

Minutes of the Foothill Intergroup OA Board Meeting – February 28, 2022

Attendance: **Susan R** (Delegate Sunday 4:30 pm), **Michael W** (IG Treasurer), **Nancy** (Newcomer Chair/Delegate Wed 7 pm), **Sylmara** (WSO Rep/Acting IG Zoom Administrator/Delegate 2 meetings/Pasadena 6 pm & Glendale Thursday 7pm), **Andriette** (Young Person's Chair/Delegate for BIPOC meeting 6 pm Sundays), **Pat** (Website Chair), **Cassandra** (Co-Vice Chair/Delegate Sat. 8:30 am), **Diane** (Co-Vice Chair/Delegate Tuesday 6:30 pm Pasadena), **Patti O** (IG Fellow), **Debbie** (Delegate 7:30 am Highland Park), **Carolyn** (Delegate Monday 7 pm Online Meeting), **Pattie T** (IG Secretary), **Pat** (Delegate Sunday 10:15 am Step & Tradition Study) and **Stacey F** (Footnotes Blog Editor).

Co-Vice Chair, Diane started the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. She read the Purpose of the IG and followed with introductions and began reading of the Twelve Concepts of OA Service by each of the attending delegates and board members.

ELECTIONS

OPEN POSITIONS: Chair, 12 Step Within Chair, IG Zoom Administrator

As a formality, Pattie T nominated Pat to be Website Chair. Michael seconded, vote was taken and carried.

Re Chair:

- Diane noted that we still need a **Chair** – part of the Chair's responsibilities is to review electronic communications: lots of emails come in to the IG that no is reviewing; also processes digital records for the IG.
- Cassandra suggested we continue to pitch the fact that we still need a Chair. The Chair qualifications are outlined in the Policies and Procedures Manual.

Re 12 Step Within Chair:

- We also still need a **12 Step Within Chair** which is a position to help those fellows in relapse.

Re IG Zoom Administrator:

- Since Sylmara realized she cannot hold more than one board position, she has opted to remain the IG's WSO Delegate which means we need a new **IG Zoom Administrator**.

CURRENT POSITIONS:

Chair: **OPEN**

Co-Vice Chairs: **Diane D and Cassandra** – they jointly cover for the chair and are responsible running the IG meeting agenda until we get a chair.

Treasurer: **Michael**

Secretary: **Pattie T**

Special Events Chair: **Marilyn**

12 Step Within: **OPEN**

Zoom Administrator: **OPEN** (Sylmara will continue as acting administrator until someone takes the position)

Newcomer Chair: **Nancy G**

Young People's Chair: **Andriette**

Community Outreach: **Stephanie L**
Footnotes Blog: **Stacey F**
Website Chair: **Pat**
R2 Delegate: **Linda M**
WSO Rep: **Sylmara**

OLD BUSINESS:

New Meeting Proposal Follow-Up

- Patti O went over her proposal of a new meeting for the Intergroup with a special focus – Staying in Recovery While Grieving, the details of which were included in last month's meeting minutes.
 - Stacey made a motion to approve Patti O's proposal which was seconded by Michael.
 - After a brief discussion, a vote was taken and carried.
 - Patti O further explained that now that the IG has approved her proposal all she has to do is present the idea to the WSO and will report to the IG as soon as she hears back.

Policies and Procedures Manual

Diane has made some suggested revisions and will send out the revised document so that we can vote on it at the March IG meeting.

Reports:

Secretary – Pattie T: Pattie announced that she had made the typo correction noted by Diane and submitted the revised January 31, 2022 minutes for approval. Stacey made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Michael and Susan R seconded and the motion carried.

Treasurer – Michael W: Michael will send a copy of the Treasurer's report to any who did not receive it if they email him. Michael also noted that he plans to re-up the IG's insurance before the March hiking event. Michael confirmed that the IG sent a total of \$3,200.00 to the WSO. Diane will check the PPM to see if there is a mention there of how many times the IG donates to WSO.

R2 Delegate – Linda M: Linda M asked for information regarding travel reimbursement for attendance at the R2 Assembly in March.

Website Chair – Pat: Nothing to report except that she and Sandy are meeting so she can learn the ins and outs of training.

Professional and Community Outreach – Stephanie L: Not in attendance.

Footnotes Blog – Stacey F: Stacey is asking that delegates encourage fellows to submit their writing to the blog for publication. The web address for submissions is oafoothillfootnotes@gmail.com.

Zoom Admin – Sylmara: Sylmara noted that the following three meetings (Monday @ 6 pm., 7:30 am Tuesdays, and Saturday 8:30 am) have opted to **not** take advantage of the FIG Zoom account as yet.

Co-Vice Chair Report – Cassandra: Cassandra will create a document to list all the meetings and the current meeting contacts as well as the current secretary/ies of each meeting. Delegates will send this information to Cassandra so that she can make an updated list for the IG.

Special Events Chair – Marilyn R-D: Marilyn said that the Eaton Canyon event will be more of a fellowship event – Saturday, March 12 at 8:30 a.m. There are several different hikes as far as range of difficulty.

WSO Delegate – Sylmara: Nothing to report other than Sylmara will attend the F2F WSO Conference scheduled for April 21-May 5, 2022 and will update us with the details and an estimate of costs.

Young Person’s Chair – Andriette: She has attended 3 separate conventions for young people:
Young People’s Panel (1/15/22) at the OA Birthday Party, 1/14/22 – 1/16/22
Young People’s Session at the OA Virtual Region Convention, 2/18/22 – 2/20/22
Young People’s Virtual Retreat, 2/26/22-2/27/22

She was really impressed by all the recovery within the young people’s groups.

She had a telephone meeting with former Young People’s Committee Chair, Patti O on 2/26/22 and identified tentative goals for the next 2 years.

Year 1:

Follow-up with Young People’s Virtual Intergroup Chair to identify ways our Intergroup can facilitate their efforts.

Follow-up with World Service re: criteria for teens under 18 years participating in OA (currently require chaperone or guardian). Reference AA guidelines for teen participation.

Collaborate with Professional and Community Outreach chair (Stephanie L) to educate school “nurses” and other health professionals about OA (secure brochures and stickers from Patti O).

Year 2:

Establish in-person meeting (First choice will be at my work-site).

Explore opportunities for sponsoring an in-person Young People’s Retreat (e.g. Holy Spirit Retreat Center, 4316 Lanai Road, Encino. CA 91436 is one example of a retreat location).

Newcomer Chair – Nancy: Nancy has nothing to report. She hasn’t received any calls.

12-Step Within – OPEN: Nothing to report.

Delegate Input:

NO DELEGATE INPUT TONIGHT

NEW BUSINESS:

Diane posed the question: Who is going to monitor the Intergroup Emails (Chair's responsibility) in lieu of a Chair? Stacey said that she is willing to monitor the IG emails in the interim.

Sylmara brought up the fact that she can't be both WSO and IG Zoom Administrator. Diane suggested that Delegates make an announcement that we are looking for a Zoom Administrator for the IG. Diane suggested that we discuss whether we want to keep the Zoom Administrator for the IG. Sylmara provided the description for the Zoom Admin and Diane will be editing it for next month's meeting.

Good and Welfare

Nothing is worth eating about. In a word or two, how do you feel about tonight's meeting?

Pat – Little overwhelmed

Pattie T – Relieved and thrilled

Michael – Thankful

Diane – Humbled

Nancy – Turning it over, trusting and grateful

Susan – Thankful Grateful for lively meeting

Cassandra – Thankful

Stacey – grateful

Debbie – Hopeful

Happy to see new and familiar faces

Sylmara – Grateful and hopeful

Patti O – Overdressed

Lorraine – Gratitude

Stephanie – Happy to see Fellows and be back in the Intergroup

Carolyn – Curious to see how the Intergroup works and grateful

Andriette – Outside issue – so Grateful for my vision after surgery

Linda – Still feeling out of it

Linda led us in the closing prayer!

Submitted by Pattie T – 2022 Intergroup Secretary