

February 2018 SWFLI Minutes

In attendance: Pat H., Monday Cape Coral; Sandra D., Tuesday Estero and Monday Naples; Margie P., chair and Tuesday Sanibel; Roz S., Wednesday Iona Hope; Maxine G., treasurer and Thursday Naples; Debbie J, Thursday Fort Myers Unity; Gil P., temporary recording secretary and Friday Sanibel; Jodi S., Saturday Riverside; Michelle G., vice chair. Guests; Melissa F., Norinne M., Rita.

Chair Margie P. called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

Meeting agenda was approved after New Business agenda items (adding Our Invitation to You to IG Newcomer packets) was added.

The January 2018 minutes were accepted unanimously.

Changes to meetings, times, and representatives:

*Wednesday Iona meeting will meet Feb. 7, only, in the main church.

*The Wednesday 6 p.m. Naples meeting will now meet on Mondays instead of Wednesdays.

*Debbie J. is now the rep and Terry M. is the alternate of the Thursday, 10:30 a.m. Unity meeting.

*The Thursday Fort Myers Shores meeting has closed.

Treasurer's Report: Maxine G. reported that the Intergroup received revenue of \$1,127.02 in January and that expenditures were \$375.80, The balance in the account is \$1,438.30, after \$2,282.00 was set aside to pay the balance for DaySpring Center for March 9-11 retreat.

Newsletter: Gil said he is willing to work with Jill on formatting *Wings* in order to get the newsletter going again.

Audio Library: Sandra has been bringing available CDs to the meetings she attends so members may borrow them.

Twelfth Step Within: Margie asked that reps remind members at their meetings to consider making outreach calls on the 12th day of each month to those they have not seen in the rooms recently.

Maxine noted that that the Intergroup cannot book the 12/12/18 Twelfth Step Within Day with the Riverside Church until June, when the church sets up its annual calendar. Likewise, she said, the Intergroup has to wait till June to reserve a room at the church for the 11/17/18 I.D.E.A. Day

Webmaster: Jill B. was not present. Information sent to the Intergroup regarding a North Carolina Intergroup retreat will be forwarded to Jill to be placed on the web site.

Old Business

March 9-11 DaySpring Retreat: Maxine reported that a couple has canceled plans to attend retreat and that the money has been refunded to them, leaving two vacant beds in one room.

Margie said she has most of the material she needs and has made copies of handouts to lead the retreat.

Maxine will contact Jill regarding plans for retreat food and menus.

Discussion regarding having the \$25 retreat registration fee be nonrefundable starting in 2019 was tabled till the March 3 Intergroup meeting.

The retreat committee planned to schedule a meeting following the Intergroup meeting.

Feb. 28 Unity Day: Flyers for distribution were handed out to all the reps. Margie gave Michelle a format proposal for the day. The group discussed details and times for the event, which starts after the Newcomers meeting that day and runs till 3 p.m.

Document storage: Maxine said she will investigate costs of scanning old documents and archives as a way of eliminating piles of paper currently being stored.

New Business

Jan. 27 Estero Health Fair Report: Debbie (DJ), who represented OA at the half-day outdoors event, said it was

“worthwhile” and was a good way to reach doctors, nurse practitioners and social workers. Debbie noted that the Intergroup needs to have more business cards available and that pamphlets (“To the Health Care Professional”) would be helpful for use at future events.

Public Information: Pat reported that Al V has volunteered to work in this area of outreach.

Meeting List: A new monthly list was handed out to all reps to bring back to their meetings, after the group made several corrections.

Our Invitation to You reading: Roz asked Intergroup to consider placing this reading in all Newcomer packets disseminated by the Intergroup. Margie suggested that reps go back to their groups and ask if they want to include the reading in their Newcomer packet, noting that the decision seems to be one which each group needs to make individually. No motion was made on this matter.

WSBC Referendum Items: We reviewed all the material that has been proposed for the WSBC delegates to bring to the floor in Rio Rancho in April. Our intergroup reps attending the Intergroup meeting voted in favor of having WSBC discuss all proposed policy and procedure amendments.

In addition we voted to have the Conference discuss proposed language changes to Steps, Traditions, Concepts, tools and prayers so that they reflect gender equality, as well as proposed changes in wording to make references to God general neutral.

Our IG voted against the Conference bringing to the floor all questions concerned with adding new tools, including "exercise", "prayer" and "meditation". The group was unanimous in its feeling that the tool of Plan of Action already covers any of the proposed tools, and that nine tools are sufficient.

Submitted by:

Gil P.

Temporary recording secretary