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International Leadership Council

Notes of 23 April 2019 meeting

Present: Sergio Lara, Claude Missiaen, Catherine Torpey, Yongwei Xu, Evelyn Fendler-Lee

Absent: Ruth Hirsch, Roberto Larios

Evelyn was Prime Mover

Items sent prior to meeting:

Agenda

I. REPORTS

- Pairing with Board members. Claude has met with Paula and Ruth has met with Leslie. Yongwei hadn't been paired with anyone. What about Sergio, Roberto, and Evelyn?
- As reminded by Ruth via email, we should schedule a joint meeting with the Board. Catherine will ask Sherrie to set that up.
- Concerns document. The only translation we're waiting for is the German from Evelyn.
- Catherine will ask the Board to connect a Board member with Yongwei

II. CATHERINE REPORTED ON

A) WEBSITE

The firm launch date is the weekend of the Felt Sense Conference. We will do a "soft launch," meaning that we aren't going to make a big splash about it, because we still expect some glitches. As soon as the site is launched, we will need for you to create a profile and upload courses or whatever you are doing.

If you would like to be part of helping us get to the finish line, we can send you the user tests, so we can get your feedback.

The ILC's webpage www.focusing.org/ilc: On the new website, ILC members will be able to upload

things there themselves. What we suggest is that all ILC members learn to upload content, but that only one of be designated as the person who has to approve content on that page before it goes up.

B) AFFILIATED ORGs

Catherine has been working with a small group and has a draft document about the possibility of creating an official category of "Affiliated Organizations." The Board is anxious to move that forward, so they'll be working on that.

C) PROGRAMS

Felt Sense Conference -- registration now is 50 people which is enough for a good small conference, but we'd like to have 80 people. Evelyn is one of the "stars" of the conference. The next (Certification) Weeklong will take place the last week in April in 2020.

III. PILOT PROGRAM

We need to extend the Pilot Program. Concensus is that we should give it until at least the end of 2021, and announce that. Is this correct? This is another 2 ½ years

We will send an email to the community "Updates from the ILC," where we will announce the status of the Pilot Program and the Concerns document. In the email, there should be contact information about where can they ask the questions. It would also be nice to have 2 or 3 people talk about their experience of the Pilot Program in the newsletter. Just a few sentences of how they've experienced it. How will these 2 or 3 people be chosen? Who will be responsible for this?

Claude reported that when he spoke with other Belgian Focusers, they expressed that being associated with TIFI gives a sense of a kind of quality guarantee. He was delighted by how important it is to them to be connected. Evelyn pointed out that connection helps keep peace in the world, and it is a way to reinforce that there are different styles of Focusing, and make sure that we don't have too narrow a paradigm.

We looked at all of the Coordinators-in-Training and their Mentoring Coordinators and discussed how to move the program forward. The consensus was to invite all Coordinators to the May 28 ILC meeting to discuss the Pilot Program with them and encourage them to be part of it.

TO DO:

Catherine will ask Sherrie to set up a joint meeting with the Board

Catherine will ask Board to connect someone with Yongwei (since she wasn't part of the original pairings)

Catherine will write to the Coordinators on behalf of the ILC to invite them to the meeting on May 28.