

AMENDED Minutes of the Foothill Intergroup OA Board Meeting – April 26, 2021

Attendance: **Korie Beth** (Chair), **Diane D** (Chair Prof Outreach), **Agnes** (WSO Delegate), **Susan R** (Delegate), **Marilyn R-D** (12 Step Within/Delegate), **Sandy D** (Website Chair/Defacto Delegate for Tuesday Noon Mtg), **Michael W** (IG Treasurer), **Sylmara** (Delegate), **Nancy** (Delegate), **Margaret** (Delegate), **Liz H** (Newcomer Chair and Delegate), **Cynthia** (Delegate/Wed. Noon), **Marilyn B** (Delegate), **Patti O** (YP Chair), **Dan P** (Delegate), **Debbie** (Delegate for Gregg/HP), **Jenny H** (R2 Rep), **Lisa** (Delegate) and **Pattie T** (IG Secretary).

Chair: Korie Beth – Korie Beth started the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. She read the Purpose of the IG and followed with introductions and the reading of the Twelve Concepts of OA Service.

She announced that the IG Policy and Procedure Manual Committee is meeting and progress is being made on the manual.

She also noted that those persons interested in attending the upcoming 12-step workshop in June, please send KB your email address in the chat, and contact her directly of your interest in the future. The workshop will not be listed as a formal meeting.

7th Tradition: Pattie T. asked for clarity regarding making 7th tradition contributions. Michael said that people can mail checks directly to the IG at **P.O. Box 1108 Pasadena 91101-1108** and noted that the IG gets 100% of those proceeds. People can also donate via PayPal on our IG website at oafoothill.org on the **Donate** page but be aware that PayPal takes a percentage of those funds. For any questions regarding the 7th Tradition and Treasury, Michael's email address is: mww726@gmail.com.

Open 2021 Board Positions: Vice-Chair AND Special Events Chair

Secretary – Pattie T: Pattie submitted the March 29, 2021 minutes for review and approval; Dan P. requested the minutes be amended to reflect his attendance last month. Pattie then asked that the minutes be approved, as amended. Nancy made the motion to approve as amended, Marilyn R-D seconded and the vote carried.

Treasurer – Michael W: Michael will have March and April reports read and approved at the May IG meeting.

Special Events – NEEDS A CHAIR

Website Chair – Sandy: The Events are currently updated on the website. Sandy thanked Diane for preparing the Letter to Families and Letter to Professionals for the website.

Public Events – Diane: Diane is working on getting formats and the QR code. She wants to start a new campaign called Sponsor Your Doctor. She'll have more to report next month.

Footnotes Blog - Stacey F: Not in attendance.

R2 Delegate: - Jenny: No R2 report this month.

Vice Chair Report: None. THIS POSITION IS STILL OPEN.

WSO Delegate – Agnes: Agnes attended the Zoom World Service Business Conference. The meeting had technical difficulties and was fraught with issues. She will submit a complete report next month. Highlights were:

WSO budgeted \$700K for the meeting but got 920K, and accepted money from the Cares Act which was disputed as a tradition violation by some at the meeting.

All literature shall now refer to “higher power” and “god” in lower caps. This motion was brought by a literature subcommittee and passed with 2/3 majority vote.

There will be major changes in handouts – ex.: Dignity of Choice and Eating Plans will be merged as one pamphlet in the future.

Many people at WSO were upset and felt like the changes blindsided them.

Focus Groups having a national board rep became an issue – many conference attendees were upset because they felt like special interest groups were controlling the program. Agnes was so discouraged by the event she does not care to continue as WSO Rep in the future. **(NOTE: Also please see Korie Beth’s 5/7/2021 email to IG and Delegates for update re future literature changes by WSO.)**

Young Person’s Meetings Report - Patti O: Thanked the IG for starting the virtual YP meetings which will now be taken over by the YOUNG PERSONS VIRTUAL INTERGROUP (YPVIOA). Our IG was an integral part of getting this YPVIOA worldwide. Patti is currently advising the YPVIOA.

- All the ZOOM and phone meetings I have initiated in my position as Young Person’s Outreach chair for the FIG would be taken over by the YPVIOA.
- The YPVIOA only has influence over virtual meetings (ZOOM and phone meetings).
- As the FIG had zero Young Persons Face to Face meetings when I took on the position, there would not currently be any meetings for me to moderate.
- Now it is my understanding the Young Persons Outreach chair position was not intended to be a moderator of meetings. I just did that because we didn’t have any young people to run the initial Monday night phone meeting I started or the additional 5 phone meetings we added when we went into quarantine.
- If at some point the FIG Young Persons Outreach chair position changed to only be involved with the ZOOM and phone meetings I initiated then, yes, there would be no need for the Young Persons Outreach chair.
- If the position has stayed the same as when I took on the position, then the FIG could retain the Young Persons Outreach Chair position to address when we go back to Face to Face meetings

and to act as a liaison between the FIG and the YPVIOA and the Foothill community (school districts, youth events, etc.,).

Korie Beth and the Board congratulated Patti on her hard work and initiative. Sandy gave Patti O info re SGVIE's (San Gabriel Valley Inland Empire Intergroup) hybrid meetings.

Newcomer Chair – Liz: She's been working diligently with Sandy to solve the iPhone issue. They feel like the iPhone 5 is no longer useful for our efforts. They are switching to Ooma – a virtual voicemail box which will be a lot easier to monitor but give the same access to newcomers. She'll have more information next month.

12-Step Within – Marilyn: Nothing to report; kind of quiet. Hoping to work with someone on special 12-step within events, but more on that next meeting.

Delegate Input:

- Marilyn R-D reported that Saturday 8:30 am did change to Internet On-Line meeting.
- Cynthia – submitted someone's name to Korie Beth for the workshop
- Korie Beth suggested that all who are interested in steps workshop should email her (KB) directly
- Liz confirmed she's interested in the Step workshop.
- Sandy: Since we changed our oa.org meeting designation, we have had out-of-state visitors participating in our Tuesday noon meeting
- KB said that Australian's are attending her meeting as well since changing designations.

Old Business:

- Phone – table until May
- Agnes and KB report on double-winner meeting (OA Meeting for AA's). Agnes asked KB who followed up with WSO and the felt it would violate the singleness of purpose. Margaret will check with a friend of hers regarding double winner meetings. KB said that we can discuss further if people want to. Patti O suggested having a weekly special event for OA members with AA issues.
- Sandy read the WSO's reply regarding our IG request to consider Foothill IG member Rick's Rickicism's for a literature project. See the response below:

On Mon, Apr 26, 2021 at 1:44 PM DeDe DeMoss <DDeMoss@oa.org> wrote:

Hello Sandy D.,

I wanted to let you know that the literature proposal you submitted was not approved by the Conference-Approved Literature Committee. There was a lively discussion, with several people speaking pro and con. The proposal was considered seriously.

I will forward the submission to our Lifeline editor. There may be a place for the articles on the new platform.

Thank you for your service in creating and submitting a proposal for a new OA resource for consideration, and thank you for supporting OA literature.

*Thank you,
DeDe DeMoss
Publications Manager
Overeaters Anonymous, Inc.*

- Debbie: Sought clarification to the WSO's treatment re focus groups – National Service boards report back to OA board re diversity or whatever. The question came up at WSO convention as to why can't special focus groups have a national representative to OA on the board. Debbie will pull the report from WSO website.
- Marilyn sought clarity on hybrid meetings and Sandy clarified that SGVIE (San Gabriel Valley Inland Empire Intergroup) has started a process for implementing hybrid meetings so that out of area participants can attend by Zoom once face-to-face meetings reopen. Sandy will find out more info and update next month. Patti O added that a lot of the young people who joined OA during the quarantine seek the broader grasp of hybrid and zoom meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Rickisisms – DeDe Moss WSO Publications Manager will forward the submission to our Lifeline editor.

Phone/Ooma question – Liz to report on next IG meeting

Hybrid Meeting Question - Sandy will find out more info and update next month re: SGVIE's hybrid meetings.

Good and Welfare

Nothing is worth eating over. Think about how you feel about tonight's meeting: Feelings after tonight's meeting ranged from relieved, grateful, full, inspired, peaceful, hope, confused, left, informed, grateful, medium, connected, sad, and hopeful.

Korie Beth led us in the Serenity Prayer to close!

Submitted by Pattie T – 2021 Intergroup Secretary