an email this week to members of the Governing Council about Selene rejoining the Board and offer to provide whatever additional information the GC needs to authorize this. DONE

d. Sally will do the final editing of her letter to Linda O'Connor about the name of the Ohio NVC organization, agreeing to a conference call and, after approved by other board members, send the letter to her. DONE

**e. Sally will draft a letter with an invitation to certified trainers in Oregon to see if they would like to offer a half or whole day workshop somewhere in Oregon on a topic that is alive for them; Steve and Gary will review this before it is sent. Sally will ask Sarah Peyton (newly certified trainer) to post her picture and bio on the ORNCC website if she has not already done so. DONE*

f. Sally will remind John Abbe that we need an outline of the specifications for the project so we can proceed to a bidding process. Sally will keep Steve and Gary updated about John's response. DONE

g. ORNCC will contribute \$1000 to the fund to support the creation of a film on peace and peace education featuring NVC. DONE

h. Sally will revise the draft of a year-end fundraising appeal that Gary provided and, after approval by the board, will send this to the entire email list. DONE

i. Gary will invite Selene to the December 15th Skype meeting and also inform her about the Jan 19th meeting in Eugene. Gary will also seek input from Selene about the Skype meeting time she would prefer. DONE

3. Treasurer's Report Current bank balance: \$16,082.00, reconciled through November.

4. Old Business—

a. Update on the issue related to the Ohio NVC group name

b. Update on plans for ORNCC sponsored gatherings in 2014—5 certified trainers from the Portland area will be taking part in the February 1, 2014 event Joe Mitchell is organizing in Portland. ***Steve agreed to touch base with Joe about the publicity for this event.*** Selene spoke about the possibility of an event in Southern Oregon, possibly in June and followed by a board meeting the next day in Ashland. The board expressed a favorable view about the proposal Gary outlined of a project with CALC that Bob Brown is helping to organize in Eugene and that would train social activists and others who are working to meet needs in the community.

c. Update on website project—John Abbe has not been responding to emails or phone messages and Sally has left messages for him indicating that we will be moving forward if we don't hear from him. ***Gary will***

send to Kay Schwarzrock what we have already received from John (included in board minutes from a recent meeting), and then see about arranging a conference call with her, probably during the January 19th board meeting. We will ask her to review the information we have and tell us what she recommends as next steps. Gary will forward the information from John to Selene as well.

5. New Business

a. Approval of 2014 board meeting schedule (see proposal below—S=Skype or conference call)—*The Board agreed to re-visit this topic during the January meeting.*

Jan 19 Eugene (scheduled) 12 to 4
Feb 18 S
Mar 16 Eugene
Apr 20 S
May 18 Eugene
June 15 S
July 20 Eugene
Aug 17 S
Sept 21 Eugene
Oct 19 S
Nov 16 Eugene
Dec 21 S

6. Adjourned at 5:35 pm to January 19 in Eugene

Action items are in bold and italics above.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Baran, Secretary