

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS**  
**FOOTHILL INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVES MEETING**  
**February 25, 2019**

**Present :** Colleen, George, Jenny, Patti, Na'ama, Margaret, Sheila, Sandy, Agnes, Lori, Daniel, Michael, Susan R.

Meeting started at 7:05 pm.

**Chair's Report: COLLEEN**

- Chair Colleen opened the meeting and led the group in the Serenity Prayer.
- Copies of the January 28, 2019 meeting minutes and the February Treasurer's Report were distributed, and participants reviewed them.
- At Chair's request, meeting participants introduced themselves and their roles within the Intergroup.
- Colleen gave a brief overview of Intergroups in general and the Foothill Intergroup specifically. She introduced the 12 Concepts of OA's purpose within itself and within the community. The 12 Concepts were passed around the room, with each participant reading a concept and Colleen identifying the corresponding program principle.

**Secretary's Report: SUSAN R.**

- Chair Colleen thanked Susan for minutes and thanked participants for reviewing them. She asked if any corrections or additions were needed. There was no indication to that effect.
- Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the January 2019 minutes as submitted.
- The next Intergroup meeting will occur on March 25, 2019 at the Neighborhood Church in Pasadena.

**Vice-Chair's Report: NA'AMA**

- Na'ama reported that she had no new or old business to present. She thanked George for assuming her responsibilities at the January 28 meeting, which she could not attend.

**Treasurer's Report: JENNY**

- Jenny reported that she is increasingly comfortable with her role as treasurer.
- She reviewed the February Treasurer Report aloud. She indicated that there is confusion about how many payments AT&T has received from the Intergroup and that she is in the process of clarifying that point.
- Jenny acknowledged that \$100 was paid to the Neighborhood Church for January rent and another \$100 was paid for rent in February. Since our monthly rent is \$50, we are current through the month of April. The next \$50 rent payment will be due on May 1.

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2019:**

Operating funds: \$4,724.75

Prudent Reserve: \$3,000.65

Total funds on deposit: \$7,725.44

Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition income: \$333.00

Total Income for February 2019: \$333.00

Loss for February 2019: <\$266.30>

Year-to-Date Income: \$729.61

Year-to-Date Profit: \$60.51

Total Expenses for February 2019: \$599.30

Year-to-Date Expenses: \$669.46

- A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

**Special Event Chair's Report: KORIE BETH** was absent, and Chair Colleen led discussion.

- Colleen reported that both she and George will be unable to attend the March 16 Sponsorship Workshop and that others in the Intergroup need to assume responsibility for the event running smoothly. Colleen passed around a sign-up sheet on which meeting participants could indicate roles they would be willing to play at the event.
- George said that both he and Colleen have supplies for the workshop that need to be accepted by one or more fellows who could bring them to the workshop. Patti agreed to allow items to be stored in her home in Burbank. George will deliver them to her house prior to the workshop, and he will pick them up at the end of the workshop and take him back to his house.
- Meeting participants discussed topics for the upcoming June and September workshops. One attendee stated that his meeting would like a seminar about how to keep meeting strong. Another attendee said a meeting she frequents in Long Beach suggested the topic of using technology to support recovery – for example, accessing phone and on-line meetings and making outreach calls on smartphones that allow face-to-face conversation. Colleen encouraged intergroup representatives to secure more potential workshop topics from their weekly groups.

**Young Persons Outreach Chair Report: PATTI**

- Patti ordered the stickers to be made available at health and student centers in high schools and colleges. The total price of the stickers was \$52.90, and Patti will pick them up on February 28.
- George announced that the Rose City High School fair will take place on March 6; and he invited meeting attendees to volunteer to attend the fair, man the OA booth, and present the program to students who show interest. Lori and Daniel volunteered to go to the fair, and George will orient them to the role they will be playing. Lori and Daniel will take some of the new stickers and meeting directories to pass out from our booth.

**Web Master's Report: JENNIFER** was absent.

- Colleen noted that Jennifer has reflected on the website the closing of the Saturday am Atwater meeting. She also has placed the flyer for the March 16 Sponsorship Workshop on the website.
- Jennifer has a large collection of decorations for the annual holiday parties; and, as she no longer has space in her home to store them, she would appreciate a fellow stepping up to provide storage for them.

**WSO Chair's Report: GEORGE**

- George is going to the WSO Business Convention, May 6 – 11 in Albuquerque, NM. His travel plans are set, and he is excited about trip.
- In the past, George has purchased literature at WSO while at the convention, and he offered to do so again, though he is constrained by airline limits in the amount of luggage he can transport on the plane. We discussed the IG meetings' need for newcomer pamphlets. A motion was made, seconded and passed to have George purchase and transport home 100 of the new pamphlets. As they are \$1.00 apiece, the total price will be \$100. George will also go through the Intergroup's existing supply of literature, determine what items need to be replenished, and bring those replacements home, luggage limits allowing.
- The Saturday morning meeting in Pasadena is returning to reading the Big Book soon, and George had brought several Big Book copies to the IG meeting for the Sat am secretary, Daniel, to take. George has three more Big Book copies and will bring them to the next Sat am Pasadena meeting.

## **R2 Chair's Report: AGNES**

- The R2 Spring Assembly will be held March 29-30 in Pomona. Today is the deadline for early registration, and Agnes will be registering immediately after the IG meeting. She is excited about going and will make a full report on the Assembly at the April 2019 IG meeting. 20
- Agnes announced that the summer R2 convention in Pomona, scheduled from June 28-30 in Pomona has been cancelled due to lack of human resources to plan, set up and present it. The next R2 convention will likely be held in summer 2019 in northern California; no specifics about time and place are available as yet. 20
- The Autumn R2 assembly is scheduled for Nov 1-3, 2019, in Oakland.

## **Newcomers Chair Report: KAREN was absent.**

- Karen will report on January phone activity at the March 25 IG meeting.
- A brief discussion occurred about the project of adding cellphone and text capabilities to our newcomers line. George will check with AT&T to determine if our current phone number can be used if/when we convert to a wireless format. At the March IG meeting, we will discuss details of how the conversion will be implemented.

## **Footnotes Editor's Report: SHEILA**

- Sheila brought 200 copies of the new Footnotes to the IG meeting, and they were distributed to Intergroup representatives. Meeting attendees praised the completeness of the directory it contained, the excellence of the written piece on the first page, and the quality and color of the paper.
- Sheila announced that the Atwater Sat am meeting had been removed from the directory. She will make additional changes to the directory as they are reported to her.
- Sheila stated that she hopes to use a 4-page format for the next Footnotes issue. Chair asked if Sheila had the palette of available colors; and Sheila said yes, she does. It was pointed out that colored paper helps distinguish the timeframe of specific Footnotes issues.
- Sheila expressed concern about the Footnotes budget, and it was discussed. Meeting attendees moved, seconded and passed a budget of \$144 every two months for publication of the Footnotes.

## **Public Outreach Chair's Report: NATALIE was absent.**

- Natalie will continue distributing literature to healthcare professionals, and she report on her progress with that work at the March 25 IG meeting.

## **12<sup>th</sup> Step Within Chair's Report: SANDY D.**

- Sandy brought and presented approximately 4"x5" colored cards she made to be taken by Intergroup representatives and shared with their meetings. One side of the card encourages fellows to make outreach calls on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of each month; the other side contains helpful suggestions for fellows who are in relapse or struggling with their abstinence.
- Sandy reported that WSO has issued a 3-year moratorium for submitting pieces to be reviewed for publication. This, the Rickicisms our Intergroup has offered to WSO for publication will not be reviewed until 2022.

## **Old Business: COLLEEN presiding**

- Lori updated the IG meeting on progress in creating the new Thurs night Big Book meeting. The venue, First Baptist Church of Glendale, has been established, and we are negotiating terms of a contract. It is currently unclear, but should be clear by the March 25 IG meeting, whether the negotiations have been successful and we will be able to go forward with the new meeting. The first meeting is tentatively set for April 4, 2019, 7 – 8 pm. Lori will update the IG again at the March 25

meeting. Lori expressed her thanks to Susan R for her “instrumental” assistance in setting up the new meeting.

- Discussion was continued about the request that one meeting be able to give its participants chips for non-conferenced-approved periods of time, such as two weeks, 4 months, one hour, etc. It was suggested that, since “meetings are autonomous except in matters effecting other groups or OA as a whole,” it would be acceptable for a meeting to give out such chips as long as no conference-approved symbols were used on the chips.

#### **New Business: COLLEEN presiding**

- A discussion was initiated concerning the presence in meetings of non-member visitors doing research on 12-step groups. While allowing them is a way to reach out to future healthcare providers, some meeting participants have felt that the visitors’ presence made them unable to share comfortably. It was suggested that each meeting can make its own policy and, if desired, put the policy in writing.
- It was pointed out that some meetings have written guidelines for running their meetings which, in some cases, include job descriptions of positions such as secretary, treasurer and literature person. IG attendees agreed that, at later IG meetings, we can address the idea of assuring that all meetings have a set of such guidelines.

#### **Meeting Concerns and Announcements: COLLEEN presiding**

- Colleen announced that the literature from the closed Atwater meeting was brought to this IG meeting and that Intergroup representatives could take items that their meetings could use.

**Good and Welfare:** Each meeting participant reintroduced him- or her- self and offered a closing remark.

**Closing Prayer:** Chair Colleen led the group in the Third Step Prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm. The next meeting will take place on Monday, March 25, 2019, at the Neighborhood Church, 301 N. Orange Grove Blvd, Room 25, in Pasadena, CA. The meeting will convene at 7:00 pm.