

FOOTHILL INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVES MEETING

June 24, 2019

Present: Colleen, Michael, Sheila, Margaret, Patti, Korie Beth, Susan R, Agnes, Petra, Jenny, Sandy

Meeting started at 7:03 pm.

Chair's Report: COLLEEN

- Colleen led the meeting attendees in the Serenity Prayer and read aloud the June 24 entry in Voices of Recovery.
- Colleen presented an overview of the historical development of Intergroups, the responsibilities of Intergroup chairs and representatives, and the purpose of Intergroup meetings.
- Meeting participants introduced themselves and took turns, around the room, reading the OA 12 Concepts of Service.

Secretary's Report: SUSAN R.

- Susan distributed the May 20, 2019 meeting minutes and participants reviewed them. Two corrections were made: The word "struct" was changed to "struck." Secretary was informed that the title of IG meeting guidelines is not "The 12 Intergroup Concepts" but rather "The OA 12 Concepts of OA Service." Michael made a motion to accept the May minutes with those two corrections. Margaret seconded the motion, which was carried by unanimous vote.
- Susan informed the group that the OA computer's battery had become "swollen" and unusable. She explained that, with the Chair's permission, she had the computer diagnosed and bought a new battery, which she will install.
- Susan reminded the group that her term as secretary will expire on June 30, 2019. Agnes volunteered to be the secretary for the remainder of 2019. An election for secretary will occur in November 2019, and the fellow elected will begin his/her term in January 2020.
- Michael breached the idea that IG chairs and representatives could give the secretary written reports to be incorporated into the minutes. Discussion followed, and it was decided we will discuss in January 2020 whether to institute that procedure.

Vice-Chair's Report: NA'AMA was absent

- No report was given.

Treasurer's Report: JENNY

- Jenny distributed the resubmitted May 2019 Treasurer's Report. She announced that upon reviewing the May report, she found all items in the original report to be accurate.
- Jenny reported that the audit was completed and that we passed the audit after two errors related to WSO & R2 were corrected.
- Jenny announced that the June 15, 2019 workshop, "Stronger Together," was successful. The rent of \$125 for the workshop room has been made, and the income has been deposited. Korie Beth made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; Michael seconded motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR : MAY 2019

Operating Funds: \$6,641.55
Prudent Reserve: \$3,000.75
Total Funds on Deposit: \$9,642.30
Total 7th Tradition Income: \$60.00
Total Income for May 2019: \$60.00
\$311.19
Loss for May 2019: <\$251.19>
Year-to-Date Income: \$3,560.93
Year-to-Date Profit: \$1,917.32

Total Expenses for May 2019:

Year-to-Date Expenses: \$1,643.61

Special Event Chair's Report: KORIE BETH

- Korie Beth stated that when she got home from her vacation, not enough speakers were lined up for the June 15 workshop. She put out a memo to all Intergroup participants, requesting help in locating additional speakers. She expressed gratitude to a number of individuals who responded strongly and located speakers.
- Korie Beth reported that the workshop was lively and well-received. Participants enjoyed the segment of the event when the audience was separated into two discussion groups. Some fellows present said they gravitate towards meetings where pitches are positive, and it was suggested that fellows be encouraged to share their experience, strength, hope and solutions, rather than just their problems.
- Korie Beth said that there were comments at the workshop about the lack of available sponsors at the meetings. She suggested that our next workshop could be focused on sponsorship. That workshop could include a sponsor/sponsee meet-and-greet, encouragement for more fellows to become sponsors, and segments on how to be a good sponsee and a good sponsor. Korie Beth is looking for a venue for the September workshop.
- Korie Beth acknowledged Petra's suggestion at our May 2019 Intergroup meeting that a workshop on the topic of PTSD could be beneficial to many. Meeting attendees agreed that it would be best not to combine PTSD and sponsorship in a single workshop. Attendees acknowledged that PTSD is a delicate topic; we need to research support available for victims and evaluate whether our program can address that need adequately. We will discuss the possibility of a PTSD workshop at future meetings after studying the topic further.

Young Persons Outreach Chair Report: PATTI

- Patti reported on a workshop about technology and recovery she attended. It was sponsored by the So Bay Intergroup and Patti met that IG's webmaster, who told Patti about a section on the So Bay website that is devoted to young people and includes a young person's phone meeting. Patti provided the electronic address for the young people's segment of the So Bay website, which is www.oasouthbay.org/young-people.HTML.
- Patti would like to set up a young person's phone meeting through our website and also design a graphic for it. The day, time and access phone # for the meeting will be published on the website and fellows will call into the meeting. Patti is researching conference calling resources, and Sandy – who has expertise in that area – volunteered to assist. Patti may also contact the Vision for You phone meeting organizers to get pointers from them on how to set up our phone meeting.

Web Master's Report: JENNIFER absent

- Colleen reported that Jennifer has created a network of links to many topics; Colleen encouraged Intergroup members to explore it.

WSO Chair's Report: GEORGE absent

- No report was given.

R2 Chair's Report: AGNES

- Agnes reported that she had no new activity to report. The next R2 assembly is scheduled for November and will be in Northern CA. Agnes will check on assembly details and deadlines for registration.

Newcomers Chair Report: KAREN absent

- The project of porting our newcomers line to a cell phone was discussed further. Agnes reported that a cell phone she had was stolen from here and that she was able to get a new phone by paying the \$176 deductible on the insurance for the stolen phone. She offered to donate that phone to the project.
- A discussion ensued as to whether the traditions allow for members to make donations outside the 7th tradition collections. Petra and Korie Beth reported on experience they have had with that issue. Both had discovered that such donations are a Tradition 7 violation. Korie Beth made a motion that Agnes be reimbursed the \$176 expense for the phone. Sheila seconded the motion, and it passed.
- Agnes suggested that, before the next IG meeting, attendees check out the costs of cell phone plans and report their findings at the July meeting. Michael stated that Consumer Cellular offers affordable plans for AT&T compatible equipment.
- Meeting participants discussed changing the phone number in our Intergroup literature. It was suggested that the Footnotes report the change of phone number 1-2 months in advance and that the old phone line be kept active until December 31, 2019, with a recording referring callers to the new phone number.

Footnotes Editor's Report: SHEILA

- New Footnotes were available at the IG meeting, and Intergroup representatives were encouraged to take copies they needed for their meetings. Sheila briefly presented the new issue, and praise abounded for a job well done on her part, with special thanks for the 7th tradition donations grid she had created. The next issue will include a new installment of George's report on the WSO business meeting in May; it will also contain an interview by Sheila of an OA fellow, in this case Korie Beth. Sheila wants to include pieces written by fellows in future issues; she announced the topics for the next issue, which are body image and forgiveness. Deadline for submission of articles is July 29.

Public Outreach Chair's Report: NATALIE absent

- No report was given.

12th Step Within Chair's Report: SANDY D. was absent.

- Colleen stated that there is news from Sandy, which will be included in New Business. A reminder was offered that we use the 12th day of every month as a special day for calls to OA members struggling with their program.

Old Business: COLLEEN presiding

- Colleen reported that the newcomers phone line project is the only old business and was already addressed in the Newcomers Chair segment of the meeting.

New Business: COLLEEN presiding

- Colleen announced that Sandy D., secretary for the Tuesday noon Pasadena meeting, had reported a second break-in to that meeting's box of program materials and that all the books in the box were stolen. There has been no indication as to who stole the materials. Sandy will report the vandalism to the Pasadena Presbyterian Church office. She will also be adding a lock to the box.
- An issue brought up in the June 15 workshop was raised, namely, that some meetings pass the donation basket twice, once for the 7th Tradition and a second time for the 60-30-10 donation. Meeting participants confirmed that it is up to each meeting to decide how many times they pass the basket.
- Another issue brought up at the June 15 workshop was use of the Strong Meeting Checklist, which is published in a pamphlet entitled OA Handbook for Members, Groups and Intergroups: Recovery Opportunities. Chair Colleen had introduced the checklist at an IG meeting some months ago and suggested that meeting discuss the points on the checklist. It was discovered at the workshop that one Glendale meeting only was using the checklist. Intergroup representatives will share the checklist at their meetings and encourage discussion of its points.
- Another issue raised was the idea of adding a Pay-Pal donate button to the Foothill Intergroup website. It was explained that Pay-Pal collects a .032% transaction fee from each donation. It was also reported that the Intergroup has considered this idea before and chosen not to implement it. The matter was tabled, to be discussed again at the July 29 IG meeting.
- Chair Colleen announced that each IG's By-Laws are scheduled to be reviewed every two years and that our Intergroup has been out of compliance with that effort for 4 or more years. Susan R stated that she has looked for an electronic copy of the By-Laws on the IG laptop and been unable to find one. It was suggested that the paper copy of the By-Laws could be scanned and converted into an electronic copy. The idea was introduced to divide the By-Laws into sections and to have individuals convert one section apiece. Several fellows volunteered to help Colleen accomplish the task that way.

Meeting Concerns and Announcements: None were presented.

Good and Welfare:

- Each meeting participant identified him- or herself and gave a short statement on a recovery-related topic of his or her choice.

Closing Prayer: Chair Colleen led the meeting in the Serenity Prayer.

Meeting was closed at 8:10 pm. The next meeting will convene at 7 pm and be held at the Neighborhood Church, 301 N. Orange Grove Blvd, Pasadena, CA, Room 25.