

Minutes of the LifeRing Board of Directors Meeting: April 10, 2016

It was determined that a quorum of board members was present, and the meeting was called to order by Board Chair Byron Kerr at Noon PDT. The other board members present were: Dan Carrigan, Mahala Kephart, Emily Marcus, Joe Mott, Tim Reith, Njon Weinroth, and Craig Whalley. One non-board member, Lisa S., was present.

Comments from the Public

There were none.

Consent Agenda

It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to accept the Consent Agenda.

Financial Report

Earlier this year a decrease in revenue was observed, common for that time of the year. March and April book sales are strong. Print-on-Demand (POD) is working well.

Committee Reports

Advisory

Awards were discussed. A list of possible awardees was sent to the Board. It was agreed that the original "Pioneer" award designation would no longer be used. There will be between six and eight awards given. The new name for this award will be discussed off-line.

A single special award will be presented for the first time. A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to accept "Hall of Fame" for its designation. A short description of this award will be provided.

LifeRing Press

A new person will be responsible for the Newsletter. Its content may change and this was briefly discussed.

It was suggested that the "Keepers" book be republished. Content is available. POD will be useful. Cost was briefly discussed.

Administration

There were no updates.

Ad Hoc: Annual Conference

The speaker roster is firm and will reflect gender diversity. Definition of the program is near completion. Costs will be defined soon. Public relations will be through local media.

Regional Representative Report

Lisa was recently contacted by the Executive Director of the “Recovery Allies of Michigan” organization. It and one other organization have received grants to market and facilitate area meetings other than Alcoholics Anonymous. The organizations are non-profit entities.

One LifeRing meeting in each of 15 counties is targeted for September. Grants will fund locations, marketing, and initial opening of the meetings. Convenorship will be handed off to local persons as soon as possible. All grant money must be used by September 30. Details including the funding agency and grant money need to be defined. This effort may serve as a national model for us.

Training for 15 convenors was requested in May. Expectations and local support for training need to be understood. Working with Lisa, Byron and Njon will be the Bay Area contacts.

Elections

Registration details need to be posted on the website soon. A call for candidates, open to the public, needs to be done. Two seats are definitely open and one is undecided.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1 PM PDT.

Submitted by Tim Reith

LifeRing Board Secretary

April 20, 2016