

## Minutes Intergroup Meeting

November 1, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 10:34 am. by Carol F (acting chair) with the serenity prayer.

Agenda was approved as sent and viewed. Concept 11 was read by Peggy H.

Attendance (12 members, plus 1 guest): Carol F, Pat H, Peggy H, Tom L, Janice S, Roz M, Elva B, Bonita K, Sharon W, Gil P, Holly M, Alice H, Nancy C (guest)

Absent: Bob W, Cherie M, Roz S, Jodi S

### Reports

Chair and Vice Chair-- Vacant.

Secretary: Pat thanked the group for the opportunity to give service as the secretary, as well as for Peggy and Holly for covering when she has been absent; she wished Holly well in her new role.

Treasurer: Alice's report:

We started October with \$6,292.98 in our LMCU checking and savings accounts.

We received in October donations from four meetings (two from Naples meetings, one from a Fort Myers meeting, and one from an Estero meeting) and one 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition donation check from an OA member, totaling income of \$513.

October expenses included the one-month rental of our storage unit for \$39.98 made with our debit card, a \$35 reimbursement for our Region 8 rep to attend Region 8 Assembly, and \$8.51 for reimbursement of Outreach expenses. Total expenses for October were \$83.49.

As of October 30, the total amount in our savings and checking accounts at LMCU was \$6,722.49 after adding the income and subtracting the expenses from the balance at the end of October.

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 \$2,022.49.

We will continue to send money to WSO and Region 8 quarterly.

Region 8: Roz sent this report by email this week:

October 24, Friday evening, opened the official Assembly. Each of the readings were spoken in 3 languages: English, Portuguese, and Spanish. The readings were 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts and Voices of Recovery.

Fifty people were there, although only 39 were registered as voting members.

Next was adoption of agenda.

Three speakers told their personal recoveries, using service and unity as their common bond. All agreed that service starting at group meetings, leading to help on different committees, Intergroup and beyond, strengthened their programs. They were very busy people and told themselves that they had no time, yet they tried, tried, tried. All are successful in recovery because they followed the 12 Traditions. To live a structured life, meetings, etc., structure is necessary. Carrying this message is so important.

Saturday, October 25

The same opening as Friday evening regarding the readings.

Credentials for voting was next: 44 voting members

Explanation on how to be recognized for speaking was explained by Parliamentarian.

Reports from trustee and officers were next. We also had the reports in our 77-page packet.

Laurie, our Trustee, mentioned in Region 8 info on line, A Step Ahead, there is a blog on [oa.org](http://oa.org) and it is updated info for what is happening around the worldwide OA happenings.

IT IS GREATLY RECOMMENDED TO SEND SEVENTH STEP DONATIONS LOCALLY FOR ALL MONIES TO STAY LOCAL.

PI/PO Andrea K. from Miami is chair [pipochair@oaregion8.org](mailto:pipochair@oaregion8.org)

Surveys are out, putting contact person for each activity

Following local IGs on radio, video. also on [oa.org](http://oa.org) in 15,30, and 45 second ads. Interviews on public radio, first names only. Pass out business cards, ink pens, letters to medical professions, schools and faith leaders. Share OA publications with your personal physicians. Audiences: EAP (Employee Assistance Program) for benefits and WELLNESS.

Faith leaders: AI can translate Spanish, Portuguese, or Creole.

Public Ads: Sponsor bus ads, Billboards (expensive).

Participate in health fairs and expos.

Online tools: use Event Brite to list meetings.

Provide pamphlets/ flyers at 12 step clubhouses.

Streaming: "Is Your Eating Out of Control? is on back of a bus from a very active group.

Region Chairs

All service body: The POWER OF WE will be the concept for the next 3 years, working together, not just individual recoveries.

Use WE as a message on Unity Day. We were sent power point from Region3.

Where do you see the power of WE in our Intergroup Today? I TOOK THIS PERSONALLY FOR SWFLOA. WE NEED DISCUSSION ON WHERE IS OUR FUTURE?

After lunch we had two actions to vote on. Just wording to be changed.

Voting took place, after officers gave their reports. (I have all papers online if anyone wants to read them.) We have a new chair and permanent treasurer, as she was interim.

Also, questions about budget were answered. No money is missing. Different number as the starting amount led us to believe there was more money than actually was. Change of banks, change of personnel.

In service,

Roz, Region 8 Rep

Carol F reported that Region 8 IGOR committee will host IDEA day on November 23, and the Region 8 assembly will be March 13-15 in Charlotte. She will be posting both flyers soon on our website.

WSO: Vacant

Twelfth Step Within: Vacant

PI/PO: Bonita K -- The October job fair was well attended; we were placed next to AA and AL Anon. She thanked members who donated their time to be at our table. No public outreach events are scheduled right now, but she is working on getting events lined up.

Website Manager: Carol F reported she will place the October minutes on our website, as well as upcoming flyers for events. Anyone else interested in maintaining our website should contact her—please announce this at your groups.

Group Rep Reports:

Tom L—Sunday 6:30pm Naples—their meeting is pretty well attended, especially when they have a speaker meeting (thanks to Nancy for organizing this)

Janice S—Monday 10:45am Cape Coral—attendance is small but lately good—there are consistent, active members in the group

Roz M—Monday 6:00pm Naples (topic meeting) – a small meeting (attendance usually 6-8) but will get bigger when seasonal friends return; they can always use our support

Holly M—Tuesday 5:00pm Sanibel—a small but good core; they frequently get newcomers at both Sanibel meetings, and will read steps 1 and 2; they are down on donations

Elva B—Wednesday 10am Big Book meeting – also a core group that keeps it going (from Montana, Oregon, Canada and many other states). She would like to know how they can make donations locally

Bonita —Wednesday 1:30pm Fort Myers meeting has quite a few new people, with 1 new person wanting to make that her home group

Sharon W—Thursday 10:30am Fort Myers—this group is small but mighty (usually 6); only had 2-3 people a few weeks ago

Roz M—Thursday 6pm Naples BB meeting— a good healthy meeting of 12-15 people

Roz M—Friday 5:30pm Naples— a face to face meeting, usually a topic meeting; it is getting larger due to northern friends coming back

Peggy H—Saturday 9:00am— it is going well, there has been good attendance at this meeting; however, there have not been many new people showing up

Jodi— Saturday 1:30 Cape Coral – not here today due to a work conference

### New Business

1. Zoom Account—Carol G has been in charge of our ID password as the administrator (the Zoom charges were previously on her credit card, but the annual fee is now taken from our debit card). Carol F reported that changes were made to our Zoom settings on October 9 without our permission/prior knowledge (the white board was turned on, and was written on).

Nancy C reported that every Zoom account has an administrator who can set global/master settings as default settings; some can be changed per meeting by the host. Several meetings have been having problems with intruders and she noted that our Zoom account has a hole in our security.

Carol G no longer wishes to be our administrator. Our group has accepted Nancy C as our Zoom administrator to immediately change problem areas (use of whiteboard, able to chat both ways in the waiting room, removing AI—Artificial Intelligence-- option, etc.). She will work with Carol G to change as much as needed. Any concerns about changes or future needs can be brought to our Intergroup.

### Old Business

1. November Elections— Treasurer (Alice H) and Secretary (Holly M) were elected. Carol F and Jodi S will continue to be acting chairs; anyone else can also step forward to take on this chair role. The duties are to compile and send the agenda each month, chair the meeting, forward WSO and Region 8 emails to meeting reps and officers, vote if there is a tie.

2. Electronic Donations—Alice reported on her investigating with WSO and Region 8... options seem to be PayPal, Zelle, Venmo, and/or Bill Pay. Some would require us to pay a fee; our Lake Michigan Credit Union does not offer electronic payments. After much discussion, it was decided to discuss at our meetings what people would use and Alice will continue to explore.

Next meeting-- first Saturday in December—December 6, 2025. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 with the serenity prayer.