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Average score

16

Respondents

10 (63%)

Gave a perfect 10

Rating distribution



Most valuable part of the retreat

- Speaking in small groups and reflecting on topics in greater depth than we usually have time for during board meetings.
- The fellowship with board members and the focus on high-level board responsibilities.
- Hearing from fellow board members, especially those I don't hear from during board meetings.
- The context section particularly. More open-ended thinking.
- The commitment of the board to explore all the issues that were brought up.
- Hearing other board members' views.
- Facilitating thoughtful communication across the board.
- The open discussion without limits.
- Discussion around framing strategic priorities and working through various potential issues and case studies.
- Case studies.
- The time we were able to spend diving deep into the questions.
- The discussion and small group setting.
- The opportunity for the whole board to participate.
- Feeling more educated and closer to fellow board members.
- Time with colleagues and discussing values.

What we can do better next time

- Hard to top this. Excellent job. Well planned and thought out. Left room for discussion while providing an effective framework for considering issues.

- | Could a retreat be a day of volunteering? Maybe rotating through programs across multiple sites and then gathering for reflection with dinner or snacks.
 - | Having more activities if we end early.
 - | All good.
 - | Have these meetings more often.
 - | Maybe a bit longer meeting time and inclusion of another topic or two.
 - | Let's have a next time.
 - | Send the pre-read earlier, with enough time for board members to suggest topics to dig into.
 - | Nothing. Perfect, including the moderator and the efficiency of how it ran.
 - | Not sure.
 - | I can't think of anything.
 - | Will think about that one.
 - | Nothing!
 - | It was just enough.
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Topics for future retreats

- | The organization's path going forward and long-term direction.
 - | Strategic planning and priorities.
 - | Client-specific information and questions. More focus on what we can do for our clients.
 - | Discussion of allocation of resources.
 - | Will share with the strategic planning committee.
 - | Best-in-class examples of peer immigration groups nationally.
 - | Will need to think about it.
 - | Client experience. How can we better evaluate effectiveness?
 - | More on the advocacy role of Neighbors Link.
 - | Staff feedback and surveys.
 - | The role of the board in the organization.
 - | Self-reflection: what can we as a board do better?
 - | Case studies. Continue.
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