

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA IG MINUTES, 12/2/23

Start--Meeting began at 10:36 a.m. (EST) with the Serenity Prayer.

Agenda--The Agenda was approved, without amendments, by acclamation.

October-November Minutes-

-The amended October 2023 minutes were approved by acclamation. There was no quorum at the November meeting, so the meeting was canceled, per Intergroup bylaws.

Roll Call-- Present: Jill B, Chair; Bibi S. Vice-Chair; Pat H, Treasurer; Roz S, Region 8 Rep.; Peggy H., Saturday Fort Myers Rep.; Alice H., Tuesday Sanibel Rep.; Sharon W, Thursday Fort Myers Rep.; Gil P, Friday Sanibel Rep.; Carol F., Web Manager & Wednesday Fort Myers Rep.; Jodi S., Guest.

Concept of the Month--Concept Twelve was read in its entirety in three parts by Bibi, Peggy & Roz.

Chair Report--Jill had no report, except to announce that elections for the next year would be held at the end of this meeting, since there was no quorum, and therefore no meeting in November, when the elections traditionally are held. She added that she would be willing to serve a third term as Chair, unless someone else was nominated for the position during the election, in which case she would withdraw her candidacy.

Vice-Chair Report--Bibi reported that she reached out to a regular attendee of the Naples meetings about why there are no Intergroup Reps. from any of the five Naples meetings who attend Intergroup meetings. Bibi noted she has not heard back from the person she reached out to.

Treasurer Report--Pat put on the screen her Treasurer's Reports prepared for the November 4 and December 2 Intergroup meetings. She noted that three groups made contributions to the Intergroup in October and that there were no expenses incurred that month, in which the closing balance was \$5,378.81 The November Report was accepted by acclamation.

Pat also noted that in November one group made a contribution and that, with I.D.E.A. Day donations, the Intergroup income for the month was \$615. A total of \$91.87 was paid out to open a new storage locker for Intergroup documents and paraphernalia, a fee that will be reduced in subsequent months, since no startup fee will be included. Pat reported that the grand total in the account, which includes money set aside for various funds and potential travel expenditures, is \$5,526.74'

Pat also noted that the Intergroup operating expenses fund is \$826.74, which is much more than is needed, and she suggested we send contributions of \$250 each to OA World Service and to Region 8. After discussion about whether the contributions should be split a different way, with World Service receiving a greater portion, a motion was made to send \$250 to each arm of OA; it passed by acclamation. Pat said that when the money was disbursed, SWFLI would have \$326.74 remaining for operating expenses.

Region 8 Report--Roz reported that her Region IGOR committee is working on a plan aimed at helping smaller Intergroups join together to host events that would be too costly for one Intergroup to handle alone. She added that she had been traveling during the last Region 8 Assembly meeting and was not present to take notes; she said she was waiting to receive the Assembly report to pass along to the Intergroup.

NEW BUSINESS

Jodi S, a guest at the meeting, announced formally to the board that a new, weekly in-person meeting will start Sunday, December 10 from 4 till 5 outside the Fort Myers Library at 15290 Bass Road (at the corner of Gladiolus Drive). The meeting will be held under a portico on the library lawn so that it can take place in all weather. The library has consented to have the meeting on its property. It was noted that the library does not permit money to be exchanged inside the building but that members may make contributions outdoors on the property. The Intergroup voted unanimously to provide \$50 in seed money to the new meeting to cover literature costs and other incidental expenditures. Jodi said she already has spent \$20 for a starter kit offered by OA World Service, that includes pamphlets and a Lifeline booklet, as well as other Conference-approved material. Roz volunteered to donate OA literature that she has acquired.

Jodi gave the Intergroup her e-mail address as the meeting contact and said she already has received a WSO Group Number for the meeting. She added that the meeting wishes to be a member of the Southwest Florida Intergroup, a request that was approved unanimously by the board. Once the group has held its initial meeting, Jodi said she will see if someone (possibly her) will serve as the meeting's Rep. to the Intergroup.

Lastly, Jodi noted she will check with the library staff regarding liability insurance to cover the group members being on Library property.

Bylaw Change Proposal--A discussion was held regarding a suggestion at the November 4 meeting, before it was canceled, about whether the bylaws ought to be amended to allow for a vote by taking a percentage of those present at the meeting to conduct a meeting, if the current bylaw-mandated quorum of six voting members, including at least one executive officer, other than the Chair (who is not authorized to vote), is not met. After five minutes of discussion with no consensus reached, the board voted to table the item for a future Intergroup meeting or until the next bylaw revision committee meets in mid-2024.

Elections--Since no other candidate came forward, Jill agreed to serve a third term as chair. She was elected unanimously, as was Bibi, who was nominated to serve again as vice-chair. Alice was nominated and elected as Intergroup treasurer to replace Pat, who is stepping down. Pat, in turn, was nominated and elected unanimously, as the next recording secretary. Peggy volunteered to serve as Pat's backup if Pat is unable to take minutes at any Intergroup meeting in the coming 11 months.

Good and Welfare--The Intergroup extends get-well prayers and wishes to Ellen, Jill, and Roz.

Adjournment--The board said the Serenity Prayer in the plural, and Jill adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Gil P.