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Board of Directors
MINUTES
November 8, 2024
Online

Documents sent via email prior to meeting

- Agenda
- Board minutes DRAFT September 2024
- Board minutes DRAFT October 2024
- DRAFT Revision of Goals
- Gendlin Intellectual Property Summary 2024.11.08
- Weeklong 2024 final report
- TIFI ED report to BoD 2024.11

PRESENT:

Nelle Moffett, Tom Larkin, Eveline Moor-Züllig, Bill Gayner, Catherine Torpey

ABSENT:

Evelyn Fendler Lee, Darryl Commings, Flor Sassoli, Ilse Pieth

GUESTS

From the ILC: Nancy Falls

Member guest: Detlef Girke

I. MINUTES

DECISION: The minutes from September and October were approved.

II. Attunement led by Eveline

III. Draft Revision of TIFI Goals

A document with the most recent revision was sent in advance of the meeting.

Discussion:

The question was raised whether the goals are descriptive or prescriptive. The response was that they are defining values, both as a container and guide for TIFI as an organization. Specific actions can thus be checked and evaluated against them. They are flexible and leave room for continuing development.

There was also a question about whether some additional areas or types Focusing should be added. There was a reminder that it had been previously decided by the Board to mention only the three areas Gendlin had himself elaborated (Focusing, TAE, Focusing-Oriented Psychotherapy). Into these areas the other, later developments fit. The goals do not limit or preclude any new initiatives.

The idea to add the word “crossing” in goal 2, which was approved.

Decision: The Board approves this revision of the goals, with the addition of the word „crossing“ in Goal 2. Evelyn and Catherine will bring the goals to the various committees named in the document to receive feedback before publication of the goals.

The Board expressed appreciation for Evelyn’s and Catherine’s leadership of this process.

IV. ILC – BOARD INTERACTION

Nancy gave a brief report on the ongoing work of the ILC. She has recently taken on the role as the “Prime Mover” of the ILC. They are continuing their meetings with Coordinators to discuss issues of certification. She also said that they will continue their work to better define the role of Coordinators.

V. ANNUAL “MEMBERS MEET THE BOARD”

Catherine will send an email to the Board to find a date in early February for this meeting with members.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

A written report was submitted with the topics:

- Weeklong
- Intellectual Property
- Request from Israeli Focusers

The 2024 Weeklong was discussed, including plans for future Weeklongs. Discussion of the Intellectual Property summary was tabled until the December meeting. Catherine requested the Board’s input on responding to a request by the Israeli Coordinators.

VII. ITEMS FOR BOARD CONVERSATION

Finally, Board Members and guests were invited to share their thoughts and feelings about the potential impact of the recent US presidential elections on their countries.

Minutes by Ilse Pieth, edited by Nelle Moffett and Catherine Torpey