

Minutes of the OA Foothill Intergroup Board Meeting - Monday, April 25, 2022

Attendance: **Diane** (Co-Vice Chair/Delegate Tuesday 6:30 pm Pasadena), **Michael W** (IG Treasurer), **Nancy** (Newcomer Chair/Delegate Wed 7 pm), **Linda M** (R2 Rep/Delegate Wednesday noon Pasadena), **Sylmara** (WSO Rep/Acting IG Zoom Administrator/Delegate 2 meetings/Pasadena 6 pm & Glendale Thursday 7pm), **Pat** (Website Chair/Sunday Glendale 10:15 am), **Andriette** (Young Person's Chair/Delegate 7 pm Sunday BIPOC meeting), **Carolyn** (Delegate Monday 7 pm Online Meeting), **Sheila** (12 Step Within Chair), **Marilyn** (Special Events Chair), **Stephanie L** (Community Outreach Chair), **Debbie** (7:30am Highland Park), and **Stacey** (Footnotes Editor)

Call to Order - 7:00 pm Diane (Co-Vice Chair)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, March 28, 2022: Sheila moved to approve minutes from last intergroup meeting, March 28, 2022. Pat seconded and the motion was passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Diane (Co-Vice Chair)

- Amending the bylaws
- Sylmara - Thursday 7pm Glendale voted to amend
- Nancy - Wednesday 7pm Pasadena voted to amend
- Diane will email intergroup reps to remind meetings to vote on amendments to bylaws
- Zoom administrator position is still open. Low key obligation
- Intergroup email (Sandy, not present)
 - 2 years ago intergroup decided to get gmails for the board positions
 - But now many of us aren't using their OA gmail accounts
 - OA guidelines encourage use of non-personal email for intergroup correspondence to maintain anonymity
 - When position changes, it's complicated to turn it over. You need the recovery phone number in order to get into the account. The last time this was done there were a couple of different phone numbers being used. Only Sandy had that info.
 - **Possibility:** Using the newcomer phone number for all of the emails but this puts a lot of responsibility on the newcomer chair. We could designate one meeting (ie. November) to change everything over.
 - **Positions that have gmail addresses:**
 - oafoothillintergroup@gmail.com - on website for info (chair has)
 - Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Special Events, Professional outreach, Footnotes, Zoom, Website
 - **Another suggestion:** leaving it up to the outgoing officers to connect with new chair to make the transition.

Linda (R2 Representative) – Linda gave her full **report** on the recent R2 Conference

- Back from R2 Convention
- R2 sent out a survey on what are the big problems.
- They gave suggestions about how to handle some issues. The following are topics which were discussed.

- ***Sponsorship***
 - There is currently a Sponsor shortage.
 - Suggested Remedy: temporary sponsors for 30 days
 - There are no perfect sponsors, don't be discouraged, keep trying
 - There will be a 12-day sponsor project for people starting out as sponsors, or people that are full (it's actually 13 sessions. Text Linda to get it.)
 - Direct newcomers and Sponsees to meetings that have a lot of available sponsors - in L.A. that's Serenity Sunday and Kitchen Sink.
- ***Service***
 - not enough people doing service; lack of rotation
 - Suggested remedies:
 - lower the bar, the abstinence requirement
 - make it a shorter commitment
 - reach out to newcomers and give them little jobs
 - Note that the "Service" workshop document is not attached. Linda emailed World Service for information on it.
- There is a new ***Traditions and Concepts Workshop***
- ***How to Reach Out To Newcomers:***
 - Ask in meeting, "Who would like to call the newcomers?"
 - Have in your script "Try 6 or more meetings before deciding if OA is right for you."
 - Encourage them to find a home meeting
 - Have temporary sponsors to help the newcomer get started.
 - Have someone text them during the meeting to establish a connection
 - Everyone put numbers in the chat so newcomers can take them.
- ***Sober Eating Workshop:***
 - Long format presentation
 - Working for a lot of people
 - The group was at LA Bday party and well received.
 - Ask Linda for the link to reach Sober Eating Workshop folks.
- ***12 Traditions/12 Concepts Workshops Or Either***
 - R2 can put those on for our intergroup any service body
 - Linda has powerpoint presentations for them (see attachments to Secretary's email)
- ***R2 committee meetings*** - anyone can attend
 - ***Public Outreach:***
 - They have all kinds of workshops
 - How to contact radio and TV stations, media contacts
 - 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7-8pm you can learn ideas from other Public outreach chairs.

- Plenty of resources to tap into
- Intergroup Outreach committee – held last Sunday of the month at 4pm.
- **Other meetings as well:**
 - 12 Step Within meeting
 - Diversity meeting - 2nd Saturday of the month is called Diversity Community Meeting
- **Publications in Spanish.** There are a ton of meetings in Spanish. Meetings can band together and share the cost of shipping publications.
- **Zoom Bombing**
 - The San Diego Intergroup has put together something on Zoom bombing.
 - Pat is going to the next meeting regarding Zoom bombing which is coming up on May 18th. It's a 1-hour Zoom class to manage Zoom bombers.
- **Discussion on 2 Issues of Importance:** Sales tax on literature & Income tax on 7th tradition
 - Michael: Since We are 501c3, non-profit status all money you donate, is a tax deduction
- **Coming up: R2** Convention in SF - 12 step within focus, panel Sat. 1:30-5:30pm in July 2022

CHAIRPERSON REPORTS

Co-Chair - Diane: Cassandra working on putting speaker list together, got old one and is creating a new one got old one, Diane is adding to the Policy and Procedure manual

Treasurer - Michael: Renewed our internet domain name with Go Daddy on Saturday (4/23/22), is currently trying to get money back from a fraudulent company we did business with on March 11, 2022). He believed new organization was legitimate and made the purchase in earnest but it was a mistake. Wants it noted the reason we spent the money. Special Note: Michael is leaving May 4th and won't be back until 5/27th so hopes to have the next treasurer's report out before he leaves on 5/4.

Diane says Sandy's yahoo email was hacked - we need to change it. Pat, Michael and Sandy will get together and remove yahoo email from Go Daddy website. Diane made a motion to approve the Treasures Report, Michael seconded, and the motion passed.

Secretary - Pattie: Not present

Website Chair - Pat: There's a lot to do. It takes 10 or 12 actions to make something finally come out. On Saturday Pat spent about 6 hours trying upload and remove files. Pat spent an hour on the phone with Sandy.

Footnotes Editor - Stacey: Stacey asked representatives to send out the email address for members to submit writing.

12 Step Within - Sheila: Not a lot to report. R2 wants to lower the bar on abstinence. Failed abstinence makes people give up hope that the program can work for them. She is going to a lot of meetings. Has noticed people not taking a lot of time on Step one. She wants to encourage a different approach - a stronger awareness and realization of powerlessness. People having a hard time with God concept.

Professional Outreach - Stephanie: Currently coming up with a plan to get the word out about OA to more doctors and professionals. They all seem to know about AA but not OA.

World Service - Sylmara: World service Conference is happening this week, lots of meetings happening, feeling a bit overwhelmed, took on more than expected. Things are very technical - It's serious business! Hopes to have thoughts organized by the next meeting.

Special Events - Marilyn: Was a bit discouraged by the turnout for Eaton Canyon hike, just she and 2 others. Wanted to show Rosanne video for next one, but World Service says they don't have more to sell and don't know where else she could get it. She is open to ideas for next event. Vision is that Special events should serve our fellowship, and hold the events people want. She needs feedback and information to know what would be most of service to our intergroup. Maybe another Sponsorship/Sponsees workshop? The last one was successful. She asked reps to go back and ask their groups. Debbie suggested some kind of digital/Google survey. Carolyn thought maybe advertising was an issue. Andriette brought up the point that in the Zoom COVID age meetings are attended by lots of people from other areas. It's harder to have good turnout for a local event. Debbie is going to help Marilyn with Survey Monkey.

Young People's - Andriette: Starting data collecting process. AA has a robust collection of information, brochures, media libraries and meetings that target young people. In contrast, there is not as much information for teens in OA. WS office suggests that members under 18 should be with an adult, but she doesn't necessarily agree. Ages 18-30 are considered young people.

Newcomer chair - Nancy: - Hasn't received any calls. Thinking about culture and digital world, how can we reach out, not the old way. Some ideas: encourage meetings to have time set aside where people can ask questions. Having a Newcomer chair, email. Diane mentioned R2 made a PowerPoint presentation that was not well done. Most people come into OA after they've tried everything in their 30's or 40's, but there are still so many young people that don't know about OA. Debbie put a link in chat about podcasts and media. The Foothill Intergroup doesn't have a Facebook or instagram page, but we can research World Services stance on that.

NEW BUSINESS

Diane brought up whether or not we should have our financial documents accessible to the public on the website. There was a consensus that we do not. Michael will draft a statement that says OA financial records will be provided upon request and include contact information.

The next FIG meeting falls on Memorial Day 5/30. We voted on whether to have the meeting the week before (5/23) or the week after (6/6). The majority chose the week before. The next meeting will be May 23.

8:27 meeting adjourned

These minutes were prepared and submitted by Stacey F and formatted by Pattie T for disbursement to the FIG board and delegates.

THANK YOU, STACEY!!!