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Board of Directors
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PRESENT: Nelle Moffett, Evelyn Fendler-Lee, Darryl Commings, Eveline Moor-Züllig Flor Sassoli, Veronica Urioste, Catherine Torpey and Patrick Duffy

ATTENDANCE: Catherine Torpey present for the first hour.

GUESTS – New Coordinators: Florian Christensen (Switzerland) and Regina Jürgens (Germany)

TAKING MINUTES: Veronica Urioste.

ATTUNEMENT: Evelyn

I. Minutes from February meeting – unanimously approved as amended. Veronica notified the Board that her last attendance will be on the 10th May 2024.

II. Executive Director Report

a) A written “Year to come annual Goals and Plans 2024 final” was submitted. Catherine went over each item as written. As Catherine discussed her goals, and how they relate to the Board Goals (set by the Board and ILC in 2017), a discussion ensued about possible revision of the Board Goals. Specifically, there was a thought to add something about TIFI’s role in creating community. Catherine said that she and Evelyn would bring a possible draft revision of the Board Goals to the April meeting.

b) International Focusing Conference – Monthly meetings will start this month. A venue has been found.

III. Final Budget from 2024 – Darryl presented the final version, which had only a few minor changes from the approved Provisional Budget. The final 2024 Budget was approved unanimously.

IV. Restricted Budget Report – Experiment:

a) Darryl presented a new format, separating out the Restricted Funds Budget from the operating budget. These are funds which are already in our accounts, and which are designated for specific projects, and (in most cases) must legally and ethically be used only for those purposes, and therefore for clarity need to be separated out from the regular operating budget. (Examples include donations which have been given for the Gendlin Research Center or the Gendlin Online Library.)

b) It was discussed that this is an experiment for 2024, to see if this works for the board, to bring clarity to how these funds are received and allocated.

c) Vote for restricted budget 2024 as presented passed unanimously.

V. Nominating Committee Update – Tom Larkin has been nominated to join the Board, and there is one other candidate who will be nominated. Both will be voted on in May.

VI. ILC and Board Interaction - Eveline Moor-Züllig offered to attend the next ILC meeting on the 12th March 2024 and will report on this at the next Board meeting.

VII. Appreciation to Patrick Duffy – Each Board member shared their appreciation for Patrick’s presence and his beneficial contribution as an Advisory Board Member. Patrick shared that he had learned a great deal and appreciated the commitment of all in the Board.

VIII. Gendlin Center – Evelyn reported that the Gendlin Center now has a new logo. They are planning a new conversation event in June, and there is planning to incorporate into the website a page for listing research projects into Focusing which are not funded by the Gendlin Center, but which the Gendlin Center committee members feel are valuable, which they wish to promote.

IX. The Board went into executive session to discuss its evaluation of the Executive Director.

MEETING CLOSED

The next Board Meeting will be 12th April 2024 at 12:00 noon (U.S. Eastern time).