

Minutes Intergroup Meeting

September 7, 2024

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by chairperson, Jill, and we recited the Serenity Prayer.
2. Agenda was modified to add under New Business: Intergroup Reps being out of state; resignations and removals of board members/ reps not currently active; a request by Bonita. The amended agenda was approved.
3. August 2024 minutes were approved with previous changes as emailed this week.
4. Present at this meeting (14): Jill B, Bibi S, Alice H, Pat H, Roz S, Elva B, Sharon W, Tom L, Janice S, Lisa K, Bonita K, Gil P, plus visitors Stephen B and Nancy C/Absent: Carol F, Carol G, Karen N, Jodi S, Peggy H
5. Bibi read Concept 9.

Officer/Committee Reports

1. Jill will discuss her Intergroup tasks when we talk about Old Business.
2. Bibi had no report
3. Pat reported that everyone should print out the new bylaws that were approved at the August meeting for our reference (included with August minutes emailed to everyone). She also reported that she erroneously said she had retained no previous treasurer's records, but in fact she has them (with the exception of members individual checks that were deposited as a 7th tradition donation—they shredded). She will update the email list and send to everyone to include new intergroup members (welcome Bonita and Tom).

4. Alice's treasurer's report was posted and the summary was read as follows:

We started August with \$5,877.31 in our LMCU checking and savings accounts.

We received one 7th Tradition donation in August, totaling income of \$50. The post office forwarding my mail from Fort Myers to Illinois until October is causing almost a two-week delay of receiving my mail in Illinois.

August expenses were rental of our storage unit for one month for \$38.79.

At the end of August, the total amount of our savings and checking accounts at LMCU was \$5,888.52 after adding the income and subtracting the expenses from the balance at the beginning of August.

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 \$1,188.52.

We will assess our excess funds in December and vote on sending additional monies to WSO and/or Region 8. Gil mentioned that the split of intergroup donations should be 60% to intergroup, 30% to World Service and 10% to Region 8. Alice and Pat will research how we have done that in the past and report next month, when the distributions are made.

5. Roz's Region 8 IGOR committee (Intergroup Outreach Committee) is working with other intergroups that are now currently registered in Region 8. The Fall Assembly (Convention and Business Meeting) will be on the east coast September 20-22. The World Service Convention will be held next year in our state on August 23-25 in Orlando. Roz mentioned the possibility of renting a bus from this area for those interested.

6. Carol F—Jill reported in Carol's absence that she has been busy posting things on our website. Jill said the amount of \$383.71 paid to Just Host was for hosting our website for 2 years (not 3 years as previously reported).

7. Carol G—Jill reported that she has reached out to Carol G regarding maintaining our meeting lists and serving as the rep for Wednesday Big Book meeting. Elva B said she would be willing to be that rep as well as her other rep jobs (Monday Naples, Thursday Naples, Friday Naples), and she will continue to ask members at her meetings to serve as reps, so she will not be representing numerous meetings.

New Business

1. Intergroup Reps who are out-of-state: It was decided that people attending Zoom or hybrid meetings could serve as reps; if a meeting is in-person only, that designee needs to be physically present to be an intergroup rep.

2. Elections: Jill announced that we need a person to be in charge of collecting nominations for the 4 officer positions (Chair/Co-chair, Vice Chair, Recording Secretary, Treasurer). This person would also run the elections on November 2. The Chair position could be shared between 2 people. The qualifications for each position are being forwarded from Jill. Please contact Jill if you can do this service. We need to announce upcoming elections at our meetings and ask for people to fill those roles (as well WSO rep, 12 Steps Within, and PIPO –Public Information Professional Outreach chairs).

3. Bonita shared that there is a National Recovery Day event next Saturday, September 14, at Lakes Park, Fort Myers ("Party in the Park). She is checking with the park to see if SWOA could participate.

4. IDEA Day (International Day Experiencing Abstinence)—Jill reported it will be the weekend of Nov 15-17. In the past, we have chosen Saturday and asked that the Saturday morning OA meeting allow us to use their time starting at 9:30 (after the newcomer's meeting). If that is case this year, the date would be November 16. The usual format is a chosen theme with speakers, possibly a writing component, and open sharing. The theme in the past has been related to the tools (props used were a tool box, a road map for abstinence, a clothes line with tools hung up). Bonita, Roz and Gil volunteered to work on this committee.

5. Resignations and removals—tabled until next month

Old Business

1. Jill's Tasks for Intergroup—tabled until next month

2. Good and Welfare—please keep Roz, Melissa K, Mary Jo R, and Peggy's husband Frank in our thoughts and prayers.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:43 am with the Serenity Prayer.