

## **SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERGROUP MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 4, 2021**

Roz, chair, called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

**Roll Call**--Roz, chair, Thursday Fort Myers Unity; Rich, PI/PO, Monday Cape Coral; Carol G, Wednesday Big Book, Estero; Pat H, treasurer; Jill, website manager; Margie, vice chair, Tuesday Sanibel; Gil, recording secretary. Friday Sanibel.

**Concepts**--Margie read Concept 9 (Ability) in its entirety. There were no comments.

**Agenda** - The Intergroup agenda was passed by acclamation.

**August Minutes** - Margie moved to accept the August minutes as they were written in the last amended version. Carol G. seconded them and they were approved by acclamation.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Chair Report**--Roz made brief opening remarks.

**Vice Chair Report** - Margie reported she has passed along to meetings information she has received regarding the Labor Day Holi-daze Zoom-A-thon hosted by the Pinellas County, Florida Intergroup.

**Treasurer's Report**-- Pat reported that \$1950.86 was transferred to our account from checking and \$280.72 was transferred from savings in the bank accounts kept by former treasurer Maxine. Pat noted in her report that she received \$196 in donations from two groups and sent \$87 to World Service and \$29.10 to Region 8. The ending balance as of August 31 is \$2,406.48.in the new Suncoast Credit Union account. She added that Rich has been put on the account as the second signer. Answering a question from Margie, Pat noted that the account is in her name and that the Intergroup name is on the second line.

**Region 8 Report**—Roz reports that the Global Virtual IGOR quarterly meeting is September 23 and that the next Region 8 Virtual Assembly will be held October 15-16..

**Twelfth Step Within** - No report. Position is vacant. Carol G. expressed interest in the position Roz says she has information that she will provide to Carol G.

**Public Information** - Rich reports Pat has passed along the PI/PO information to him and says he open to suggestions for future ways of spreading the word that OA works. Rich made an amends for seconding a motion at the August 7 meeting before he was officially a committee chair. His amends was accepted by the group.

**Audio Library**--No report.

**Meeting lists** - No changes reported. The meeting list is on the website.

**Website manager** - Jill says she has no report. The board decided by acclamation that the Newsletter be folded into the website for now.

Carol suggests that we all suggest to our meetings that members volunteer for representative positions, board positions and special events chair openings

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Elections** - Carol G. and Jill said they are willing to stand for election at the November 6 Intergroup meeting as co-chairs of the Intergroup. Gil has agreed to stand as recording secretary for a second term and Pat, who is filling out Maxine's term as treasurer, said she is willing to run for a full term as treasurer. Jill has agreed to send out a flyer to all board members to share with meetings, announcing the names of those who've agreed to run for office, and announcing that all positions are open to every Intergroup member who meets the abstinence requirements set forth in the bylaws. Jill also will include a list of the committee chair positions available to all Intergroup members to fill. Committee chair positions are not voted upon, but are filled by appointment from the board.

**IDEA Day** - In discussion, the board members present came up with new theme: "Sponsorship: How It Helps Us Get and Stay Abstinent". Margie, chair, says she will contact OA members from outside our Intergroup about speaking at the November 20 program. The board agreed the event, which will involve three speakers and sharing, will run from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Gil volunteered to help Margie with putting the program together., and Jill agreed to make a flyer with Margie's assistance.

**RETREAT 2022** - After lengthy, thoughtful discussion, the board voted unanimously to change Retreat 2022 to a Zoom retreat, due to Covid concerns. Dates are to be determined.

**Bylaws** - Roz read from the 2019 bylaws to clarify that there are no term limits on officers serving and to clarify abstinence requirements for qualification to serve the Intergroup. Pat, Roz and Gil volunteered to serve as the committee reviewing the Intergroup bylaws, which state that this process is to take place every other year. All proposed revisions will be brought to a future Intergroup meeting for discussion and votes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Invitation to host Spring Assembly** - Board voted unanimously not to serve as host of the Spring Assembly.

**WSO and Screen Sharing on Zoom** - Margie noted that she received e-mailed guidelines from WSO regarding how copyrighted OA material is to be used and identified in online situations. Margie also stated that the guidelines seemed to her to make it more difficult for groups and Intergroups to screen share OA material during

these difficult times. She agreed to write an e-mail, with Gil's help, laying out her concerns. The e-mail will be sent to all board members for comments and opinions; then, if a final document is approved, the e-mail will be sent to WSO.

**Good & Welfare -**

Roz states she is not available to chair the October 2 Intergroup meeting. Margie has said she will run the meeting.

**Adjournment** - Margie made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded and it passed by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 11:55 with the Serenity Prayer in the plural form.

*Respectfully submitted by Gil P.*