

## March 2026 Meeting Minutes

### SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERGROUP (SWFLOA), OA IG# 09231, REGION 8 (SOAR)

**Call To Order:** At 10:35 am by CAROL F, ACTING CHAIR, with the **SERENITY PRAYER**.

**Mar. Agenda:** Add to **NEW BUSINESS:** Inquiry on behalf of an anonymous sponsor who asked whether a group may give a book to a new member/sponsee with financial challenges. **Amended agenda unanimously approved.**

**Feb. Minutes:** **Last month's minutes unanimously accepted.**

**ROLL CALL:** **Present:** ALICE H, BONITA K, CAROL F, ELVA B, GIL P, HOLLY M, JANICE S, PEGGY H, ROZ M, SHARON W  
**Absent:** BOB W, CHERIE M, JODI S, NANCY C, ROZ S, TOM L  
**Visiting:** CAROL G

**12 Concepts:** **CONCEPT 3 (Trust)** read by ROZ M.

**Note:** Items underlined and shown in blue are "hyperlinks" you may "Ctrl+Click" to open in your web browser.

#### OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Chair:** **OPEN FOR SERVICE VOLUNTEERS.** CAROL F and JODI S are kindly sharing service as Co-Chairs. SEE [By-Laws](#) Sec. 4.

**Vice-Chair:** **OPEN FOR SERVICE VOLUNTEERS.** WE SEEK NEW VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS CO-CHAIRS. SEE [By-Laws](#) Sec. 4.

**Secretary:** HOLLY M has no report this month. But see her corrective note to the **Zoom Admin.** report below.

**Treasurer:** ALICE H provides a detailed monthly report to IG. See **Summary Treasurer's Report for February 2026** below:

We started February with \$6,645.67 in our LMCU checking and savings accounts. We received donations from two meetings totaling income of \$135.00. Expenses included the one-month rental of our storage unit for \$39.00 made with our debit card and \$251.28 reimbursement to CAROL F for her purchase of OA books and handbooks for IG meetings. Total expenses for February were \$290.28. As of February 28, the total amount in our savings and checking accounts at LMCU was \$6,490.39 after adding the income and subtracting the expenses from the balance at the end of February. As a reminder to everyone, a subset of our funds is now allocated to three areas: \$500 for PIPO/Literature Fund, \$200 for Prudent Reserve, and \$3,000 for WSO/Region 8 Rep expenses. These three areas total \$3,700. The remaining balance in our LMCU accounts for payment of other expenses is \$2,790.39.

**Discussion:** HOLLY M asked if we might donate some of this remainder to Region and World Service. ALICE H noted that **in addition to IG's regular, quarterly donations of 10% to Region and 30% to WSO, she asks permission each quarter to make extra donations. Tabled to revisit in the April discussion of quarterly donations.** CAROL G asked whether donations made by groups or members directly to World Service with an OA meeting# or IG# reach those groups. ALICE H responded that, while these contributions are "credited" by ID# at WSO, donations via that admittedly convenient method are not distributed to local groups or intergroups. **Please remind all groups and members that those who wish to donate locally should send a check to their meeting treasurer or IG treasurer.**

[Region 8 \(SOAR\)](#) Rep: ROZ S absent. CAROL F reports there is nothing SOAR-related that needs attention at this moment.

[World Service Office](#) Rep: **OPEN FOR SERVICE VOLUNTEERS.** SEE [By-Laws](#) Sec. 4.

**12 Steps Within Committee:** **OPEN FOR SERVICE VOLUNTEERS.** SEE [By-Laws](#) Sec. 4.

**PI/PO Committee:** BONITA K is actively looking for health fairs and other events where we may distribute OA information.

**Website Manager:** CAROL F is regularly posting IG minutes and OA flyers to our website. **Each IG member, please share with your groups [the SWFLOA intergroup website at southwestfloa.org](https://southwestfloa.org).** **Note:** SWFLOA meeting list is posted on our intergroup website at <https://southwestfloa.org/meetings.html> and the searchable, world-wide list of OA-approved meetings is found at OA.org's "**Find A Meeting**" webpage at <https://oa.org/find-a-meeting/?type=0>

**Zoom Administrator:** NANCY C absent. **Note: HOLLY M forgot to contact NANCY C about an issue where several members were not authorized to unmute at the start of the Feb. IG meeting but will report back in April.**

## MEETING/IG REP REPORTS:

**Sundays 6:30 pm:** TOM L absent. **Zoom.** Features an out-of-town speaker once a month.

**Mondays 10:45 am:** JANICE S: **Zoom.** Consistent regular attendance with frequent out-of-town visitors.

**Mondays 6:00 pm:** ROZ M: **Zoom. This meeting needs our support.**

**Tuesdays 10:00 am:** NO REP: **Zoom. This meeting needs an IG Rep.**

**Tuesdays 5:00 pm:** HOLLY M: **Zoom.** Steady members plus frequent newcomers often focus on the First Step. Also read and discuss other OA-approved literature and topics.

**Wednesdays 8:15 am:** BOB W absent. **Face-to-Face.**

**Wednesdays 10:00 am:** ELVA B: **Zoom.** Wonderful Big Book study with good discussions. Many drop-ins and a core of regulars who support one another and take turns chairing.

**Wednesdays 12:30 pm:** CHERIE M absent. **Face-to-Face.** ROZ M: Excellent meeting. Often averages 10-15 people.

**Note:** CAROL F asked if CHERIE M is still the IG Rep for this meeting. ROZ M will find out and report back.

**Wednesdays 1:30 pm:** BONITA K: **Zoom.** Great Big Book meeting with good participation and discussions. Many regulars and newcomers.

**Thursdays 10:30 am:** SHARON W: **Zoom.** Healthy meeting with up to 8 people. Nice chance to skip bad weather.

**Thursdays 6:00 pm:** ROZ M: **Zoom.** Healthy Big Book study with usually 10-12 people. Great meeting.

**Fridays 4:00 pm:** GIL P: **Zoom.** Usually 10-15 people, including regulars, visitors from other areas, and newcomers. Good meeting often focused on Step One.

**Fridays 5:30 pm:** ROZ M: **Face-to-Face.** Excellent meeting, very healthy. At least 11, often 15 or more people. Format is Leader's Choice, open topic.

**Saturdays 9:00/9:30 am:** PEGGY H: **Zoom.** Strong, healthy meeting. Good format, combining a short share at the Newcomers half-hour with discussion throughout. Not many newcomers lately.

**Saturdays 1:30 pm:** JODI S absent. **Face-to-Face.**

## OLD BUSINESS:

**Service Pamphlet Update:** CAROL F has enjoyed visiting most of our face-to-face meetings to distribute the new "OA Handbook for Members, Groups, and Service Bodies". She will mail handbooks for the remaining Zoom-only meetings represented by PEGGY H, SHARON W, GIL P and HOLLY M.

## NEW BUSINESS:

**Discussion: Whether or not a group or intergroup can donate book(s) to member(s) who can't afford them.** There was a motion to use \$300 from our remaining balance as a Literature Fund for this purpose. Some IG members worried about how to ensure a benefit to one is equally available to all and how to evaluate need. Many said investing in literature helped them feel ownership in their recovery. One reported using thrift stores and discount websites to afford books, another being given used books by long-timers. Some noted that newbies often buy books yet don't return to OA. Some asked about potential conflicts with traditions or founding principles. The original motion was withdrawn. **A new motion, tabled until April, would have the PI/PO Rep, currently BONITA K, keep gently-used books in storage for distribution upon request by groups or sponsors. Note: BONITA K will send another reminder that we have new books from initial Zoom consolidation available for purchase at cost.**

## Good and Welfare:

PEGGY H thanks us for the prayers and spirit of love for her husband, FRANK, who is improving for the time being.

ALICE H thanks us and requests continued prayers for her husband, DAVID.

CAROL G requests prayers for her husband, who has entered Hospice at home.

**Adjourned:** 11:26 am by CAROL F, ACTING CHAIR, with the **SERENITY PRAYER.**

**The next SWFLOA IG Meeting is Saturday, April 4, 2026, and will be led by JODI S, ACTING CHAIR.**