

Board Meeting Minutes

Chair: Elizabeth

Minutes: Kenneth

- Call to order at 11:40.
- Attendance: Elizabeth, Kenneth, Lisa, Judi, Karen, Walter
- Approved minutes from last meeting.
- Reports:
 - President - no report
 - Treasurer
 - Our liability insurance is up for renewal. Checking to see if we need to include employees in the policy.
 - Judi has renewed the policy March 6 for the next year.
 - Judi communicated with David about giving project, is awaiting his responses.
 - Judi is working on a 2020 financial report and will send it out when it's done.
 - Still looking for a treasurer in training to take over next year.
 - Teacher Council
 - The Board asked that the teachers contribute to a discussion about the Giving Project. David offered to say some words at the beginning of the next community meeting.
 - Tech Liaison
 - Monthly change report was sent via email
 - Tech Survey was successful; results were sent to Board and Teacher Council
 - FatCow contract is expiring in a few months. We must move e-mail handling to our new contract (Interserver) before it expires.
 - The current configuration saves a backup copy of every email into hidden mailboxes on the server. This is probably not necessary. When configuring the new server, we will set up forwarding only.

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- Hybrid meeting planning committee
 - Working on scheduling a time to meet.
 - Yair, Sunil, Carole, Arlene, and Lisa are on the committee.
 - We are planning on returning to Turner Center for meetings when possible.
 - It is possible that we might want to hold hybrid meetings even before Turner Center is ready for us to return (Judi's deck, etc.)
- Technology Survey Report
 - Thirty-five people completed the survey.
 - A large majority of respondents stated that email, websites, and Zoom are the most useful tools for connecting with others. Instant messages and social media are less useful, with telephone rating in between.
 - Most respondents are concerned about privacy online.
 - As far as additional uses of technology, about half indicated a desire for more options for socialization using Zoom (e.g. open informal social time). Other options offered (Facebook, discussion forum) did not receive much enthusiasm.
 - Next steps:
 - We are frequently adding additional Zoom meditation and class sessions. If there are people willing to lead them, open discussion times may be appreciated as well.
 - In the interest of privacy, we may want to move away from Google (specifically for stillsocial) to in-house solutions.
 - Ken hopes to draft a Zoom Hosting best practices guide to help with safety, security, and ease of use with Zoom.
 - Additional technology (such as a discussion forum) can be taken off the table for now, but such options remain if there is interest in the future.
 - Discussion:
 - Zoom guide is a great idea. **Ken will create a draft.**
 - **Ken will assess feasibility of an in-house alternative to Google Groups.**
 - New Business:

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- Bell ringer volunteers - add to announcements
- Sunday discussion
 - topic for 3/14 finish “meeting needs with providers.” We talked about ways to connect people who have with people who need.
 - Elizabeth thinks that it is unnecessary to list offers in the directory. Still Social should be sufficient. We are small enough that requests and offers can be made more personally.
 - Judi suggests that we just need to make more use of Still Social for this purpose.
 - We can encourage people to talk about what they need.
 - Could we make the intent of Still Social more clear?
 - Could we more clearly invite people to use a liaison for sensitive issues?
 - We can periodically remind people that Still Social is for this purpose and that we are happy to liaise if desired.
 - **We will summarize this topic at the discussion by reminding everyone of this purpose of StillSocial.**
 - **David will speak about “thinking about dana holistically” and we will set the agenda to discuss giving of our excess financial resources as an organization.**
 - **Elizabeth will send Mariko an email thanking and clarifying her offer to help facilitate meetings.**
- The question of “when can we gather” is worth considering in the future. The hybrid meeting committee can consider guidelines for this question. The question of when and how to gather is reasonably a personal, individual one.
- Ongoing issues:
 - giving project - will discuss next Sunday with community
 - job descriptions are on the table
- Next meeting is April 3.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:52.