

Minutes Intergroup Meeting

January 4, 2025

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:36 a.m. by acting chairperson, Carol F; we said the Serenity Prayer.
2. The agenda was approved
3. December 2024 minutes were approved.
4. Roll Call: 11 people were present: Carol F, Pat H, Roz S, Bonita K, Jodi S, Tom L, Elva B, Jenna D, Sharon W, Gil P, Peggy H
Absent: Alice H, Janice S
5. Gil read Concept 1.

Officer/Committee Reports

1. Alice's treasurer's report was posted and the summary was read by Pat as follows:

We started December with \$6,500.75 in our LMCU checking and savings accounts. We received four 7th Tradition donation checks in December, totaling income of \$780. December expenses were rental of our storage unit for one month for \$38.79 and quarterly donation of \$447 to WSO (30%) and \$149 (10%) to SOAR Region 8. Total expenses for December were \$634.79.

At the end of December, the total amount of our savings and checking accounts at LMCU was \$6,645.96 after adding the income and subtracting the expenses from the balance at the beginning of December.

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 \$1,945.96.

Do we want to send extra donations to WSO and SOAR Region 8? In July we sent \$300 extra to WSO in response to their special appeal letter and \$200 extra to Region 8. NOTE: According to Roz WSO has proposed for 2025 changing the 60% Intergroup/30% WSO/10% Region 8 splits to increase the amount of the WSO quarterly donations to 40% from 30% which would reduce the amount we retain from 60% to 50%. Region donation would remain at 10%.

2. We had a discussion about WSO recommendation of contributions. We will keep the current practice, since we don't have a steady income, but will continue to send excess funds when we are able. The group decided today to send \$ 600 additional funds to WSO, and \$ 400 to Region 8.

Mention was made that donations are down due to online meetings, and IDEA Day had very few contributions. Some groups are not sending money to our intergroup; some groups or individuals are choosing to send their contributions directly to WSO or Region 8. Please make groups aware that our intergroup does not receive funds when this is done directly to those 2 bodies.

3. Region 8 Updates: Roz reported the following: Region 8 is looking into hiring a social media manager. This is being considered for a paid position. We are specifically looking for someone to create social media ads, post on social media and monitor to answer any questions. This would be on a created business account to keep the individual personally anonymous. UPDATE: This does not need to be a member of OA, but they need to understand and abide by our traditions.

Roz also reported on the seed money to help new face to face/in-person meetings get started. JC, secretary of Region 8 responded IG would not be responsible to replace funds if new meeting failed.

4. PIPO Report from Bonita: She now has the key to the storage unit that Jill held; Janice and Pat also have keys. If there is someone closer to Estero who can keep a key, Pat will give hers to them. Janice's name is now on the contract; we received notice that the monthly cost will be increased, but we have no new information yet. Janice will check that out.

The Estero Health Fair may be coming up. Bonita has called them about the date and if we can have a table there. She also reported that there is a radio recovery program where we may be able to carry the message.

5. Website Manager--Carol F said things were going well on the website. She and Jodi will discuss who will be the contact for emails and phone calls.

Group Rep Reports:

- Tom reported the Sunday Naples meeting attendance is increasing.
- Elva said the Friday Naples meeting recently had 20 people, and they send their money to intergroup.
- Jenna/Gil reported that the Sanibel Tuesday & Friday meetings currently have no money, but they will continue to send it to intergroup when collected.

New Business

1. Unity Day—due to the lack of volunteers, there will be no Unity Day event this year from our intergroup.

Old Business

1. PIPO—Bonita reported we need to purchase a table and tent for outdoor events; she will research the cost and report back to us. We have \$ 500 set aside for PIPO expenditures, but we need to approve them as a group.

2. Roz reminded us that the OA Birthday is the 3rd week in January. We can check the oa.org website for information.

3. Vacancies on the Board—we are still looking for more members to give service by attending our meetings, and helping where they can. We have 4 officers' positions vacant. Please encourage your group members and sponsees to come observe—all are welcome at any meeting.

3. Good and Welfare—Melissa K, Bibi S, and Janice S are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:21 am with the Serenity Prayer.

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