

Governing Board of Contemplative Outreach
Zoom Meeting Minutes February 1, 2022
APPROVED

Governing Board Members Present: Jenny Adamson, Phil Jackson, Jim McElroy, Diane Ryan, Julie Saad, and Carol Quest

Not Present: Pat Johnson,

Also Present: Mary Jane Yates, administrator

1. Opening Reflection: Jenny Adamson read “The Night of Self” from FRUITS AND GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT by Thomas Keating.
2. Approval of the 1/4/2022 Minutes: Jenny Adamson moved that we accept the January 4 2022, minutes; Julie Saad seconded the motion. All approved.
3. February board retreat/meeting February 23 - March 1
 - Everyone is planning to attend
 - Julie offered an overview of both the retreat and the board meeting, requesting comments, then posting a detailed schedule on the hub.
 - Diane agreed to lead Lectio Divina on Thursday evening.
 - Jim agreed to lead the Welcoming Prayer on Friday evening
 - The Board Meeting begins Saturday afternoon
 - Julie proposed posting agenda topics on a flip chart, then prioritizing, and scheduling
 - Topics carried over from September meeting
 - 35 ideas consolidated into 15 categories; to be summarized and agreed
 - Tom’s document to clarify Board Responsibilities (granular or global)
 - Who we are (please bring By-laws and Vision)
 - Select officers
 - Review finance details gained from meeting with Kathleen on January 27
 - Explore our reciprocal relationship with St. Benedict’s Monastery
4. Administrator’s Update: The challenge of putting Keating’s ideas in other languages also brought up the concern to use vocabulary in English that is understood across denominates. Diane offered to share a document on this topic by David Muyskens (posted on the hub).
5. Centering Prayer Summit, Chicago Chapter Event with Reverend Michael Battle and The Chapter Support Global Conversation took place on consecutive January Saturdays.
 - Centering Prayer Summit was exceptional in who presented and who led prayer including the first person who is openly part of the LGB community.
 - Chicago event: several people connected African American spirituality with embodied practices
 - Chapter Support included a helpful presentation on the COL website by Donna; breakout groups where people volunteering in various capacities met each other and shared ideas.
 - These and other opportunities indicate how our organism may be evolving. At the same time, we remain grounded in our vision and the practice of Centering Prayer.
6. Next Board Zoom Call – April 5, 2022 at noon Eastern time

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Quest, secretary