

ORNCC Board Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2023, 10:05 am

Present: Mark Babson, Gary Baran, Mary Kate Land, Carlos Sathler

Check-in: Gary brought up the recent incidences of violence and unrest in the city of Chicago. It led to a discussion about how to support positive change when there are so many unmet needs. Our fundamental question, "How can we respond with compassion?" shifted the discussion toward things that are already working.

Some of the ideas shared:

Reindeer Chronicles, a book by Judith Schwartz about grass-roots environmental progress

(<https://www.chelseagreen.com/product/the-reindeer-chronicles/>)

Ubiquity University, an online educational organization

(<https://www.ubiquityuniversity.org/>)

Agrarian Sharing Network, an online organizational tool for bringing together small farmers who want to share seeds, scion, and information

(<https://agrariansharing.net/>)

Urban Grower's Collective, an urban farm on Chicago's south side.

(<https://www.urbangrowerscollective.org/>)

As a Board, we decided to go forward by highlighting organizations that are already implementing solutions that respond compassionately to feelings and needs. To that end, we have committed to writing posts for the ORNCC website to share information and celebration. We talked about creating content that celebrates and promotes what is working while also highlighting opportunities for involvement, or unmet needs for these projects.

April - Mary Kate

May - Mark

June - Carlos

July - Gary

Carlos shared that the Treasurer's Report is almost ready and will be shared by email.

Carlos shared his thinking around Gary's move to transition out of his position as ORNCC Board President. Gary offered to mentor his replacement both before and after that person assumes the office.

We plan to meet next on June 24th and we are working on how we might do that as an in person meeting, our first since the pandemic.

Adjourned at 11:20 am