

## **S.W. FL O.A. Intergroup Meeting for August 1, 2020**

Meeting was called to order by Roz S., Chair, at 10:40 A.M. with the Serenity Prayer.

**Agenda** was read and amended. Motion was made to accept as amended by Gil P. and seconded by Margie P. Motion was carried.

**March minutes** - There were no minutes for the March meeting as it was cancelled due to lack of participation since the representatives were attending a week-end retreat.

**Roll Call** - The following roll call was taken and the following members were present: Gil P., Roz S., Margie P.; Liz B., Jill B., Ellen B., Debbie J., Maxine G.; Barbara G.; Pat H.; Sandra D.; Carol G.;

Liz B., Jill B., Ellen B., Debbie J., Maxine G.; Barbara G.; Pat H.; Sandra D.; Carol G.; Marilyn C.;  
And one guest, Claire, was welcomed to the meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

**Chair** - no reports.

**Vice-Chair** – no reports

**Recording secretary** - The February minutes were presented and motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Margie P. and seconded by Gil P. Motion was carried.  
(The amended detail was that “intergroup was to pay Roz S. expenses to region 8 conference.” Roz S. advised that intergroup was to pay only part of the expenses.)

**Treasurer Report** – This report is for the months of April, May, June, and July.

Beginning balance – April 1, 2020 - \$ 2887.75

Revenue received in period - \$ 500.02

Period expenditures - \$ 631.64

July 31, 2020 ending balance- \$ 2,756.13

Maxine advised that due to virtual meetings intergroup is not getting many donations from individual group meetings. Group representatives need to announce at virtual meeting that donations need to be sent to the group representative to be forwarded to intergroup so that the donations scheduled for WSO can be sent to WSO who needs the donations for operations.

**Website update** – If you need a flyer on the website. Let Jill B. know that you want it to be posted on the website. All flyers must have the O.A. logo on them. Intergroup pays \$ 400.00 for website use for 2 years. – Carol G. has started a Big Book virtual meeting on Wednesday morning at 10:00 A.M. meeting will be registered with WSO. The WSO office has not been opened due to Covid 19 pandemic. On the website, if it is a virtual meeting put the id number with contact person’s information and the contact person will give the pass– word.

**Region 8 Rep** – Roz S. advised that the Region 8 Conference scheduled for October 2020 will probably be a virtual conference. More to come later.

**WSO Rep** – We currently do not have a WSO representative. Representative needs to have one year of abstinence.

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**12<sup>th</sup> Step Within** - No report. Need a new representative.

**Public Info** – Pat H. updated the group on the purchase of a tri-fold table top display board for public gatherings. Purchase has been placed on hold for the time being.

**Newsletter Editor update** –No report.

**Meeting updates** – There are 8 virtual meetings. We are still paying the church for the meeting room. Once we get back to face to face meetings work on the possibility of zoom so summer attendees can still be connected. Tuesday and Friday meetings are phone meetings, not opened beyond their regular attendees. These are closed meetings. A question was asked by Claire noting that closed meetings are not open to non O.A. attendees. All meetings are autonomous and need to be registered with WSO. There was a lot of discussion concerning closed meetings. WSO allows closed meeting but they need to be registered as closed meetings on the website so that will be noted when people are searching for available meetings. The Sanibel representatives of these meetings are going to their meeting and vote if they want to have others join their meeting. The For Today meeting that meets in Fort Myer's on Wednesday morning and are seeking to become a virtual meeting. The Wednesday morning meeting at Grace church is permanently closed. Roz S. thanked Claire for asking about closed meetings.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Change of date for retreat** – A lot of discussion was had on sending in the deposit for the retreat in 2021. There is a 60 day period of time after sending in the deposit to get a refund of the \$ 750.00 deposit. If we want to keep the existing retreat for 2021, the deposit is due by October 1, 2020. The group decided to wait until next month's meeting to decide on keeping this retreat date or to cancel the reservation. Carol G. suggested that we have a virtual retreat. This would allow more attendees to participate. Margie P. suggested that we move the face to face retreat date to Unity Day week-end on February 27-28, 2021. More info on next meeting.

**WSO Inventory**- This is eighteen months old. This will be taken off the agenda.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Idea Day** – Melissa K. gathered a list of ideas for Idea Day taken off the WSO website. These ideas had been previously sent by e-mail to all intergroup representatives requesting that the representatives take the time to read the items on the list and be ready to discuss them at the meeting. Four items were discussed (Importance of Working the Steps Workshop, Working the 12 Steps, From Slip or Relapse to Recovery and the group added one not on the list Step Back into Recovery). After much discussion on how to present the workshop, Roz S. will call our O.A. Trustee and see if she is available to help us in the workshop. More info in next meeting. It was decided that we need a committee. Pat H.; Roz S. and Jill B. volunteered to work on the committee and Maxine G. will let us know at the next meeting if her schedule will allow her the time to be a part of the committee. It was recommended that we use the Saturday zoom connection for the workshop.

**Elections** – Takes place during the November meeting. We need to have an e-mail or simple flyer to Advertise for a new recording secretary according to our by-laws.

**Intergroup Zoom Meetings**- There are a number of ways a zoom meeting can happen and the cost is different. After a number of examples of different zoom connections, Carol G. will research the different zoom

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connections and report back to the group.

**T-shirts** – Commemorative T-shirts for the 2020 World Service Convention – the event that never happened. This shirt was for wearing at the WSO Convention in August that is now a virtual meeting. A flyer was handed out with a picture of the t-shirt and all related sizes, costs and ordering process.

**Church donations for Intergroup meetings.** It was at this time that the group discussed the rent money for the meeting room for intergroup. The group pays \$ 75.00 per quarter. We are not using the room due to Covid 19. Gil P. suggested that we send less money (donation) to keep the room for future use. Margie P. made the motion, seconded by Pat H.

All business concluded, motion to adjourn was made by Maxine G. and seconded by Gil P. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 12:17 P.M. with the serenity prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz B.