

Minutes Intergroup Meeting April 5, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 10:36 am. by Jodi, acting chair.

Roll call: Alice H., Roz S., Roz M., Sharon W., Elva B., Bonita K., Jodi S., Bob W. (new rep), Pat H., Tom L., Janice S.

Absent: Peggy H., Gil P., Carol F., Carrie B. (new rep)

Concept #4 Read by Sharon after the Serenity Prayer in the plural form.

We welcomed the following new groups and their reps to our meeting:

Bob W.—representing Wednesday 8:15 AM in person meeting: Anchor Church 11651 E Terry St., Bonita Springs.

Carrie B.—will represent the Saturday 1:30 in person literature meeting starting April 19 at AWOL, 1313 Lafayette St., Cape Coral

Roz S. reported they can get financial start up help from Region, which will not need to be paid back from Intergroup.

Reports

Chair and Vice Chair-- Vacant.

Secretary: Pat H. thanked Peggy H. for doing a fine job taking the minutes for March.

Treasurer: Alice H. said we started March with \$5,844.39 in our LMCU checking and savings accounts. We received in March the proceeds from the sale of one OA book at an outreach event, four 7th Tradition donation checks, and a credit on our debit card for the monthly rent of our closed storage unit, totaling income of \$455.19.

March expenses were rental of our previous storage unit for one month for \$55.19 (charged the day before we closed it so we received a credit for the charge on our debit card), reimbursement of the cost of a new lock for the storage unit, and the cost of opening a new storage unit totaling \$74.98. Total expenses for March were \$143.84.

At the end of March the total amount in our savings and checking accounts at LMCU was \$6,155.74 after adding the income and subtracting the expenses from the balance at the beginning of March.

As a reminder to everyone, the total amount of our funds is allocated to four areas: \$500 for PIPO/Literature Fund, \$1,000 for Retreat Scholarship Fund, \$200 for Prudent Reserve, and \$3,000 for WSO/Region 8 Rep expenses. These four areas total \$4,700. The remaining balance in our LMCU account for payment of other expenses is \$1,455.74.

In April our quarterly donation checks will be sent to World Service Office and SOAR Region 8. We previously agreed that we will continue our 30% quarterly payment to WSO and 10% to Region 8 and pay extra when we can afford it. So the 30% payment to WSO would be \$274.20 and the 10% to SOAR Region 8 would be \$91.40. I'd like to make a motion that we increase our donations with an additional \$300 to WSO and an additional \$200 to Region 8. For reference, these additional amounts are half of

what our additional donation to WSO and Region 8 were in January. So the total payments of \$574.20 to WSO and \$291.40 to SOAR Region 8 would reduce our remaining balance for other expenses to \$590.14. Discussion was held and approved.

Region 8: Roz S. reported from the 2025 Region 8 First Business Assembly 2025. Also, this link addresses the changes to the suggested contributions percentages & why: <https://oa.org/documents/change-in-the-suggested-contribution-percentages/>

March 14-16, 2025 Hybrid

In-person assembly was held in central time as both eastern and central times were acknowledged. The Board met at 1:pm to conduct business, along with funded chairs. I did not have to report until 8:pm. There were readings in 3 languages: English, Spanish and Portuguese, as we now have translators.

There were basic rules given whether in person or on zoom. Introduction of Region 8 Board Members, Funded Committee Chairs, and Intergroup Chairs were given, as well as former Region 8 Board Members and Trustees.

Except for the virtual Region, Region 8 is the largest Region. As we have new members on Intergroup's board, I am enclosing names of the states and countries in Region 8:

Region 8 comprises the Caribbean Islands, Central America, South America, and the United States Southeastern Region: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Southern Missouri, Tennessee and also Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands.

There were speakers who gave their stories. We then had a discussion period. This session ended at 10:30pm.

Saturday morning began at 9:30 am for me. Again, readings in 3 languages, then on to credential report. We then received a short parliament report from Parliamentarian, followed by adoption of standing rules and approve consent agenda. We listened to board reports and had time for questions. We then had report from Trustee.

We had a very interesting presentation on using Canva, a modern technique to make fliers. As Region 8 is nonprofit, and Igs should also be registered as nonprofits, the Canva company will allow us to use their equipment at no cost, limited to 50 individual IGs. I am not knowledgeable about all electronics, but I have seen the results at another venture. I have given info to Carol, who is giving service as web manager. GRAPHICSHelp@OAREGION8.ORG We can use this on brochures and handouts, educational materials, and customize everything. I was really impressed. Download as PDF will be free. If going through mail, there will be a charge. The video will be posted to Soar 8 website. ECHO is the member who is willing to help 561-704-2917

Next on the agenda were committee meetings, followed by lunch break. The committee meetings lasted 90 minutes. Gratefully, someone raised her hand to be chair of the IGOR committee, the committee I am involved in. It stands for Intergroup Outreach. and I have been on it for at least 6 years. Anyone can work on any committee to help in service.

We had presentations for future Assemblies in 2026. We also had motions in bylaws and P&P. Even though there was only 1 motion, several people, including me, were making amendments to the original amendment, which was only changing a few words, but we had to go through each time to take a vote. I actually asked why face to face was being used and why not call the in person meetings exactly what they were. Madam Chair stated she started saying face to face at World Service and it 'caught on'. It is assumed that zoom meetings are being called virtual. My motion did not pass. There were several more that didn't pass.

Next areas covered were committee reports. I was really interested in the PI/PO committee and also the Tech committee. There is an outstanding person who has offered to help anyone with tech questions.

Nominations for 2 open board members were held.

The Assembly was closed for the day.

Sunday morning was for informal Region 8 Board and Committee chairs.

When that session was over, IGOR was holding a 2 hour session for anything related to Intergroups. Note taking was by 2 people and by giving our emails, we have the reports on what has worked to keep IGs busy, what hasn't worked. I have that on a separate paper.

I really enjoy being on IGOR. I have met many service hungry people. With some of the new ideas, maybe, just maybe, SWFLOA can get more active. There also currently a temporary chair for the IGOR committee.

WSO: Vacant

Twelfth Step Within: Vacant

PI/PO: Bonita K. reported that she and Gil gave service at a job fair in Fort Myers on March 12. They sold one 12+12 book and met many people. Bonita stated we are trying to go to more health fairs rather than job fairs. Another fair was held on March 26 (just down the street from the March 2 event), so we did not attend this one. On Saturday, April 12 there will be a YMCA/Career Day event in Bonita Springs; help is needed for set up, clean up and to work our table. Bonita is finding out about another health fair event on April 26 in Ft. Myers. She will email us the information. The storage unit has been moved to the facility on Metro Parkway. It will be \$ 39.98 per month with no insurance required. She and Janice have the keys.

Website Manager: No report

Meeting Lists—Electronic: Pat H. will update our Intergroup member list and send by email. The meeting list is available on our website: <https://southwestflea.org>.

Group Rep Reports: Roz S. updated us that there is construction at the entrance to her community, so a meeting on Friday morning at her clubhouse will not be starting at this time.

Old Business

Goodwill and job fairs were covered under PI/PO report.

Board Vacancies—we discussed asking more fellows to be involved in intergroup; Roz sent us a separate email with many ideas of how to ask people to give service. She also stated that District 8 can help with information about the 12th step within day. Alice clarified that someone can fill an empty spot now until elections are held in November. The job descriptions are located on our website under **Our Intergroup Trusted Servants** [[click for officer duties](#)], and in our bylaws, also on our website (under “More”).

New Business:

Attracting members: Alice stated she was grateful for all who do service at the WSO and Region level: they assure us that there is a program here for us. Further discussion will be tabled to the next meeting.

Reminder: the World Service Convention will be held August 21-23 in Orlando, FL. Info is available at OA.org (under MENU and NEWS—Event Calendar for August). We will ask at meetings if people would like to carpool for this convention

*Jodi will generate agenda for next meeting and chair the meeting.

*Good and Welfare: Melissa K, Peggy H, Janice S

*Meeting adjourned at 11:36 with the serenity prayer.