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Board of Directors

MINUTES

14th October 2022
Online

Documents sent via email prior to meeting

- Agenda
- Minutes from previous month
- Audit Report for 2021
- Adjunct Board Member – Proposed Procedure
- Gendlin Research Center Policy.docx
- TIFI ED report to the BofD 2022.10.pdf

PRESENT: Nelle Moffett, Evelyn Fendler-Lee, Darryl Commings, Catherine Torpey, Eveline Moor Züllig and Veronica Toescu

ABSENT: Flor Sassoli (excused)

GUESTS: New Coordinator - Peter Ryan (USA)
Auditor - Valerie Jashi

ATTUNEMENT: Nelle

- I. GREETING GUEST: The board welcomed Peter Ryan and congratulated him on becoming a Coordinator.
- II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Will be discussed next time, no formal vote was taken.
- III. ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

To receive the audit document unmodified is a positive outcome, this is a testament to our ability to use those funds, expenses have been managed well. This is the highest possible report, in US terms.

Accounts have been moved to an Online System. Auditor was able to verify revenues and expenses. Good to have cash flow, shows signs of healthy accounts. Acknowledgement that Covid took its toll the previous year. One recommendation if there is a rebound in the stock market to move the money in the investment account to something more secure, as stock market is not stable in the opinion of the Auditor. One board member asked if we were too dependent on donations. The Auditor felt that our income was well-balanced, with only 30% coming from donations, and 70% coming from programs and membership.

IV. NEW MEMBERS TO THE GENDLIN RESEARCH CENTER COMMITTEE

The Gendlin Research Center Committee requested that the following two academics be approved as members of the committee:

- Dr. Siebrecht Vanhooren - psychology researcher at the University of Leuven in Belgium
- Dr. Sigridur Thorgeirsdottir - philosophy professor at the University of Iceland

Both were seen as ideally qualified for this role, and their participation means that Europe will now be represented on this Committee.

Both approved by vote of the Board.

V. PROPOSAL FOR "ADJUNCT BOARD MEMBER"

A written proposal was submitted by Catherine to the Board for consideration.

Agreed that this was the first reading of this document. The second reading has been scheduled for the meeting in November when this item will be discussed again.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

A written report was submitted and summarized by Catherine. Some time was spent brainstorming ideas for the Felt Sense Conference in January.

VII. MEMBERS MEETING WITH BOARD - DEBRIEF

The Board had a conversation following up on the meetings that the Board led with members in October. The Board expressed that once again this year, they really enjoyed this connection with members. In discussing some of the comments that members had made elicited thoughts on a number of topics, including:

- The Board celebrated hearing about the wide diversity of approaches to Focusing and felt sensing within our membership
- The Board discussed possible models and language for marketing to make Focusing better known
- Next steps to operationalize the principles we are affirming in the soon-to-be-completed statement on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)

MEETING CLOSED

The next Board Meeting will be Friday, 11th November 2022 at 12noon (U.S. Eastern time)