

Contemplative Outreach Governing Board
Zoom Meeting December 6, 2022 Minutes
Approved

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

2023 Governing Board Members Present: Tom Carr, Leslie Geer, Sharon Junn

Also present: Mary Jane Yates, Contemplative Outreach administrator

1. Opening Reflection: Jenny read a Meister Eckert quote “Enough.” A comment from the Contemplative Reader Nov 21 “Only love changes us.” Pat shared her 2nd meeting with Thomas at Lama offered an example of transforming anger into love.

2. Approval Minutes November 15. November 15, 2022 Minutes were approved by consensus.

3. Updated Signers Statement officially approved:

“In order to be compliant with best financial practices, the Governing Board of Contemplative Outreach, Ltd approves the following in regard to persons who have authority to sign checks for both our Lakeland Bank and First Bank accounts:

Mary Jane Yates and Diane Ryan should be added as signers.
Pat Johnson and Tom Smith should remain as signers.
Kathy Di Fede and Clare Eng should be removed as signers.
Kathleen Gilgannon will be removed as a signer once our new bill paying system is working smoothly, with the anticipation this will occur in early 2023.”

4. Appointment to Gift Committee. Julie Saad recommended that Tom Carr represent the governing board on the gift committee. Tom responded that he was willing and the board unanimously approved his appointment to the gift committee.

5. Global zoom conversation with volunteers: The Chapter Support Service Team will sponsor a Zoom conversation with people from around the world serving local centering prayer communities. The conversations will take place at two times: one on January 27 and the other on January 28. Governing Board members are encouraged to attend.

6. 2024 Conference Discussion:

Background: At the September 2022 gathering in Chicago the Board and Staff agreed that 2024 offers the opportunity to combine the conference with a celebration of the 40th anniversary of COL. To begin the planning process the Governing Board and the Staff might each discern one member to be on the 2024 conference team. These two members would then discern the next steps while communicating closely with their respective groups. [They] will also seek input from the network asking throughout the organism “what would you like to see from the next conference?”

Current discussion: Jim McElroy will represent the Board and Kathleen Gilgannon will represent the Staff. Their initial discussion on December 9 may include

- Exploring how communities in COL want to celebrate the 40th Anniversary.
- Finding out if the organism wants an in-person event
- Determining the advisability of hiring a coordinator.
- Determining the need for additional funding beyond what the governing board has authorized for prior conferences.

7. Next Board Zoom Call – January 3, 2023

8. Volunteer for Reflection for next call.