

August 6 SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERGROUP MINUTES

Call to Order at 10:35 by Jill B.

Serenity Prayer

Agenda - Gil moved to accept the amended agenda, Carol F seconded it and it was accepted unanimously.

July, 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes - Pat moved to accept the amended minutes that were e-mailed to all board members, Roz seconded the motion and it was accepted unanimously.

Roll Call - Jill B., chair; Pat H., treasurer and Monday Cape Coral meeting rep; Carol G., vice-chair and Wednesday Virtual Big Book meeting rep; Carol F., website co-manager and Wednesday Fort Myers meeting rep; Gil P., recording secretary and Tuesday and Friday Sanibel meeting rep; Roz S., Region 8 rep and Bylaws committee chair; Sharon W., Thursday Fort Myers meeting rep; Karen D., website co-manager; Peggy H., Saturday Fort Myers meeting rep.

Concepts of Service - Roz read Concept Eight in its entirety. Pat noted we currently have no more concept pamphlets on hand; Roz offered to order 10 more.

Officer/Committee Reports

Chair - Jill said she had no report, but did say she has two upcoming medical procedures over the next six weeks, adding that she plans to run the September Intergroup meeting, though is unsure how available she will be for some time after her September 13, second procedure.

Vice Chair - Carol G. noted she is still working on contacting meeting reps re providing meeting information and attending our Intergroup meetings. Discussion ensued re adding links to each meeting format on the website. Carol G and Website Co-Manager Karen D will work together on this issue going forward.

Recording Secretary - Gil had no report.

Treasurer - Pat reported a beginning general fund balance on July 9 of \$1,141.12. Income was \$900 from 9 groups, and that our account had accrued interest of \$.03. Expenses were \$300 sent to World Service and \$300 to Region 8, as voted on last month; \$491.64 for the website expense; and \$6.38 transferred to our PI/PO fund. The total of our general fund as of this report is \$943.13, plus retreat scholarship fund: \$1,000, PI/PO fund: \$500, WSO/Region 8 rep expense: \$1,000, Prudent Reserve of \$200. Total of all monies on hand: \$3,643.13. Pat reported that Jill and she went to the bank so that Jill is now the signatory on the account. Jill also audited the books of the Intergroup treasury and said everything checked out and that Pat is doing a great job as treasurer. Pat and Jill also separated \$2,700 of reserved funds (some of the total balance) into a money market savings account with 0.25 interest. Pat added that she will continue to split incoming Seventh Tradition contributions 60 percent (Intergroup), 30 percent (WSO), 10 percent (R8), according to OA policy, unless contributing groups specify otherwise. Just last month, Pat noted, she came to the board to ask how to distribute excess funds beyond the Intergroup's need and, pursuant to a board vote, split the extra money between WSO and Region 8. She said she will continue to monitor our Intergroup treasury and again will ask the board for guidance on how to handle treasury overages in the future.

Region 8 - Roz noted that among the items Region 8 recently announced is that money is available for Intergroups to pay for annual Zoom room fees. Pat noted that we don't need the money based on the current healthy state of our Intergroup treasury and recommended we leave the funds for Intergroups that do need financial assistance. The board agreed by acclamation.

WSO rep - Vacant

Twelfth Step Within committee chair - Cathy F. was not present.

PI/PO chair- Vacant

Website Co-Managers - Co-Managers Karen D. and Carol F said they will work with Jill on updating the website.

Changes/Lists - Carol G will speak with Ellen, whom Carol sees at meetings, re not having attended our Intergroup meetings in a number of months. Carol will ask Ellen what her intent is going forward.

OLD BUSINESS

Bylaws - Bylaws committee Chair Roz, along with members Pat and Gil, reviewed the proposed revisions to the Bylaws. The group members noted some punctuation and syntax changes and the committee approved these changes. The board then had lengthy discussion on bylaws language specifying that all board members must have 30 days of abstinence to remain on the board. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to change the language to reflect that members do not need 30 days of current abstinence to sit on the board but must have 30 days at the time of the Intergroup meeting to vote on items presented at that meeting. The board also discussed changes to standing committee chair language to specify whether that chairperson is to be considered a voting member in general and, specifically, under the bylaws, with the newly added requirements. The board agreed to leave the current language as is in the bylaws. The board then voted unanimously (minus one member who does not qualify to vote under the abstinence requirements) to accept the revised bylaws as amended at today's meeting, effective August 8, 2022. Pat, the bylaws committee member tasked with making the changes, said she would draft the final version and send it to all board members.

Good and Welfare - The board offered healing wishes and prayers for speedy recovery to Carol G, Sharon W, Karen D and Jill.

NEW BUSINESS

The board agreed by acclamation to change the next meeting, originally set for September 2 (during Labor Day weekend) to Saturday, September 10.

Serenity Prayer/ Adjournment - The board said the Serenity Prayer in the plural and the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Gil P