

Minutes of the Foothill Intergroup OA Board Meeting – September 29, 2020

Attendees: Korie Beth (aka 'KB'), Sandy, Jenny, Diane, Cynthia, Susan R, George, Michael, Melinda, Heather K., Stacey, Liz, Mitch

- **Korie Beth** - Intro to the Meeting
- **Attendees** - Introductions
- **George** - read 12 Steps.
- **Stacey F** - read 12 Traditions.
- **Liz, Mitch, Diane, Susan & Heather** - read 12 Concepts of Service.
- **Susan** – update on our Intergroups 7th Tradition. Members encouraged to participate via Pay Pal on the Home page of oafoothill.org, sending individual checks and checks representing meeting donations to the FIG. Susan encouraged putting aside donations for your meetings until we meet face-to-face again. Some meeting secretaries have kept track of the number of weeks we've not been meeting face-to-face, to help individuals determine how much they would like to donate to their meetings.
- **Korie Beth** - reminded us that there was a vote taken at the last Intergroup meeting to change our meeting date to Tuesday, 9/29/20, as Monday 9/28/20 was the Jewish holiday Yom Kippur. Next intergroup meeting is scheduled for Monday, 10/26/20
- **Korie Beth** - suggested we begin with Meeting Concerns:
- **Liz** - (Wed 7pm Pasadena meeting rep) expressed not being too concerned with any changes to Bylaws; only one person in her group asked for a copy of the Bylaws. Korie Beth confirmed the Bylaw vote will be yay or nay.
- **Heather K** - asked, and KB confirmed, that we will be voting on the Bylaws at the November 30, 2020 meeting.
- **George** – The Tues 7:30pm Temple City meeting is currently a 6:30pm live meeting and they are following protocols for safety from Covid-19 exposure. They are concerned that an online meeting update would bring too many people to the meeting. George is considering adding a zoom meeting twice a month. George said it's difficult to get phone access to WSO to find out specific protocols for meeting in person. The usual size of the Temple City face-to-face meeting is 3-5 people, and they currently meet in an auditorium with multiple doors open. Some meeting members find online meetings difficult and prefer face-to-face meetings. Right now the meeting will not be listed online to avoid large crowds.
- **Liz** - asked about protocol for restarting a live meeting, being mindful of the obstacles that have been discussed. KB responded that each meeting is autonomous.
- **Melinda** - announced the launch of BIPOC meeting on Sunday. The first meeting was Sunday, 9/27/20. 8 people attended: 4 new to Melinda and 4 she knew. She is hopeful the meeting will grow.
- **Heather K** - brought up concerns about how to start a live meeting and how to report to her meeting. Jenny responded that she had concerns that it is not viable for their meeting as their building will not allow for covid requirements such as 6 feet of separation. Diane commented that this type of meeting can create more issues.

- **Heather** - asked if George is having a private meeting versus an OA meeting.
- **Secretary Report** – Ashley out sick, Korie Beth asked for back up. Melinda and Sandy volunteered to record the minutes of the meeting.
- **Treasurer Report** – Susan referenced emailed report. \$1,500 in the black YTD. Audit of 2019 committee will meet this weekend. Regarding a 2021 FIG Budget, Susan will reach out to chairs to find out if their 2021 budget will exceed their previous year's budget.
- **Event Chair** – Foothill Intergroup is offering a Body Image Workshop on October 17, 2020.
- **Web Chair** – Lots of events going on throughout the various IGs. SGVIE is hosting an Emotional Sobriety workshop in November. Sandy shared analytics on website. Lots of new users looking at the website. Sandy makes a motion to change "website coordinator to website chair". George seconds. Motion passed
- **Outreach Chair** – Diane & Cynthia have been working together to find contact information for all local religious institutions. Diane is looking for additional recipients to reach the 200-item requirement to receive the bulk mail rate. Diane received a 50% discount ordering the new flyer.
- **Newcomer Chair** – Pat was absent. Korie Beth reported Pat said there were no calls or messages on the Intergroup phone line.
- **Vice Chair** – no new updates. Jenny offered gratitude for everyone's service.
- **R2 chair** – Agnes absent.
- **Footnotes Blog** – going well. Blog is linked on the OA Foothill website. The url is oafootnotes.blogspot.com. For submissions, email oafoothillfootnotes@gmail.com
- **YP Outreach** – Patti offered report that KB read. Interest is increasing in YP meetings.
- **YOUNG PERSONS Outreach Chair Report** from Patti O:
 - Meetings are starting to get more support/attendance. I would like to extend our efforts as it feels like we are gaining momentum. I will defer to the Intergroup decision.
 - Still cognizant of 'attraction rather than promotion', we have followed up on a few referrals to schools from OA members; we contacted the appropriate connections via email, and sent the link and the flyer to the Intergroup YP Meeting website page.
 - We did have a 12-year old call in to a meeting. She has a family member who is in program and that person stayed on the meeting call as well. I took this young person reaching out and looking for recovery as a sign we are heading in the right direction.
 - Thank you for letting me be of service.
 - Patti O. OA FOOTHILL Young Persons Chair
- **New Delegate** – Cynthia is working on New Delegate info sheet/guide. She is using WSO and OALAIG as guides. We have permissions to use OALAIG as a guide but not to copy. Cynthia asked if following up with the new representatives could be a Vice Chair responsibility. Jenny agreed to assume that responsibility.
- **Bylaws Update** – Korie Beth reminded everyone that the new Bylaws will be voted on 11/30/20. Marilyn confirmed that individual meetings will vote thumbs up/thumbs down and that when the intergroup votes, it will also be in a thumbs up/thumbs down format. We

should add a Bylaw ratification procedure into the policy and procedure manual. George asked after voting in November, do we send the Bylaws to WSO? Yes, per KB. Does WSO need to approve first? KB not sure, she needs to get back to us. Sandy mentions that the document might need to go to R2 first.

- **Heather K** - had questions about Foothill events vs. OA wide events. Melinda explained the foothill website has both foothill intergroup events and OA-wide events posted. Sandy concurred with Melinda's event posting explanation.
- **Liz** – had questions on 12 Step Within & R2 positions. She was assured that both are still open.
- **Marilyn** - suggested that we put up Bylaws on our website, and Sandy says yes. Stacey asked if there was a document with all the changes. Sandy said, "Sadly no."
- **George** - addressed Susan about 2021 budget. He suggested creating a fund for meetings to support Covid -19 related payment issues (e.g. rent and literature). Diane mentioned that each meeting should be self-supporting. A fellow will check with R2 trustee re: initiating such a fund.
- **Sandy** - asked how many submissions Stacey would like to see for the Footnotes blog each month. Stacey said 4 a month would be adequate.
- **Sandy** - commented that the Bylaws were not "redlined" because of a giant format change. It is not possible to compare the 2013 and 2020 Bylaws item-by-item.
- **Good & Welfare** – Members responded to the question, "What are we grateful for?"
- **Closing** - Vice Chair Jenny led closing with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted
Melinda & Sandy
Substitute Co - Secretaries