TCI Board Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2021

Present: Lana Noel, Nancy Roberts Brown, Donna Inglis, Jan Booth, David Grube, Cherry Tinker, ED Heidi Dressler.

Lana called the meeting to order at 4:00, PST via Zoom. She invited members to say a word describing their state of mind. Minutes from the Jan 29-30 Board Retreat were reviewed because of changes from the original draft and approved. Lana reported total assets of $156,335.75 at the end of January.

Executive Director Report: Considerable time is being spent with the accountant for year-end documents and the Form 990 for tax purposes. David has agreed to do classes with the Doula Network in British Columbia. Jen Finkle-Weaver reported on her review of the DEI task force curriculum. Membership declined by another 100 people in January. But donations for membership renewals remain healthy at 117% of budget. Year-end giving exceeded expectations. Chapters whose members have been vaccinated continue to inquire about going to the bedside. Heidi is reminding members to report their vaccinations to chapter leader/admin person for the monthly report to national.

Diversity Task Force: Nancy reported that the curriculum is completed. She and two colleagues will present a summary at the March board meeting. She reminded board members that use of the curriculum will be voluntary.

Development: Nancy reported that committee meeting discussed Leave Behind Cards; the value of a Strategic Plan to potential funders; the extent of planning in 2021 for classes where members pay a sliding scale to participate; the importance of financial documents accurately representing overhead costs. Next meeting is March 15 at 9AM.

Sustaining the Mission: We revisited the keys to sustaining and propelling the TCI mission including improvement to the website, creating media packets (perhaps electronic), outreach to national organizations focused on death and dying, nurturing chapter leaders, board recruitment. AR: Heidi is seeking an organizational consultant to guide a focus group on priorities.

Future board meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PST.

Board members offered memories and very kind remarks to retiring member Cherry Tinker.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Cherry L. Tinker