



## **MINUTES - The International Focusing Institute Board of Trustees**

Date: May 10, 2017 via Zoom

### Documents submitted prior to the meeting via email

- Agenda
- YTD comparison Q1 2017 and 2016 (sent during meeting)
- Budget against actuals 2017 2017.04.27 (sent during meeting)
- Strategic Plan sent (at end of meeting)

PRESENT: Dana Ganihar, Mary Jennings (vice-president), Kevin Krycka (treasurer), Paula Nowick, David Rome (president), Susan Rudnick (secretary), Catherine Torpey, Sherrie Lynne (for minute taking, present for the first hour).

MEETING FACILITATOR: Paula Nowick

### I. OPENING SILENCE

### II. SHARING AND REMINISCING ABOUT GENE

### III. EUGENE GENDLIN MEMORIAL

- Catherine updated the board on the proposed dates for the Eugene Gendlin Memorial weekend – August 12, 13 and the priority to find a venue. She has delegated her assistant to do immediate research on available spaces in Manhattan.
- The board will be drafting a joint statement with the ILC in response to Gene's passing for the Newsletter and EugeneGendling.com
- A group of volunteers worked with Catherine and Rob Parker to remove the books and papers from Gene's house and put them into storage.
- The board went briefly into executive session to discuss the legal status of Gene's intellectual property.
- Susan Rudnick volunteered to be a part of a Memorial Planning Committee. Further discussion on the event included a symposium following the Memorial.

### IV. CREATION OF THE EUGENE T. GENDLIN CENTER FOR RESEARCH IN EXPERIENTIAL PHILOSOPHY AND PSYCHOLOGY

- The board approved the following statement: The board wishes to honor Gene Gendlin's memory. Consistent with the priorities articulated in the Strategic Plan, the board believes that to move his legacy forward, rigorous academic research in his thought is of the utmost importance. The board has therefore decided to create a research center in Gene's name (the Eugene T. Gendlin Center for Research in Experiential Philosophy and Psychology), and asked Catherine to convene a group of academics versed in Gene's thought to move the idea forward.

### V. FINANCIAL REPORT GIVEN BY KEVIN & CATHERINE

- Kevin and Catherine reviewed the report and commented that financials are on track for the first quarter.



#### VI. COMMUNITY CONVERSATION RESOLUTION

- The board decided to lead a discussion group, inviting the community to discuss how the Institute can create a structure or work collectively in a way that's positive and within the understanding of the culture of Focusing – perhaps looking at other organizations and how they are structured as well. David and Dana offered to lead the Round Table.

#### VII. BENCHMARKING

- David followed up with the board regarding the previous benchmarking discussion, requesting board members to send in the names of organizations they'd like to be in touch with about that. He offered to coordinate this project. The plan is to create a simple format for those conversations.

#### Viii. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PERFORMANCE REVIEW

- The board discussed the need to do its annual performance review of the Executive Director. Catherine will not attend the May Felt Sensing Meeting to give the board the opportunity to discuss this in her absence

#### IX. STRATEGIC PLAN

- Catherine updated the board on the Strategic Plan. ILC has looked it over and wants a few more days to review it and a volunteer is working on the appearance/design. Will be posting it on the website and hope to include it in the newsletter. There was a suggestion that elements of the Strategic Plan be released gradually. The executive summary should be translated.

#### X. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Catherine and Dana updated the board of the status of the Nominating Committee's work. They have identified possible nominees and are contacting them.

#### XI. ACCEPTANCE OF APRIL MINUTES

#### XII, CHANGES GROUPS

- Discussion as to how to bring attendees at Changes groups more into the fold of the membership. Susan offered to do additional research and discuss further with Catherine.

#### XIII. MEETING CLOSED