

ORNCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
February 26, 2016, 9:45-11:45 by phone using Free Conference system

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

1. Call to Order and Check in: 9:50am
2. Treasurer's report including taxes for 2015. Bank balance is \$8,175.21. We're grateful that Chuck Powers has again agreed to take care of our taxes for 2015.

3. Action items from previous meeting\

1. **Action item:** Sally will email trainers who have not yet signed up to create a profile on the website. **Done. Many have signed up.**

2. **Action item:** Sally will talk to Vika to learn how we send notices through the website.
Done.

Elly has produced the first newsletter that comes from the Board. She estimates it will take about an hour per month to do the newsletter.

3. **Action item:** Sally will send out instructions on how to put links on the website.
Done. Elly has sent instructions.

4. **Action item:** Bryn will write up her ideas on how the newsletter can best be used.
Done.

5. **Action item:** The Board will draft a new policy, then send it to people currently using the newsletter and request feedback.

Current policy is ok. Mark will send to Selene via email.

Action item: Selene will post on the website.

6. **Action item:** Bryn will send the Board a draft of a letter to the Governing Council.

In process. More clarity needed. Bryn will send a draft of the letter to the Board.

Governing Council's responsibility has been to vet nominees for position of Board Member.

Message could be at this point, since you've asked us to vet the candidates, we don't see the need to have a governing council. While we can value your input to the Board. Do you have a paramount objection to dissolving the Governing Council.

7. **Action item:** Sally will send Steve a card of appreciation for his service.

Done.

Sally also sent a thank you note to Vika for her fundraising letter.

New Business

a. ORNCC becoming an affiliate of PuddleDancer Press.

Requires having a link on our website.

We could thus become an affiliate of PuddleDancer Press.

When people click on the link to buy materials, we can get a little money.

We can offer a coupon so people who buy through our website would get a discount on their purchase.

We can advertise this in our newsletter encouraging them to come to the website and to buy more materials.

PuddleDancer sells books for prisons at cost.

Elly is willing to create the link on our site.

Action item: Bryn is willing to talk to her about it.

We might also want to have a link to the CNVC site to promote materials they sell.

b. Goals for 2016.

Some possibilities mentioned:

More Board members from more areas are wanted. The Board would enjoy having someone from Portland and someone who would like to become the new treasurer.

Would *You* like to join the board?

Being the people who promote more civic conversation around the state.

Supporting people in promoting their local communities through picnics etc.

Support The Relationship Repair Game created by Stuart Watson.

Do we want to Support Teach for Life project? We did support this project in the past and it lost money for us causing difficulty for ORNCC Board.

Consider supporting Giraffe Giggles project.

SURJ Showing Up for Racial Justice, a group of white allies in Eugene/Springfield. We may build bridges and relationships by participating in a local chapter of this organization and nationwide.

Finding connections with other groups, like SURJ, Hands are Not for Hurting in schools,

Create a Brochure or card that can be used state-wide. Something that promotes NVC.

In Eugene they're developing a brochure to be used at the empathy tent at the Saturday Market.

Maybe we can create a card that has a similar look that promotes civil conversations. This would be aimed at a broader audience and might not include NVC in the title, though it would reference NVC materials. Develop trainings to support this project.

Create a speaker's bureau.

Offer something very clear to the community. We're providing specific tools for civil conversations.

We'll discuss this and especially Bryn's proposed Talk It card at our in-person meeting in April.

c. Website

Action item: Sally will review the agreement we've made with Elly and share it with other members.

d. Newsletter: **Elly has produced the first newsletter that comes from the Board. She estimates it will take about an hour per month to do the newsletter.**

The board likes the look of the newsletter. In the future more color and graphics may be added.

e. Governing council

Action item: Bryn will draft a letter

f. TALK IT (from Bryn.) <http://www.dsaspeakyourpeace.org/>

g. Foundation Search

Next Meeting: March 18th by phone