

Minutes of the LifeRing Board of Directors Meeting: May 12, 2019

It was determined that a quorum of board members was present and the meeting was called to order by Board Co-Chair Dan Carrigan at 9:00 AM PDT. Co-Chair Lorraine Hull was also present. The other Board members present were: Mary Beth O'Connor, Rick Thompson, and Donal Breen. The Executive Director, Byron Kerr, was present. The General Manager, Robert Stump; and Project Manager, Steve Gonzales, were also present. LifeRing member Kathleen Gargan was present. Board members Harold Marquez, George Gidora, and Bob Crosby were not present. Jenny Sligh, LifeRing Fundraising Chair, was not present.

Public Comments: No public comments.

Consent Agenda:

The May Minutes were moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to accept the Minutes as submitted.

The May P&L reports were moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to accept the Financial report as submitted.

Humanly Possible

Kathleen Gargan reports that William White wrote a review for the book ***Humanly Possible*** (William White is a pre-eminent historian of the Recovery Movement; he wrote *Slaying the Dragon* and wrote the foreword to *Empowering Your Sober Self*). Marty and Sara Zemore will add blurbs as well. William White wrote Kathleen an email stating the following: *"Absolutely love the book, here's some text you may use in whole or part. His review is as follows: "Until recently, the idea and experience of secular recovery from addiction would have been culturally invisible. The publication of **Humanly Possible** is evidence that such silence is being joyfully broken. Here are the faces and voices, the uplifting stories of those who transformed their lives using a broad menu of secular ideas and practices. The publication of **Humanly Possible** is an important milestone in the history of addiction recovery. There are indeed many pathways of addiction recovery and all are cause for celebration."*

Kathleen would like to start a Volume II of stories: plans for it to be a three year project, with plans to add more diversity to the stories (e.g. currently approximately two-thirds of the stories are by men; would like to solicit more stories from women in order to make it 50/50. Plans to work with authors a little more closely with Volume 2; like a writer's workshop where stories will be a little more polished. Will put out call for submissions, have it published by LifeRing Press.

Pop up Committees

Mission Statement

Mission statement is completed and reads as follows: ***"To provide an abstinence based, secular, and self-empowered addiction recovery pathway through our meeting and support network"***. Motion was made to adopt the mission statement as written. It was seconded and carried unanimously.

Website Redesign

Steve: early draft is complete; still hoping to do a soft launch at the conference. Pop-up group will have to meet one more time to pull all the details together and the website should go "live" in mid-June.

June 1-2 Annual Conference

Byron: plans for Board Member presentations need to be adjusted because some of the Board members are unable to attend. He is hoping to include a Convener Workshop sometime in the middle of the day. Hoping to livestream Marty's speech on FB and also plans to record the entire conference.

Friday night dinner will be at 7pm at the Biltmore Hotel. Ordered lunch for Saturday which will be catered by Specialties. Dan is putting together evaluation form for the annual meeting using same format as have been done before.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn. It was seconded and carried unanimously.

Submitted by Ewa Conroy, LifeRing Deputy Secretary, July 10, 2019