



Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet
St. Paul Province
Ministries Foundation

Bold Moves for Real Change

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CSJ Ministries Inc.
Programs & Opportunities Committee
Monday, July 29, 2024; 2:30am-4:00am
In-Person/Zoom

In Attendance: Kevin Berg; Anita S. Duckor; Karen Gervais; Adele O’Sullivan; Anne Weyandt

Staff: Matt Halley; Lacy Sietsema

Not Present: Fr. Larry Snyder

Special Guests: Cindy Kaiser – SISU Consultant; Sarah Stoesz – SISU Consultant

The Programs and Opportunities Committee met in-person/via Zoom at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, July 29, 2024.

Modified DEI Statement: Read by Anne.

Introductions

Committee members introduced themselves. Backgrounds and hopes for the committee were exchanges.

Discussion – Wisdom Ways

Matt introduced Cindy Kaiser and Sarah Stoesz of SISU Consultants. They will be doing a deep dive into the Wisdom Ways program and help figure out how it fits into the NDO. There was a discussion about the mission of the NDO and how Wisdom Ways fits with the goals of the NDO. Anita pointed out that while sustainability is a core goal, Wisdom Ways has the potential to become something much bigger. Kevin suggested working backwards from impact. A successful impact will lead to sustainability and measurables. The mission is to welcome neighbors, cultivate community, and foster justice. There was a discussion about spirituality and how this is defined with regards to Wisdom Ways. Social Justice is also a strong theme. Matt noted that staff is open to opportunities that connect spiritual practice/thought to social justice action.

Cindy stated that the first step will be to hear from key stakeholders. Cindy and Sarah will create an interview guide that will address how Wisdom Ways fits into the overall vision of the NDO today, how Wisdom Ways should fit moving forward, and how Wisdom Ways achieves intended impacts. Cindy added that the Programs and Opportunities Committee should come up with a working definition of spirituality as it related to social justice. There was a discussion about who the stakeholders should be. Anne suggested that Cindy and Sarah have a deeper conversation with Karen Gervais and Adele O’Sullivan, CSJ due to their experience of working with the CSJ charism. Anita suggested doing a landscape to see how other groups in the Twin Cities are approaching this.

Matt reported that as well as being a consultant, Cindy has agreed to serve as Interim Director of Wisdom Ways.

Meeting Dates

The Programs and Opportunities Committee discussed possible meetings dates and times. It was decided to hold meetings on the 2nd Monday of the month from 2:30-4 p.m. Meetings will begin in September and be held on a monthly basis. These meetings will be hybrid.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lacy Sietsema, CSJ Ministries Inc.

