

## **Minutes from OA Foothill Intergroup July 27, 2020**

Those in attendance via Zoom: Korie Beth, Michael, George, Mitch, Stacey, Agnes, Sandy, Melinda, Margaret, Daniel, Cynthia, Diane, Susan, Bitu, Heather, Elizabeth, Pat, Marilyn

Opening Prayer, 12 Concepts, Introductions

**Chair's Report: Korie Beth:** Minutes from last month's meeting were sent via email to all delegates. The Bylaws committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday morning will be rescheduled to Aug. 11.

**Vice Chair:** No report was given.

**Secretary's Report:** Ashley was unable to attend this meeting. Marilyn will take minutes and email them to Ashley to publish the final version as usual. Minutes from last month's meeting were sent ahead by email

**Treasurer's Report: Susan:** Attached. The tax exempt form for OA Foothill Intergroup which needed to be updated, was sent in the mail last Thursday. It should be processed by the end of the year. Maintenance of the tax exempt status should be simple by just sending a card in to the tax board yearly. Incoming treasurers should be informed of this obligation.

**Special Events: Melinda:** Recent meditation workshop went well. Next workshop online will be "How Shame Affects Your Recovery". 12 Step Workshop which is ongoing for 15 weeks is going strong. Person of Color meeting is being organized. Form has been sent to WSO to register this meeting. It will most likely be Sundays at 6:30. Flyers are coming to promote it.

**Webmaster: Sandy:** Work continues making our website better all the time. Currently working on making the homepage more inviting to newcomers – a special tab is being put in for easy access to newcomer information specifically. Meeting directory is updated. New information about meetings is being put in. If you have information you would like added send it to Sandy. PDFs are preferred but JPEGs accepted too.

**Public Information: Diane:** Glendale Community College and PCC Nursing Schools, Nutritional Services, Bariatric programs and hospital psychiatric centers are all being sent information about OA. If these places respond with interest, more info and possibly panels will be put together to speak to these organizations about OA via virtual meetings.

**Newcomers: Pat:** Few people are calling our info line but Pat gave a report on survey responses. Questions were about participating in Intergroup meetings and events. Most responders said that that the Intergroup event they have participated in was the holiday event. Next most popular was the sponsorship workshops. She said that the surveys indicate that most of our members are aware of the intergroup and understand its function within our fellowship. The reason members gave as why they have not attended intergroup meetings is because they heard that the meetings are sometimes contentious. Most said their sponsor has never suggested intergroup meetings. They want workshops that focus on steps 10-12. One said that 4<sup>th</sup> step workshops used to be annual and that they would like to see this happen again.

**WSO: Agnes:** The WSO convention was virtual this year. She is on the Bylaws committee for WSO and is open to any members who would like to contribute ideas or ask questions about World Service Bylaws.

**Footnotes: Stacey:** A link on the OA website goes to the footnotes blog. There is a flyer now that explains how the Footnotes format has changed from paper to this blog. Oafootnotes@gmail is how people can submit writings. She encourages contributions and welcomes feedback.

Intergroup delegates should remind fellows at their meetings that this exists and they are most welcome to participate in whatever form. [Oafootnotes.blogspot.com](http://Oafootnotes.blogspot.com). Check it out.

**Young Persons: Patty:** Since the meeting for young persons is on Monday night, Patty was not in attendance but passed her info on to Korie Beth. This is the report submitted:

Patti O. OA FOOTHILL Young Persons Chair

We are hosting a YOUNG PERSONS meeting every day, Monday through Saturday. Each day will be at a different time. We are using the existing FREE CONFERENCE CALL.com account. We log in each day there is a meeting and are prepared to host. We stay on the line for 15 minutes, if no one signs in, we leave the meeting. An outgoing message has been recorded letting callers know that meetings start on the hour and if they are calling in a quarter after the hour, they are encouraged to call the number of the person who is the meeting contact.

As previously discussed, the intention is to find out what day and time is the best time so young people have the best access to program and

We will be doing this for 8 weeks and at the end of that 8 weeks, we will determine the best day and time for the meeting. It may come to pass that we would benefit from two meetings.

We have contacted World Service and they said since we are just doing a testing thing, we don't need to register each meeting. If we happen to decide to have two YOUNG PERSONS meetings, we will need to register the second one if we want it listed on their website.

We also discussed with WSO what literature we could link to the meetings and Frances at WSO sent us a list of links and we are using those for the day that is a literature focused meeting.

We have reached out via email to 29 other CALIFORNIA intergroups and Hawaii and Mexico intergroups to share this information. We are also listed on the WSO website. We reached out to the REGION 2 Young Persons Chair. Anyone we contacted via email received the attached flyer. The body of the email sent also contained links to the OA FOOTHILL Website.

**R2 and 12 Step Within Reports:** No report because these positions are open.

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** Donations can be made via paypal and the website.

**Old Business: 1.** Diane is writing up job descriptions for positions on the board of the Intergroup so that there will be clarity of responsibility for new people who come to give service in these positions in the future. **2.** Bylaws committee is continuing to meet in order to update our bylaws.

A discussion was had on how best to bring this information to the fellowship. After some discussion, a motion was made by Marilyn and seconded by George to allow the bylaws committee to decide the procedure on how to do this.

**3. Storage:** Dominique is willing to take the Intergroup's boxes of items used for workshop gatherings from George – who has been storing them for some time. The two of them will coordinate how and when that will happen and report back to the Intergroup when it does. In that way the Intergroup will be able to track where and with whom the items are stored when the need to use them comes up again.

**Meeting Concerns:** Daniel said that some members would like newcomer packets and inquired on how to get this to them during this time of quarantine. Sandy reminded him that it is all on the website now and Michael was willing to get some paper copies of the materials to Daniel in case the members are more comfortable with that.

**Good and Welfare** was shared all around. Moment of silence and prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

## OA FIG Literature Inventory

Note: George has found that pricing for storage units are around \$70 to \$100. He is also trying to find a storage unit for my Chrysanthemum Society too. Maybe we could see about sharing costs. (Don't know if this would violate FIG's tradition of anonymity). What does the group think of that?  
Let me know what the group thinks of that.

29 Posters "Does food control your life"  
    Gave to Prof Outreach Chair Diane  
2 Welcome back packets  
14 Anorexia / Bulimia packets  
20 Young person packets  
10 (original) Newcomer packets  
17 Sponsorship Kits  
56 To the Teen pamphlets  
30 To the Teen question card  
18 Dignity of Choice Pamphlets  
80 Before the first bite pamphlet  
10 Sponsoring thru the 12 step pamphlet  
11 Welcome back pamphlets  
10 Recovery Check list  
7. Pocket references for members  
8. Pocket strong abstinence checklist  
Box of OAFIG Prayer cards  
7 OA 12 & 12 (17th edition)  
Box of OAFIG Business Cards  
50 Newcomer pamphlets  
6 guide to sponsors Pamphlet  
Box of old OAFIG Footnotes  
Box of old Lifelines  
*Sent from my LG K30, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone*