



THE INTERNATIONAL FOCUSING INSTITUTE

Building on the work of Eugene T. Gendlin since 1979

Board of Trustees

MINUTES

February 13, 2019

Documents submitted for this meeting

- Proposed Budget 2019 Revised
- Agenda
- Yongwei Xu Bio
- Executive Director Report
- Goodwill Outreach to Coordinators Document

PRESENT: Paula Nowick (President), Susan Rudnick (Secretary), Hanspeter Muehlethaler (Treasurer), Leslie Ellis, (Vice President), Catherine Torpey, Sherrie Lynne for minute taking (present for first hour).

NOT PRESENT: Dana Ganihar

PRIME MOVER: Paula Nowick

I. Approval of Yongwei Xu for the International Leadership Council

VOTE: The Board voted to approve Yongwei Xu as a member of the International Leadership Council

II. Meeting with new Coordinator Yiscah Schumer (Israel)

- The Board welcomed Yiscah and introductions were made all around.

III. Board Discussion on Coordinators

- Inspired by the idea of making outreach calls to Coordinators, the Board discussed the topic of Coordinators and the best way to define their relationship with the rest of the Institute. Many questions and ideas arose. Because the International Leadership Council is addressing the role of Coordinators as one of its central areas of interest, it was decided that this was a good issue for Board members to discuss with ILC members when they have their one-on-one calls. It could also be the topic of a joint meeting, since the Board's input to the ILC would be valuable in their process.

IV. Proposed Budget for 2019

- The Board continued their discussion of the 2019 proposed budget, mostly focusing on the trends in membership over the past several years. Catherine pointed out that the budget is a balanced budget, but depends on estimates of income from membership dues, fundraising and programs which are a stretch. With no contract courses (those taught by Ruth and Charlotte) and no income from a Weeklong, the program income is much lower than in previous years.
- Catherine reported that we ended 2018 in the black.

VOTE: The Board voted to approve the Proposed Budget for 2019.

V. Portfolio Updates

- Leslie Ellis shared that she has been attending Gendlin Center meetings and the first grant recipient has been approved by the Steering Committee and is to be announced very soon.
- Susan Rudnick reported that she has been meeting regularly with Catherine and long-range planning for programming is continuing.
- Nancy Falls has started meeting with Catherine and is looking forward to being of service on the fundraising portfolio.
- Hanspeter pointed out that since his portfolio is finances, the budget discussion constituted his report.
- Dana Ganihar was absent, but Catherine reported that they had had an excellent meeting discussing Dana's portfolio regarding the idea of "Affiliated Organizations."
- Paula Rudnick reported on her portfolio of governance, and pointed out that some of the Strategic Plan has already been implemented and accomplished, including a Nominating Committee that is actively working to seek community input.

VI. Board Meeting Policy

- The Board agreed to meet every month for the next several months.

VOTE: The Board voted to meet once a month for two hours until further change.

VII. Meeting closed.

*Next meeting: Wednesday, March 13 at noon Eastern (US) time. **NOTE THAT THIS WILL BE 5PM IN EUROPE AND 6PM IN ISRAEL***