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MINUTES - The Focusing Institute Board of Directors
Date December 2nd, 2015 via Zoom

Documents submitted prior to the meeting via email

- Agenda (from Catherine Torpey)
- Treasurer's report (from Kevin Krycka)

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

MEETING FACILITATOR: Mary Jennings

I. OPENING SILENCE AND SHARING

II. AGENDA DISCUSSION – No additional items were added.

III. MINUTES The November minutes were approved.

IV. NOMINATING PROCESS -- The document is done, now we need to implement it by discussing whom to select for the Nominating Committee and how to involve the ILC in that selection.

Jim Iberg will be the representative from the board on the nominating committee. Other names were proposed. Catherine will talk to the ILC about who they would like to be their representative. An adjustment was made to the document to reflect the fact that a person who is member of the nominating committee will not also be eligible for nomination to either the board or ILC.

V. STRATEGIC CONVERSATIONS -- update from Mary and Catherine.

We had a wide ranging discussion about where we are currently with the process. It was discussed that our next step is to have a plan about the things we need to plan for. In light of this Catherine presented a document which outlined her view on the important issues we need to consider in our planning. The strategic planning committee will meet with Rosa Zubizarreta to finalize the details of her involvement in facilitation our strategic conversations. Mary added that her initial conversation with Rosa indicated to her that Rosa's approach is well suited to facilitating clarity in our process.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

Kevin discussed the current financial position to the end of November and discussed the proposed timing of the budget for the new year.

In preparing the budget the information we need is both historical and future in terms of visions and priorities. Time is needed to gather all of this information and he estimates that a budget may be in place in January 2016.

In looking at the financial position to date Kevin noted that our estimated loss for this year is much smaller than it was for the 2014 financial year. This is a big turnaround in a positive direction and we speculated that it may indicate a strengthening of confidence in and support for the Focusing Institute.

VII. CHANGING NAME OF THE FOCUSING INSTITUTE TO THE INTERNATIONAL FOCUSING INSTITUTE

The board has voted in principle to change our name to "The International Focusing Institute". We will now look into what is involved in the implementation of this with a view to putting a provision in next year's budget for this.

VIII. CHILDREN FOCUSING TASK FORCE

Due to lack of time this item was held over to be discussed at our next felt sensing meeting.

IX. Housekeeping

The next Felt Sensing meeting on the topic of Children Focusing Task Force on December, 16th 2015

The next regular board meeting: January 13th, 2016 at 3pm Eastern Daylight Time

X SELECTION OF NEXT MONTH'S PRIME MOVER: Kevin Krycka

XI. FINAL SILENCE

TO DO'S arising from the meeting:

Catherine Torpey will

- Contact Rosa

Submitted by Jane Quayle