

Minutes of the executive meeting held at 2:30 pm on March 12th, 2005 at the home of Andrew and Dorothy Mason in West Simsbury, Conn.

Present: Julie Osherson, Caroline Jestin, Andrew Mason, Jan Morgan, Kay Flanagan

Julie chaired the meeting.

Northfield campus update

The executive committee discussed the letter Andrew and Betsy were planning to write to the Board of Trustees and decided to defer writing a letter till later.

Andrew said that the school does not want to commit to having a large group go over to the other campus for a dinner and tour during the June conference. However, he hopes that it will be possible to take a small group over on the Tuesday of the conference. [We should find out in May if we can do this.](#) We discussed when we should let the community know that this will be our last year at the Northfield campus. [Peter and Julie will write an article after the May meeting for inclusion in the April Grapevine.](#)

Some ways in which we might say goodbye to our campus were discussed. These included:

- having a wall of memories, photos, etc.;
- have one Sacred Circle evening devoted to this theme—perhaps call it “Celebrating our time here”;
- take a walk through the campus—perhaps in a workshop called “Walk Northfield”;
- do something that involves looking forward to new experience;
- invite people like Emily Mitchell and other old Northfielders who have not been to the conference for a while—[we will collect names in May for this purpose.](#)
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[At the Community meeting we will talk about the move and the new campus. At the AGM an agenda item could be – Should we have a group looking at alternative places in case the new campus is not satisfactory?](#)

Blue Book update

Jan said that she and Ron Cooke had gone over the lists of job descriptions and have been contacting people to update them. Since Ron’s accident, she has been plugging away at the descriptions and sending them to Peter to put up on the website. It is taking time but will get done.

Midwinter Survey

Everyone thought that Carol Costello and Lisa Church did a very good job with their survey. A few small changes were suggested but nothing major. [Carol will be asked to make copies and bring them to the conference to be given out at the end of the Community meeting.](#) People will be asked to turn them in by the end of the conference.

Greeting cards.

We admired the cards that Peter designed and want to thank him for all the work involved. [A message will be sent to the large Northfield email group as well as the extended executive minutes group \(along with the minutes\) to ask](#)

how many cards people would like to have. Peter will then send them out.

Registration forms

Andrew presented the information that Graceanna had sent him for the June registration forms. The room and board increase is under 5%. The cost of linen will rise from \$11 to \$12 this year. Room and board for children will go from \$180 to \$190 and for adults from \$245 to \$255. Registration remains the same.

Governance

Julie read Ron and Roger's emails. Jan felt that the outgoing troika member should have some role after his or her 3-year term ends. It was felt that Ron would like to see more people involved in the decision-making process. Roger feels that the current format works well. Jan said that there is enough range of possibility here that we should bring it up at the Community meeting and perhaps set up a committee to look at the question and come up with some suggestions. in the meantime, the executive committee was encouraged to put their thoughts on paper and bring these to the June meeting.

Jobs

Andrew and Caroline will check with the people doing jobs under their responsibility. The executive will check out the people and jobs for which they are responsible.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Flanagan