

**Governing Board of Contemplative Outreach
Conference Call/Zoom Minutes
February 5th & 6th, 2021
final**

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenny Adamson, Kathy Di Fede, Maru Ladron de Guevara, Phil Jackson, Pat Johnson, Carol Quest, Julie Saad, and Tom Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Mary Jane Yates, Administrator; Kathleen Gilgannon, Financial Administrator; Pamela Begeman, Communications; Donna Cole-Struck, Office, Donor and Database Coordinator; Marie Howard, Coordinator of Volunteers.

Friday 2/5/2021 Governing Board and Staff combined meeting.

Morning:

Centering Prayer and check in.

Afternoon:

Centering Prayer followed by discussion of **roles of Board and Staff and priorities for 2021.**

Julie began the discussion with:

Theological Principle #1 Commentary: “The fundamental purpose of Centering Prayer...is to further the knowledge and experience of God’s love in the consciousness of the human family.”

Comments/discussion from Staff and GB:

Hold the Vision (everyone does this).

GB does have legal responsibilities. (501c3)

Listening, sensing, and responding to what is emerging.

Be careful not to have ridged plans, but at the same time moving forward.

GB role and Staff roles will constantly be responding to need.

Need determines function. Need for flexibility.

What is our intention with the “intentions”?

Communication spread throughout the network.

Sense of priorities.

Two intentions only, based upon the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Theological Principle #1 “...seeking the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit”.

Each year we listen to each other to decide on (2) intentions.

This does not exclude what individual chapters do.

Need for collaboration.

What is our Vision? How do we make plans/priorities?

Get more specific with priorities.

For example: based on the global emergence, support this expansion.

What is drawing us forward?

To do the Prayer and support the Prayer

Listen to what is emerging in the entire, worldwide network of Contemplative Outreach.

Listening circles.

Saturday 2/6/2021 Governing Board.

Morning 10 am – 11 am

Centering Prayer followed by prayerful discernment of new officers for 2021.

New Officers.

Julie Saad, Facilitator

Jenny Adamson, Co-Facilitator

Carol Quest, Secretary

Pat Johnson, Treasurer

11:00 am

Mary Jane Yates, Administrator and Kathleen Gilgannon, Financial Administrator joined us.

Financials/budget review and approval. Kathleen answered questions from the GB. Discussion of ways to get more money into the CO community. The budget is fluid—moves with the Spirit. Suggestion to change the proposal for the Trust for the Mediation Process from technology to youth.

Tom motioned that we accept the budget. Pat seconded and all approved.

Hotel contract fees regarding the 2021 Conference in Denver. GB needs to discern whether to have an in-person Conference, Zoom only, or in-person and Zoom.

A motion was made to propose an intention regarding costs for the Conference. The motion is to be confirmed by email by Feb. 14th.

We intend to provide the Conference for 2021 at no cost plus half the cost of the hotel room, assuming double occupancy. We will also encourage chapter leadership and CO Service teams to find and invite those who are serving and those who have the potential for serving Contemplative Outreach.

Saturday afternoon 2 – 4 pm 2/6/2021

Financial investments supporting our vision. Elevate our consciousness/awareness of opportunities as they arise. Update intentions doc to relate to financial investment. Investment team is aligned with CO vision.

Minutes. Approval of Jan. 19th meeting minutes. Phil made a motion to approve, Jenny seconded. All approved.

Board terms:

Jenny Adamson, current term ends 12/2022. Not eligible for another term. Carol Quest, current term ends 12/2023. Eligible for another term. Kathy Di Fede, current term ends 12/2021. Not eligible for another term. Pat Johnson, current term ends 12/2023. Not eligible for another term. Phil Jackson, current term ends 12/2023. Eligible for another term. Julie Saad, current term ends 12/2022. Not eligible for another term. Maru Ladron de Guevara, current term ends 12/2023. Not eligible for another term. Tom Smith, current term ends 12/2021. Not eligible for another term.

Board selection process: important to add an international member; start search process for adding new members to replace Kathy and Tom whose terms end 12/2021.

Next meeting third Tuesday Feb. 16th noon ET

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Di Fede, Secretary