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GIFCT-US Board Meeting

Thursday, April 20, 2023

4pm Eastern/3pm Central/2pm Mountain/1pm Pacific

GIFCT-US Mission:

The core mission of the organization is to lead the application and growth of Choice Theory to create a world in which people make responsible, respectful choices and build healthy, fulfilling relationships by applying the concepts of Choice Theory.

Voting members: Sharon Carder-Jackson, Gloria Cissé, Vicky Harris, Mary Hestand, Judith Klefman, Jay Levin, Kathy Randolph, Sue Tomaszewski, Steve Tracy

Absence members: Steve Hammond, Jim Soder

Non-voting attendees: Rita Mercer, Brian Patterson

Welcome – Introductions – Announcements — Sharon Carder-Jackson

Establish a Quorum: 4:27 pm quorum met (link issues, extended the time for everyone get on).

Reports included in Consent Agenda:

1. March Minutes – Vicky Harris
2. Marketing Committee Report – Steve Tracy
3. Treasurer Report for March – Steve Tracy
4. Counseling Committee Report – Vicky Harris
5. Affiliate Programs – Judith Klefman
6. Program Committee Report – Sue Tomaszewski

Steve motion to move the marketing report to new business, Kathy 2nd, no discussion, voted 8 yes, motion carried.

Vicky motion to accept consent agenda, Judith 2nd, discussion. Vote on consent agenda with the Marketing Committee Report removed: 8 yes, motion passed.

Old Business:

1. Conference update – Vicky Harris
 - a. Tentative schedule and now we have to adjust.
 - b. Denise posted a list of presenters in alphabetical order.
 - c. Sharon requested weekly updates from Denise.
 - d. List for conference is not complete as Denise is waiting for full payment.
 - e. Early, Early Bird price extended until 4/30/2023.
 - f. Gloria stated she had problems with the payment of the conference.
Please send Denise an email about the problem you are having. Steve asked if it was related to Thinkific. Steve wants to address the issue as the website is continuing to be a problem. Judith found someone that might be willing to talk to us about Thinkific. We need a meeting after 5 pm to accommodate Brian Patterson’s schedule. Steve, Vicky, Denise, Brian, Judith, and Sharon to be part of this conversation.
 - g. Sue asked if we needed more presentations due to Lynn dropping out. Steve Tracy volunteered to do something for QS.
 - h. Sue stated someone was trying to reach the person at the hotel with no luck. Vicky suggested that person contact Vicky and she will help.
2. Role Clarification for Board Positions – Jay Levin.
Sharon stated someone told her the positions were not ready and did not discuss what was ready. Vicky sent out the final draft on Friday.

New Business:

1. Rita: Report out of WGI: There was a “fly in motion” where they did not have a quorum and members were emailed to get voting completed. Lynn Sumida will become the preliminary chair. Sonja will continue as vice-chair. Pending positions with Denise Daub and Kim Olver. Denise is leaving at the end of May and will stay on for an additional 3 months to train the new person. Densil and Anthony Wong from Singapore have submitted their names to be considered for positions on the board. The Training committee report is working on developing policy and guidelines to support the work they have been doing. The treasure is also stepping down in May due to health concerns and they will be hiring a paid part time treasurer.
2. Governance/Scholarship information for PPM – Vicky reported on the work of the scholarship committee and made a motion to accept the proposal. Steve second the motion. Discussion included being a member and applicants’ willingness to contribute to the institute’s growth. Vote: Yes-6, No-1, motion passes.

Lost quorum at 4:09 pm. Gloria, Jay, Rita, and Judith left.

3. Faculty Meeting, May 4, 2023 – Sharon C-J has an agenda roughed out and hopes to get the meeting information out by email.
4. Instructor selection process – Sharon C-J gave a presentation on the training selections. She discussed the certification training process history and if anyone on the board was aware of these decisions. Sue spoke with Kim Olver for information. The board decision was never added to the PPM. Another point in the PPM states a sponsor can select their own trainers. Sue stated it is implied, not spelled out. Sue gave an example of working with a school ready to certification. Sue had an instructor that would work well for the cert week and the board stepped in and Sue lost all those people. Sue had another group getting certified and she combined with Canada and selected Jim Montega and John Erwin which worked out very well. PPM does not clarify who sponsors the conference. A conference committee acting as sponsors. Mike Fulkerson is organizing a cert week and the group wants a female. Sharon wants board support with our history. Sharon stated lost several people. Sharon stated “Vicky needed to hear this”. Steve states there is a strong preference for him for GIFTC-US to focus on the clients and we should honor what they need. There continued to be discussion about trainings and the conference training with Steve, Sue, and Sharon. Sue stated intentions are good regardless. Staying in the best interest of the client’s desire is the best practice and our organizational model may not be in the best interest. Sue stated this should not be the client’s problem and asked what the best decision is. When requests are made can we ask for a rationale? This may be a discussion at the faculty meeting. Steve is not concerned about the feelings of an instructor and is more concerned about the clients’ decisions. Sue shared more history going back to the Seattle conference. Sharon suggested the recording be stopped at 1:20 into the meeting and will ask Denise to do that. The recording was stopped at this time, 1 hour 25 minutes and 33 seconds. The meeting was not officially adjourned while being recorded.
4. Board mtg possible time change – Vicky Harris (Not addressed at this time)

Next Meeting:

Thursday May 18, 2023 at 4 pm Eastern/3 pm Central/2 pm Mountain/1 pm Pacific
Adjournment