

Discovery Meeting #5

November 23, 2009



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**NEXT - Holiday Event:
Discoverers Discovering Fun and Focus**

**Tuesday, December 8, 6-9:30 pm
Location: The Meme Offices**

DON'T MISS IT - SEE YOU THERE!

Minutes from November 23, Meeting #5

Present: Susan Bayley, Linda DeHart, Chris Graefe, Bill Kennedy, Nancy Lippincott, Arthur Stowe

Attending Via Skype/phone: James Cavanaugh, Gail Ellison, Judy Yount

Format: BYOD at The Meme Offices

AGENDA

Old business

- Letter of Intent for Fundraising – James Cavanaugh
- Refined Vision and Mission – Susan Bayley
- Discussion of Advisory Committee membership
- Update on Jill Bolte Taylor participation – Linda DeHart

New Business

- Website: site has been established at www.discoverymeeting.org and is under development – Holly Campbell
- Report on Suzanne Hanser presentation at Benson-Henry Institute – Linda DeHart
- 2010 Meeting Schedule discussion – bring your calendar!
- Discovers Discovering Through Fun and Focus – December 8 holiday gathering – email invitation to follow.

DISCUSSION

Introduction:

Gail Ellison, who has worked with Jamie on the pilot documentary, *Healing Words: Poetry and Medicine*, joined us from Gainesville, Florida.

Mission and Vision:

We reviewed “What is the Discovery Meeting?” (attached), a document designed to introduce our work to people, and which incorporates our vision, mission and purpose. With a few edits, the language was accepted, and we will post it on our new website. Please feel free to use it in sharing The Discovery Meeting with others whom you think would be good Discoverers.

Website:

The website is under development, and parts of it are active at www.discoverymeeting.org. Holly Campbell is webmaster, so direct your comments/inquiries to her (hollycampbell@mac.com).

Future of Discovery Meeting:

We then went over “Questions for Discoverers to take home, ponder - and respond.” This list is to evoke your ideas on the development of the Discovery Meeting in general and the ten-part documentary in particular. Please read the attachment and let us know your thoughts: by email, snail mail, or print out the sheet and bring it to our Fun and Focus gathering on Tuesday, Dec. 8.

BIG ANNOUNCEMENT:

Jamie then let us know that he has scheduled a meeting with Dr. Ellen Langer, author of *Counterclockwise*, and a potential important role in the documentary. He is meeting her on Wednesday morning, Dec. 9, which works out perfectly for him to attend our Fun and Focus event on Dec. 8!!!!

This is a great development for all of us to get acquainted with Jamie and vice versa. James is also planning to visit New York to meet with the Peterson Foundation, with Bill Kennedy facilitating the introduction.

While Jamie is here, we want to give him the chance to talk with others who might have a role in the project, so if you have any suggestions or would like to meet with him yourself, please let me know (sabayley@cox.net).

2010 Meeting Schedule:

It was agreed after discussion that Mondays are the best evenings for our meetings, so we propose the following meeting schedule for 2010:

January 18

February 22

March 22

April 19

May 17

June 14

Summer vacation time until September.

Please reserve these dates on your 2010 calendar.

Letter of Intent:

The latest version of the Letter of Intent (LOI), as distributed with the agenda, was accepted by those present and will be submitted for posting to the website. It is being regarded as a template for our funding inquiries, to be adapted as needed to specific proposals. James is preparing to approach - in addition to the Peterson Foundation - the Gates foundation and the grantors who supported his previous documentary, asking for development funds of approximately \$150,000.

SAH – the Society for the Arts in Healthcare

It was announced that SAH is meeting with AAMC (American Association of Museum Curators???) in Boston to discuss holding the 2011 convention in Boston. We are looking into the potential of postings and contacts through the SAH website as follows:

- An announcement of the Discovery Meetings and the Dec. 8 Fun and Focus event as the beginning of our initiative, a ten-part documentary, *The Art of Health: Ways of Creativity and Healing in America*.
- A job posting for an assistant to James in Sausalito.
- Looking through member listings to identify potential Discovery Meeting members.

Finally, Judy Young, attending by teleconference, suggested we use our own website as a communication vehicle through the use of a pass-protected page. We will look into that idea. Judy is another new participant, an occupational therapist and software designer for PeopleSoft.

Discovery Meeting is growing.

Remember !

Holiday Potluck: Discoverers Discovering Fun and Focus

RSVP to sabayley@cox.net.

Tuesday December 9, 6-9:30 pm

Bring food to share

Location: The Meme Offices

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