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MINUTES

Board of Directors
December 13, 2024
on Zoom

DOCUMENTS SENT IN ADVANCE:

- Agenda
- Framework for Annual meeting with members
- November minutes
- Board Goals by Portfolio – 2023
- 2024 Year to Come Annual Goals DRAFT
- TIFI ED Report to Board
- Gendlin Intellectual Property Summary

PRESENT: Nelle Moffett, Catherine Torpey, Bill Gayner, Tom Larkin, Flor Sassoli, Darryl Commings, Evelyn Fendler Lee

ABSENT: Eveline Moor

GUEST (New Coordinator):
Jessica (Jessie) Delooz, Belgium

I. Jessie stayed for the first few minutes so that the Board could congratulate her and thank her for her work.

II. Minutes of November: Approved

III. Attunement led by Tom

IV. Update of Revision of TIFI Goals (Evelyn):

The revision is finished and approved by the Board to be sent to the various committees for their feedback. In the coming months, Catherine and Evelyn will take the revision to the committees, depending on the schedules of the committees involved. It will be taken first to the International Leadership Council (ILC). Evelyn and Catherine will be monitoring this. Although Evelyn's term is ending with the Board, she will continue to work with Catherine to see this task to completion.

V. Evelyn's 6-year term on the Board is ending, and this is her last meeting.

The Board expressed appreciation for her service as Vice President, her commitment and contributions in the Gendlin Center and many committees and tasks. Evelyn will continue working for Focusing; her interest is in taking the Focusing attitude and philosophy into business organizations and Higher Education; the corporate world seems to be becoming more open to such attitudes and ideas. Evelyn expressed her gratitude and appreciation for the „home“ she has found in TIFI and the Board. Thank you, Evelyn!

VI. Annual “Board Meets with Members” event:

The dates for the meetings are February 4 and 9. One will be led by Bill as the Vice President, the other by Nelle as President. These meetings are an opportunity for members to meet the Board and get an understanding of how the Board of TIFI works, as well as to ask questions or make comments.

VII. Portfolio Reports:

Goodwill (Bill): Bill shared with the Board about a “Goodwill” conversation he had with a member. Among the many things he discussed with this member was one concern about keeping the integrity of Gendlin’s teachings when translated into other languages. This generated a conversation among Board members.

VIII. Executive Director’s report:

Catherine submitted her monthly written report and a written summary of the status of Gendlin’s intellectual property. She went over both reports verbally as well, pointing to some details which were included in her written report.

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