

Governing Board of Contemplative Outreach
Conference Call/Zoom Minutes
August 4th, 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.

ALSO PRESENT: Kathleen Gilgannon, Financial Administrator

ABSENT: Mary Jane Yates, Administrator

1. Opening reflection by Nick from Fr. Vincent Pizzuto's presentation for the Circle of Friends retreat. On the Prodigal Son: When the prodigal son returned "every light in the house was on." Nick: All the lights are always on with God.
2. Julie, Nick and Jenny shared their reflections from the CoF retreat. It was done on Zoom this year due to COVID-19. It was a very positive experience. They were are impressed with Fr. Vincent Pizzuto's presentations. Julie and Mary Jane also had time to share about the direction of Contemplative Outreach and it was very well received. Julie shared some of her presentation with the Board.
3. Kathleen went over the Quarterly financials. CO is in a pretty good place financially. Donors are being very generous. The major variances are in bequests and investments. Kathleen also talked about the International Conference for 2021 since we have made a deposit and signed a contract already. There is a possibility the conference would not be held due to COVID-19. The GB will be discerning whether or not to have the conference next year.
4. Approval of the minutes for the July 21st meeting. Nick made a motion to approve the minutes and Tom seconded. There were no objections. All approved.
5. Regarding the proposal from the Chapter Support Service team, Julie will let Marie know that the Board is in agreement. We will wait for an invitation from the service team to join one of the calls.
6. Revising the Bylaws. There are some revisions needed in the Bylaws. Kathy and Adal agreed to working on the revisions.
7. New board members joining in October. Jim McElroy, Carol Quest, and Phil Jackson will be required to read the book Reinventing Organizations, the Bylaws, and the Conflict of Interest document. They will also be asked for a bio and picture to be put in the e-bulletin.

8. The GB will meet for an extended Zoom meeting October 16th – 18th since we still cannot meet face-to-face.
9. The next GB Zoom meeting will be August 18th 12 noon EDT. Jenny will be the reflector.

Respectfully submitted.
Kathy Di Fede, Secretary