

Minutes of the Foothill Intergroup OA Board Meeting -March 30, 2020

Attendance: Susan, Pat, Sandy, Diane, Ashley, Jenny, Daniel, Stacey, Melinda, Cynthia, Barbara, Margaret and Kori Beth.

Chair's Report: As a group, we read the 12 Concepts of Service Bodies.

Secretary's Report: Korie Beth will send them out via email after this meeting and if there are any needed changes, they will let her and I know.

Special Events: Melinda – Events are postponed until further notice. She is brainstorming ideas we can do virtually. One idea is an OA based meditation. She knows someone who led a meditation at an OA birthday party. Melinda is asking if it would be okay to set it up with only 10 days notice.

Web Master's Report: Sandy – Website is up and running with meeting information. A PayPal type button is being researched by the intergroup. She is ready to have the web master's position handed over to another fellow. Delegates please announce this vacancy at your meetings.

Public Information Professional Outreach – Diane is suspending her outreach until schools are back in session. She is wondering if any of the tiny meetings are having difficulty covering their rent for May and June and if so, she would like the intergroup to cover their rent.

Diane tried to check with World Service to see if this is acceptable.

Vice Chair Report: Jenny - has been supportive to other meetings. She gave a big shout out to Sandy for putting all the meetings on the website.

Treasurer's Report: Susan - \$9,024 with \$6k in the checking account and \$3k in prudent reserve. Our expenses were rather small this month – copies we made for the meeting and the new phone service for new commers totaled to \$82.38 Our total profit for the year so far is \$1,400k.

Susan inquired about the PayPal button on the website but she's unsure how to do it with the technology and is wondering if a fellow can set it up because people are anxious to do the 7th tradition.

New Comer: Pat – phone is operational and it's on the website now.

Footnotes: Daniel - Stacey would like to step into the co-leadership position for Footnotes. Diane motioned it and Melinda seconded the motion and it was passed.

Young Person's Outreach Chair: Patii - One of our young people from the Monday night phone meeting just called me to talk about her concerns about doing school from home during this current situation.

Old Business: Cynthia seconded a motion to do a 1 hour OA meditation in 10 days. Melinda will organize it.

New Business: Korie Beth would like to set up a texting tree so that no one is calling everyone. Jenny made a motion to set up this texting tree starting with each person doing no more than 3-4 people. Daniel seconded it.

Blog: Daniel & Stacey – Given the present circumstances, we'd like to make a motion that the Footnotes transition temporarily to an online format.

Since many of the traditional functions of the Footnotes are being fulfilled by the FIG website, we thought it would best serve our community if we were to focus on sharing the experience, strength, and hope of the community in an easily accessible online format.

After some thought and discussion, we have concluded that the easiest, most economical, and immediate solution would be to start a blog. The advantages of a blog are that it can be easily and frequently updated, it automatically generates and maintains a searchable archive, and it can be read on any device. For now, we are proposing that we start a free blog through Blogger and link to it from the FIG website. The link could take the form of a flyer announcing this change.

We are not proposing the end of the print version of the Footnotes, but we do see this as an opportunity to provide a space for our intergroup to share their experiences in a more immediate and readily accessible format. Once it's possible to print and distribute paper newsletters again, we can discuss how to proceed. In the meantime, we will continue the Footnotes tradition of soliciting, listening for, and collecting writing from our fellows (as well as AA/OA-approved literature) so that our community can continue to benefit from one another's experience, strength, and hope through these unprecedented times.

Daniel made a motion that for the time being, Footnotes will move into an online form as a blog. It was passed unanimously.

Korie Beth will find out if we can use this one Zoom account for the entire intergroup.

Melinda can create a cheat sheet and be a contact person for Zoom.

Good and Welfare

Next Meeting: Monday, April 27, 2020

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley

Intergroup Secretary