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Board of Directors

MINUTES

13th January 2023

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Documents sent via email prior to meeting

- Agenda
- Board Minutes 2022.12.22 – Draft.doc
- 2022 Statement of Activity year end as of 2023.01.12.pdf
- 2022 year end financial narrative.pdf
- Narrative on 2023 budget.pdf
- Year to come annual goals and plans draft 2023.01.pdf

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

GUESTS: Christine Groscurrett (new Coordinator), Patrick Duffy

TAKING MINUTES: Veronica Toescu

- I. Approval of the minutes: Approved as amended.
- II. Greeting Coordinators: Christine introduced herself and shared her Focusing journey with the board.
- III. Attunement by Flor Sassoli
- IV. Membership Committee to help with the annual meeting of members with the Board – It was decided to invite the Membership Committee to help organize the Board's 2023 annual meeting with members. Eveline Moor will communicate this to the Membership Committee.
- V. Executive Director 4th Quarter Financial Report – Catherine and Darryl presented a preliminary report on Profit & Loss from 2022. TIFI received a big donation (\$30,000) which was intended to be part of the 2022 budget but arrived on the the 3rd of January, leaving us with a very slight deficit in 2022. The donation would show as a 2022 donation if we were to report on an accrual basis (leaving us with a positive cash flow). The Board discussed whether to use accrual or cash accounting. This will be put on the agenda for the March meeting.
- VI. Discussion on response to Coordinator input regarding use of “Experiential Focusing” on TIFI's website – There were many thoughtful responses, both positive and negative, on the Coordinators' email listserve. It was noted that responses sent to the Board directly tended

toward being especially constructive and positive. It seems that we had not clearly communicated that the change is for the purpose of creating accurate automated translation, which remains a very important issue for serving our members. For the Board, this was never intended as an imposed “name change,” but only applied to TIFI’s English language electronic communication. The Board agreed that Nelle and Catherine would draft a response to Coordinators and run it by the Board. (Note that it was later decided that the note sent by the Board to Coordinators in December, delaying any action, was sufficient for the time being). Eveline and Catherine will meet to go over all the responses from Coordinators and make recommendations to the whole Board about any further responses needed.

- VII. Executive Director Report – In lieu of the regular written report, Catherine submitted her annual “Goals and Plans” document. Some specifics noted were: The Gendlin Online Library will be moved to the new website. Will talk to a Lawyer regarding the Intellectual Property requests. Aim to find a new person dedicated to fundraising, as well as someone for general administrative support.
- VIII. Tabled for February meeting:
 - Items for Board Strategic Conversations
 - Action Items for 2023 by portfolio
- IX. Patrick Duffy (Coordinator from Ireland) – The meeting was extended by a couple of minutes to meet Patrick briefly.

The next Board Meeting will be on 10th February 2023 at 12noon (U.S. Eastern time)