

**Governing Board of Contemplative Outreach**  
**Zoom Meeting Minutes January 4, 2022**  
**Approved**

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

**Also Present:** Mary Jane Yates, administrator

1. Opening Reflection: Pat Johnson read a “Blessing for the New Year” from John O’Donohue’s TO BLESS THE SPACE BETWEEN US.
2. Approval of the 12/21/2021 Minutes: Pat Johnson moved that we accept the Dec 21, 2021 minutes, Phil Jackson seconded the motion. All approved.
3. 2022 Budget approval: Carol Quest moved to approve the 12/28/21 proposed budget. Jenny Adamson seconded the motion, all approved.

Jim McElroy requested a meeting with Kathleen Gilgannon to understand budget details. All interested Board members are invited to attend.

Last summer wanting to invest in the divine economy, the Board decided to cover the costs of the 2021 CO conference inviting participants to attend without a fee. (Donations were gratefully accepted.) The Board continues to explore ways to use COL resources to invest in the divine economy. An agenda item for the extended meeting February 23 through March 1 will be discussing a general philosophy of how to use funds strategically along with regular monitoring of the financial health of Contemplative Outreach through quarterly reports from the Finance Committee.

As stated in the Contemplative Outreach Vision Guidelines, Contemplative Outreach relies on the generous service of volunteers. The Guidelines also state that “we may employ staff and contractors with special or necessary skills as needed.” The Board will discuss establishing a policy for determining what criteria indicate it would be appropriate to pay someone for the service they can offer.

4. Working with large chapters: Phil Jackson and Mary Jane Yates led a discussion of how Zoom events have opened chapter offerings to the global community. Ideas about publicity, use of the COL calendar, and new opportunities to connect with diverse communities all arise as Zoom opportunities emerge. The Board wants to be kept informed about these expanding opportunities but considers most of the questions and coordination would be handled by the staff.
5. February 23 - March 1 Board retreat/meeting at St. Benedict’s Monastery is as scheduled. The level of pandemic concern will be considered at the February 1 meeting.
6. Although the Board intends to limit Zoom meetings to the first Tuesday of the month, members are asked to keep the third Tuesday open in the event an additional meeting is needed.
7. Next scheduled Board Zoom Call – February 1, 2022 at noon Eastern time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Quest, secretary