

Minutes Intergroup Meeting

February 1, 2025

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:31 a.m. by acting chairperson, Jodi S; we said the Serenity Prayer.
2. The agenda was approved.
3. January 2025 minutes were approved with Roz S. addition to her report
4. Roll Call: 13 people were present: Carol F, Pat H, Roz M, Bonita K, Jodi S, Tom L, Elva B, Sharon W, Gil P, Peggy H, Alice H, Janice S, visitor Nick W.
Absent: Roz S, Jenna D.
5. Carol read Concept 2.

Officer/Committee Reports

1. Alice's treasurer's report was posted and read as follows: We started January with \$6,645.96 in our LMCU checking and savings accounts. We received three 7th Tradition donation checks in January, totaling income of \$210. January expenses were rental of our storage unit for one month for \$66.46 (versus what we previously paid of \$38.79/month) and extra donation of \$600 to WSO and \$400 to SOAR Region 8. Total expenses for December were \$1,066.46. At the end of January, the total amount of our savings and checking accounts at LMCU was \$5,789.50 after adding the income and subtracting the expenses from the balance at the beginning of January. 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 \$1,089.50.

2. Region 8-- Jodi reported for Roz S today: there is no report from the Intergroup outreach committee. Roz sent a flier to our intergroup members for the Region 8 Spring Convention and Business Assembly March 14-16 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The registration link with additional information is below the flyer. She is requesting that we mention this at all our meetings and it is posted on our website (southwestfloa.org—under "More" and "Announcements").

3. PIPO Report from Bonita: We were represented by Bonita, Roz S and Pat at a Job Fair on Tuesday January 28, hosted by the Fort Myers Community Church (on Cypress Lake Drive) and the Better Together organization. It was a very good turnout, with approximately 10-12 people stopping by our table to chat and pickup information. Goodwill is hosting a job fair on Feb 22, and another health fair is happening that same day. Bonita is waiting for more information about those, but we agreed if there is a conflict, we would rather attend a health fair. Other vendors may be holding their own events; we should all be alert to any opportunities to carry our message. Bonita has not heard from the Estero Community Center about the health fair they have hosted in the past.

We discussed and approved for Bonita to purchase a table, tent, and table cover up to \$ 250 from the PIPO fund. Elva reported she continues to distribute the letter to professional medical providers regarding OA. Carol will post it on our website.

4. Website Manager --Carol reported she has posted the December minutes on our website. Jodi's contact info is now also listed there.

5. Electronic Meeting Lists—previously, Carol G would update the meeting list when most meetings were in person. Since all our meetings are listed on our website, there doesn't seem to be a need for this at the present time. The only current in-person meetings are Sunday, Lakes Regional Library, Bass Road, Ft. Myers, and Friday, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 777 Mooring Line Dr., Media Room, Naples.

Group Rep Reports:

- Gil reported that both the Tuesday 5pm and Friday 4pm Sanibel meetings welcome newcomers, and if a 1st timer attends, those meetings are dedicated to reading Step 1.
- Jodi announced that the Sunday 4pm in person meeting at Lakes Regional Library on Bass Road is continuing to meet outside under the portico. It has been a small but very good meeting. They are considering moving to a different day and time, possibly an indoor meeting. If you attend, you need to bring your own chair.
- Elva reported they are looking to start a daytime in person meeting in the Naples area. More information will be forthcoming.

New Business

1. Unity Day—due to the lack of volunteers, there will be no Unity Day event this year from our intergroup. There are still not enough volunteers for this event to occur on Feb 23.

Old Business

1. Storage facility—Bonita, Janice, and Alice stated our current storage facility in Estero is increasing the price from \$ 38 to \$ 66. The manager has said he would lower our base rate to \$ 43 plus mandatory insurance of \$ 11 for a total of \$ 54 per month. The next payment is due Feb 3. We discussed finding a cheaper place, and one in a more central location. We need to give notice if we are terminating the contract, and may get a partial refund for the month. We are tabling further discussion until we can investigate other storage units.

Bonita is also in the process of purging items not needed (clothes hangers once used for special events) and she will consolidate the meeting materials for use by Intergroup/PIPO. Any group that does not wish to donate their stored materials for this purpose needs to contact Bonita immediately. Jodi reported she has materials from Robin (in person group that closed) and will continue to use them for Sunday 4pm meeting.

3. Vacancies on the Board—we are still looking for more members to give service. Please encourage your group members and sponsees to come observe—all are welcome at any meeting. Sharon attends our meeting long distance, but has offered to help with phone calls or physical mailings. Elva suggested we all pray about bringing more people into intergroup.

3. Good and Welfare— Peggy's husband, Alice's grandson, and Janice are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:31 am with the Serenity Prayer.

Next meeting will be held March 1—Jodi will prepare the agenda and chair the meeting.