

Minutes Intergroup Meeting September 6, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 10:35 am. by Carol F (acting chair) with the serenity prayer.

Agenda was approved as sent, as well as August 2 minutes. Concept 9 was read by Peggy H.

Attendance (13 members): Carol F, Pat H, Peggy H, Alice H, Roz S, Tom L, Janice S, Roz M, Elva B, Bonita K, Sharon W, Gil P, Jodi S,

Absent: Carrie B, Bob W, Holly M

Reports

Chair and Vice Chair-- Vacant.

Secretary: Pat H thanked Peggy for being the backup secretary.

Treasurer: We started August with \$6,607.34 in our LMCU checking and savings accounts. We received in August three 7th Tradition donation checks, totaling income of \$360.00. The donations were from one Fort Myers meeting, two Sanibel meetings, and one Naples meeting. Total income for August was \$360.

August expenses included the one-month rental of our storage unit for \$39.98 made with our debit card and a \$595.80 check for our second quarter donation to WSO (30% of our donations). I apologize for the slight delay in my getting our second quarter donations in the mail. Please note that the donation to Region 8 is not listed because our \$291.40 check sent to them in April has never been cashed. I contacted the Region 8 Treasurer (thanks, Roz, for giving me her name and phone number) and we determined that the check had never been received and the mailing address I had for the Region 8 Treasurer was incorrect. I had a stop payment issued for the check and sent the Region a new first quarter check and a second quarter check on 9/4. The second quarter donation will be reported in the Treasurer's Report in October. Total expenses for August were \$635.78.

At the end of August the total amount in our savings and checking accounts at LMCU was \$6,331.56 after adding the income and subtracting the expenses from the balance at the end of July. 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 \$1,631.56.

Region 8: Roz S reported that the IGOR committee meeting stated that IDEA Day is actually the 3rd full weekend in November (Friday Nov 21-Sunday Nov 23). They are looking for ideas/suggestions to get more people involved in OA. She forwarded the Region 8 12th Step Within Committee 3-legged stool flier to all intergroup members. The Region 8 assembly will be October 24-26 (Zoom only). The cost is \$35, and anyone is welcome to attend. Her group has suggested that we read Tradition 7 information at individual meetings to encourage more people to make donations. She read a long list of benefits we receive from OA that needs to be funded.

We discussed the option of using electronic pay methods at our meetings to aid donations, especially for members from other countries. Alice will investigate further with our bank and report back to us.

WSO: Vacant

Twelfth Step Within: No report

PI/PO: Bonita K reported we had no outreach events in the past 2 months.

Website Manager: Carol F reported the website is up and running (www.southwestflea.org) and she continues add information. She posted the 12th Step Within 3-legged stool flier.

Meeting Lists—Electronic: Pat H. stated this should be removed, as the meeting lists are kept on OA.org, and it was approved by vote.

Group Rep Reports:

Tom L—Sunday 6:30pm Naples—meeting is active is well attended on certain days

Janice S—Monday Cape Coral—going ok

Roz M—Monday 6:00pm Naples (topic meeting) is still meeting; attendance is down a little, due to summer; they can always use support, they announced the 3-legged stool workshop

Elva B—Wednesday 10am Big Book meeting is going well, with a very diverse group

Bonita —Wednesday 1:30pm Fort Myers meeting has new people but not always coming back. She has announced what Roz S sends

Sharon W—Thursday 10:30am Fort Myers—this group is small but well attended (from 3-4 up to 8)

Roz M—Thursday 6pm Naples BB meeting—they also announced the workshop

Gil P—Friday 4:00pm Sanibel (and Tuesday 5:00pm) – usually have 10-15 people, but not always the same – usually 4 regulars—they read step 1 a lot, he'd like to discuss meeting retention

Roz M—Friday 5:30pm Naples—Face to Face meeting is doing well, 8-10 attendees but it can double or triple during season-- at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 777 Mooring Line Dr. (back of the church, large # 2 on the door)

Peggy H—Saturday 9:00am—this is a strong recovery meeting, but its hard to get people to give service by leading; she'd like ideas to encourage leaders to step up

Jodi—will now be the IG rep for Saturday 1:30pm meeting at AWOL Club, Cape Coral—this inside meeting is suffering, only 2 people usually come. They are considering a new time/day.

Old Business

1. IDEA Day—this International Day Experiencing Abstinence (see Roz S report)—Region 8 is hosting events; our individual meetings can use their meeting that week to announce/read about IDEA Day.

2. November Elections—office positions will need to be filled: Chair (to make the agenda each month and run the meeting), Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer (although Alice is willing to continue). Please announce at meetings that we need fellows to do service; the slate needs to be presented at the Oct 4 meeting to vote on in November.
3. We briefly discussed adding “Thy Will Not Mine Be Done” at the end of the serenity prayer. This is an issue for each meeting to decide.
4. Bonita reported the “Party in the Park” event, sponsored by Kimmy’s Recovery, which will be held on Sept 13 in downtown Fort Myers at the Collaboratory, Jackson Street (outside on the cement). Carol F, Roz M, and Jodi S will assist with set up at 7am, working 8:30-3:00, and take down/clean up.

New Business

1. Intergroup Meeting—we will table this discussion until next month. We can ask at our meetings for opinions about a better time/day to meet.
2. 12th Step Within Day—December 12 (Friday this year)—we need to remind and educate our members at meetings—we can do this all that week at each meeting, and group reps can encourage all members to reach out to suffering members. (Check out oa.org, under document library—Twelfth Step Within: Project Ideas and Resources).

Good and Welfare—Bonita K, Roz S

Jodi Swill generate the agenda for next meeting and chair the meeting.

Next meeting first Saturday in October—October 4

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 with the serenity prayer.