

SW Florida OA Intergroup Meeting

September 2, 2023

Intergroup Chair Jill called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

- Motion to approve agenda was made by Roz and seconded by Bibi. Motion passed unanimously.
- Minutes from June Intergroup meeting were never approved as revisions were needed & Jill will make those revisions. She then will send them out to everyone.
- Roll call was taken with attendance by: Pat (Intergroup treasurer), Jill (Intergroup chair), Janice (Cape Coral Monday 10:45 am meeting rep), Bibi (vice chair), Sharon (Thursday Ft Myers meeting rep), Roz (Intergroup rep to Region 8), Alice (Tuesday Sanibel meeting rep), Carol (Website manager and Wednesday 1:30 Big Book meeting rep).
- Concept 9 was read by Roz.
- Committee Reports:
 - Vice Chair Bibi - asked for several items to be added to agenda. Other attendees expressed their thanks to Bibi for sending out a reminder of the meeting in advance.
 - Recording secretary - position open.
 - Treasurer Pat - reviewed report sent in advance of meeting though several members said they did not get the report. Covers June, July & August. Received seventh tradition donations from 9 groups. Total income from donations and bank interest was \$1,526.34. Sent on June 3 \$1,000 from excess funds in the amounts of \$500 to World Service and \$500 to Region 8. Third quarter distributions were sent to World Service for \$455.25 (30% of seventh tradition donations) and \$151.75 sent to Region 8 (10% of donations). General fund balance as of today is \$2,529.42. Reserves of \$2,700 which includes prudent reserve of \$200. Total money on hand \$5,229.42 which includes prudent reserves. Pat's two years of service as treasurer is in November and she does not want to continue as treasurer. Alice (Sanibel Tuesday meeting rep) has expressed interest in running for the treasurer position. Roz made a motion that the treasurer's report as read be accepted & it was seconded by Jill. Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.
 - Region 8 representative Roz - Finished working on the updating of the Intergroup. Anyone who wants to be a visitor at the Region 8 conference & assembly in Georgia the last weekend in October can do so for free on Zoom. Visitors can't vote on anything but it's a good opportunity to hear what goes on at an assembly. All expenses are very generously paid by Region 8 for representatives to the conference and assembly. Roz will not be able to attend the assembly as she has a wedding that weekend. Bibi made a motion to accept Roz' report, Janice seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Roz added that Region 8 is asking for articles to be submitted to their newsletter by September 8.
 - Website manager Carol F - she posted June meeting minutes and the diversity statement on the website. But lately she has been having trouble getting on the website.
- Old business:
 - Intergroup Inventory - conducted in July and August by Atiya and it went very well. Minutes from the inventory were not fully distributed. Pat discussed some of the concerns/suggestions brought up by Atiya. First Atiya pointed out that the reserve funds were not large enough and we should allocate more for World Service/Region 8 reps to

- attend meetings or assemblies so their air fare, lodging and food expenses are covered. Carol moved & Bibi seconded that we should increase the allocation from \$1,000 to \$3,000 to the reserve funds for meetings or assemblies. This motion was unanimously accepted. Atiya also discussed how important it was to have rotation of service, suggested that we send an open letter to all the groups in the Intergroup reminding them of our accomplishments, and also suggested that someone from the Intergroup attend meetings that don't have Intergroup representatives (like 4 meetings in Naples) and encourage them to send a representative to Intergroup to bring their news and take Intergroup's news back to them. Pat shared at her Saturday meeting how the Intergroup service helps her & suggested that we all do this with our meeting groups. Pat also suggested that she ask Gil to send out the minutes from the August inventory. Roz pointed out that the Intergroup vice chair (Bibi) should send out Intergroup minutes to someone at each of the meetings without an Intergroup rep and ask them to share the minutes at their meeting.
- Zoom security: Saturday meeting ran the trial for security measures that the Intergroup recommended, but they felt the measures were too restrictive in having chat closed till the last 30 minutes of the meeting. They preferred no closing of chat for newcomers meeting and regular meeting, and they did like the suggestion to mute unless speaking but do not want the host to mute all participants. It was determined that each meeting can decide if they want to implement the security measures.
 - Intergroup representatives should let their meeting know that the same Zoom number and password are used for all Intergroup meetings except for the Sanibel meetings.
 - Climate controlled storage discussion & PI/PO for health professionals discussion deferred to October Intergroup meeting.
 - It was suggested and everyone agreed that Intergroup's future meetings be limited to one hour. It will be added to the agenda for the October 7 meeting.
- New business:
 - Elections - happen in November & need to follow bylaws for how elections are run. Jill & Pat announced they will step down as chairperson and treasurer but they both will be available to do service. Also need a recording secretary. Job descriptions are available on Intergroup website. All Intergroup reps need to discuss in their meetings the great need for volunteers for the Intergroup officers and committees.
 - Idea Day (International Day Experiencing Abstinence)- weekend of November 17-19. Need to get a committee together to plan the event for either Nov. 18 or 19. Bibi and Jill volunteered to be on the committee. Carol will take it back to her group & ask for volunteers & suggested that all Intergroup reps do the same. Jill will ask Peggy if she wants to be on the committee for a second time. Jill is the contact for anyone interested in being on the committee.
 - Good and Welfare - for anyone who needs prayers & support. Maxine was suggested.
 - Serenity Prayer was said.
 - Adjournment at 11:33 am.