

Governing Board of Contemplative Outreach
Conference Call/Zoom Minutes
April 7th, 2020
1:00-2:30 pm EDT
Final

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenny Adamson, Nick Cole, Kathy Di Fede, Maru Ladron de Guevara, Adal Henriquez, Pat Johnson, Julie Saad, and Tom Smith.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS: Mary Jane Yates, Administrator; Donna Cole, Administrator Assistant and Database Coordinator

1. Opening reflection by Jenny. Reflection from a letter from the prisoners in Clearwater, Fl. "Through Centering Prayer we are discovering a path to real joy and freedom...God reveals us to ourselves every day."
2. Dialogue with Donna. All is going well. She is looking forward to the transition to WordPress. Donna also brought up a suggestion about putting a short message on the homepage of the website regarding COVID-19. Some discussion followed.
3. Minutes: Jenny made a motion, and Nick seconded, to approve the minutes of March 31st. All agreed and minutes were approved.
4. Mary Jane: Administrator's report. Donna is working on the Direct Mail Appeal. Pamela has been training people on Zoom. She also mentioned that we should be aware that some of our contractors may be affected by COVID-19. Mary Jane had a call with Chandra Hanson about funding the CO newsletter for prisoners. Chandra is hoping the prison teams can be more connected to CO. Mary Jane also talked to Marie about the situation. It would cost \$2500 to mail newsletter to the prisons. All GB members agreed we should add the prisoners to the CO newsletter mailing list. Mary Jane has also been in contact with the South Africa Chapter regarding their Conference. The Conference will be opened up to the global CO community since ECI offered their Zoom account to allow for 500 people. South Africa will need \$3500 to run the Conference. The Conference will be free but Pat suggested a donation of \$35 for anyone attending and that the funds be restricted. Jenny made a motion that any excess from the restricted funds go to the South Africa Chapter. Nick seconded and everyone agreed.

5. Board Selection update. Jenny reported that the team is continuing the process already set up with the recommendations from the service teams. The Board team will contact the people on the list. There was a question as to whether we should invite Jim McElroy to join the Board since we already had interviewed him for the administrator position. Everyone agreed. Adal volunteered to contact Jim. The next question was who, besides the Board Selection team, would interview the candidates. Nick and Pat would like to be added and Nick suggested Marie should be added as well.
6. Nick requested we should invite Marie to the next Board call.
7. Since the call was already at an hour and a half, it was decided to end the meeting and add agenda items not covered to the next meeting.
8. The next GB Zoom meeting will be April 21st at 1 pm EDT. Kathy will give the reflection.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Di Fede, Secretary