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MINUTES - The Focusing Institute Board of Directors
August 5, 2015 via Zoom

PRESENT: David Rome, Susan Lennox, Jim Iberg, Catherine Torpey, Jane Quayle, Mary Jennings, Elizabeth Cantor (for minute-taking)

MEETING FACILITATOR: David Rome

I. OPENING SILENCE AND SHARING

II. AGENDA DISCUSSION – no new items were added to the agenda.

III. MINUTES from the June and July board meetings were approved as written.

V. Reflections on Seattle International Conference and Strategic Planning Meetings were shared. The board discussed the international conference and the coordinators assembly and considered if anything needed our attention. We are interested in reviewing any documents or records containing the thoughts and wishes about future directions which came from the coordinators gathering.

Strategic Planning: The board will review all of the documents which Joe Colletti has sent out to us and devote the next felt sensing meeting (Aug 19th) to this topic. These documents capture all of the strategic planning meeting's notes and the feedback from the coordinators and community. We noted that the strategies which support the goals were done under time pressure and will need revision to flesh them out more fully. Catherine proposed that Elizabeth and Rita have a discussion with the strategic planning committee in order that their perspectives are incorporated in the strategic plan.

Catherine noted that she needs time to digest the whole strategic planning process. David Rome suggested the area of board development and the question of TFI sponsoring programs of individual teachers be added as a topic to the strategic planning process.

The Strategic Planning Committee will continue to usher along the strategic planning process to ensure forward-movement.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Two ongoing items were discussed in executive session.

VII. FUNDRAISING

There was a brief report about the outcome of fundraising at the Seattle International Conference. Approximately \$4,700 was raised, which included 6 – 8 monthly commitments. These monthly commitments are welcome as they give an ongoing predictable income bases. Elizabeth will create a report with more detail on the outcome of the Seattle fundraising.

Mary Jennings and Beatrice Blake are to be invited to be part of the fundraising committee; in particular their experience will be valued in sorting through the proposals from interns for grant writing.

The board discussed various ideas for how the fundraising committee might implement its work.

VIII TRANSPARENCY

The board will continue to keep transparency at the forefront of its awareness and seek community engagement and involvement with the strategic plan.

IX FINAL SILENCE

Felt Sensing meeting on the topic of the work done in Seattle on the Strategic Plan date August 19th, 2015. Jane Quayle will be the prime mover.

The next regular board meeting: September, 2nd 2015 at 5pm Eastern Daylight Time – the Prime Mover has not yet been named.

TO DO'S arising from the meeting:

All board members will

- Review all of the documents which Joe Colletti has sent out to us before the next felt sensing meeting on August 19th.

Submitted by Jane Quayle