

ORNCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2017, 9:45-11:45 by phone

Present: Gary Baran, Bryn Hazell, Sally Marie, Selene Aitken, Mark Babson

1. Call to Order and Check in 9:47
2. Treasurer's report \$ 7,486.47 in ORNCC's bank account
3. Action items from previous meeting

a. Action item: We're thinking about our organization and the direction we want to go in. We will each write down ideas in response to the question about our vision and direction and submit something in writing.

And what actions we might take to develop our organization. We'll have this ready and sent to each other before the April meeting. **Ongoing.**

b. Action item: Mark will share information about meetings that will be taking place in Salem that we might attend together. **Ongoing.**

Possibly add to a menu of ideas that we can consider and offer to those who respond to our request for feedback. We can also offer to bring a training to a community, scholarships, facilitate community conversations. Gary: encourage people who have NVC training to show up at meetings and gatherings and then report back to us.

Wanting to address the challenges of group political conversations.

c. Action item: We will follow up with trainers on our site who haven't responded to the census to get their participation, including Board Members. **Ongoing.**

d. Action item: Board members will read the piece on the evergrey.com **Done.**

e. Action item: Sally will find out how many people are reading the newsletter. 1,480 people are receiving our newsletter. **Done.**

21% of recipients open the newsletter. This is considered a high percentage.

New Business

1. Census update

Bryn has learned that we have 35 submissions, 10 more coming after the most recent newsletter.

Action Item: Sally will ask Elly to put the Census on the Home page of our website.

We will get permission to let everyone on our list know what's going on around the state.

ORNCC Census Project – 2017

Send out specific ORNCC mailing asking folks to participate in the census and spread the word to their practice groups, etc. asking others to participate. Would like to have everyone participate. Want to get the full impact of NVC in ORNCC-LAND. Bryn and Sally have volunteered to do this.

Here are my ideas/thoughts so far:

Organize CENSUS by

- Individuals,
- practice group leaders
- organizations
- trainers
- counselors

Use the census to create a web of connection in ORNCC-land. Contact everyone who replies to the census to:

1. Create a person-to-person connection to create and enhance our relationships in the community. "Hi, this is Bryn with the ORNCC board. Thank you for responding to our census. We're so happy to have the connection with you.
2. Ask how we could support them, i.e.:
 - invite them to participate in training and community events
 - training in their community
 - phone support – practice group issues, challenges, successes
 - network them with other nvcers in their area
 - empathy buddies
 - invite to board mtg
 - let others know they are available for training
 - other?

Board recruitment from Portland area respondents?

Contact people who have not responded to the census and ask for the information we'd like, i.e. the individuals and organizations Bryn found on the web. Invite them to sign up for the newsletter. Ask them the same questions we are asking those who responded to the census.

Do we want to divide Oregon into geographical areas: Northern Willamette Valley, Southern Willamette Valley, Coast, Southern, Central/Eastern and each board member has an area?

Gary suggests: If anybody lives in Eugene-Springfield area or Portland area we can request their assistance in making the contacts.

Also, we can ask how folks can contribute to ORNCC.

Action item: Bryn will share with Board how to access the census on the website. Selene will add it to the top of the Agenda for the June 2nd meeting.
Action item: Board members will participate in the census.

2. Gary's proposal for getting input on the direction we might follow:
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3. Selene's version – amended.

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Action item: Selene will receive the feedback and summarize for the Board.

Action item: Selene will ask Elly how to send this message to our email list.

Creative Collaboration? will be the Subject line.

4. Bryn. Howdy, Here are two articles about an interesting idea that I thought we might like to discuss.

A busload of people from Seattle went to Sherman county in Idaho to have a conversation.

<http://www.jsonline.com/story/news/politics/2017/02/21/across-divide-aims-political-civility/98211830/>

<https://theevergrey.com/took-10-hour-road-trip-cross-political-divide-heres-happened/>

This might be something we'd be interested in as a project.

Helping people get connected.

We could organize meetings in our areas for conversations that lead to our shared needs and understanding.

Next Meeting. In person meeting June 2.
We will meet from 9:30 to 2:30 at Gary's house.
Pot luck lunch.

Please send agenda items to Selene.

Agenda for June 2 meeting.
How to organize the Census conversation.

Resources we can check out:
National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation
Allsides.com
Living Room Conversations
Green Tea Party