



MINUTES - The International Focusing Institute Board of Directors

Date: November 2, 2016 via Zoom

Documents submitted prior to the meeting via email

- Balance sheet as of October 31, 2016 (from Kevin Krycka)
- P&L October 2016 (from Kevin Krycka)
- Cash flow October 2016 (from Kevin Krycka)

PRESENT: Dana Ganihar (one hour late from time change), Kevin Krycka (left one hour early), Paula Nowick, David Rome (president), Susan Rudnick (secretary), Catherine Torpey, Henry Chen (for minute-taking)

MEETING FACILITATOR: Catherine Torpey

I. MEETING TIME CHANGE

- The board agreed to have subsequent meetings start at 12 pm EST.

II. OPENING SILENCE

III. FINANCIAL UPDATE

Kevin and Catherine discussed TIFI's current finances:

- YTD net income is negative but it is manageable
- Less income from FISS and the Weeklong this year
- Goodwill calls and year-end donations will be important to meet budget.

FOT 2017 Conference income concerns:

- Many challenges for the conference to be able to provide Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for attendees who want them;
 - May try to partner with an organization who is approved to provide CEUs
 - **Action:** David will reach out to a contact who may be able to help
- General agreement that a 70-attendee target should be reachable.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Website redesign update:

- The website committee is still negotiating with the project manager candidate and will meet again next week.

2017 Asia Focusing Conference:

- TIFI will be listed as a co-sponsor of the event.

The ED's trip to Greece:

- Received good feedback that coordinators were heard at Cambridge;
- Coordinators appreciate this visit and are eager for more communication from TIFI;
- Some coordinators feel that the relationship between TIFI and European Focusing organizations is fragile; the board spent time reflecting on the layers and nuances of this statement. Different next steps were proposed.
- In addition to the Coordinator Forums with the board/ILC, the board discussed the possibility of open zoom conversations with the ED.



FISS update:

- FISS organizational group decided that the foundational teachers will continue teaching, though other decisions and changes can be made by TIFI.
- Open possibility for future FISS's to be held in other countries.

Weeklong:

- Edgardo Riveros as a new facilitating coordinator at the 2017 Weeklong;
- Moving to a model of the Weeklong being a place for renewal and sharing between participants, rather than the main focus being on master teachers.

V. FOLIO AND GENDLIN LIBRARY

Paula proposed that the Greek Children Focusing Conference papers and presentations can be published in a subsequent Folio edition:

- While this idea was supported, there is also a need for publications outside of the Focusing community.
 - TIFI could provide information to help Focusing researchers with publishing in academic journals.

Idea for Gendlin Online Library to be accessible only by members:

- In the context of TIFI's mission, board members shared their sense of the merits, costs, and values involved in having a semi-porous paywall for the library;
 - General agreement in proceeding slowly, with care on this subject.

To do's arising from this meeting:

David:

- To communicate with contact that he met while teaching at Columbia University for help with TIFI being able to give out CEUs.