

SOUTHERN ARIZONA INTERGROUP OF OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

MINUTES

June 16, 2012

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Attendance: Emily RS., Chair; Wendy A., Vice Chair; Chris N., Secretary; Pam T., Treasurer; Beth M., Sr. Delegate; Neva S., Jr. Delegate; Susan C., Telephone, IR; Rae S., PIPO; Roni B., past chair; Cheryl L., Newsletter co-chair, IR; Janis R., IR Trainer; Nan Badgett, Website; Marilyn B., IR; Jill S., IR; Barbara B., IR; Judith H., sub for Lauren M., IR; Barb S., IR; Barbara M., IR; Sandra R., sub for Ellen F., IR; and Debbie E., IR.

Call to Order: At 10:50AM Emily asked those in attendance to silence their cell phones and led the Serenity Prayer. Introductions were made while reading the Twelve Traditions and the Concepts of the Month. The sign in sheet was passed. Beth read the Standing Rules.

Secretary: The minutes from the May 19, 2012 meeting were accepted as presented electronically.

Treasurer's Report: The financial report was presented. Income from the previous month was noted as \$578.95. Expenses were \$2,599.51. Current checkbook total is \$15,242.89. Mail announced and passed around for reading. 7th Tradition envelope passed. Reported adjustments made to April numbers after final information received due to treasurer's absence from April board meeting, treasurer will be out of town for July meeting. Question from Mary M. concerning retreat-confirm the retreat will not get region money this year for speakers as the Region III's policy states every other year as funds permit. Pam reminded IRs/committee chairs to submit non cash contributions as these are also necessary to project next years budget.

Committee Reports:

Delegates/Region Reps.: please see attached comprehensive report (4 pages)

Neva said she was asked if more Region III magnets were available and she said that it was unclear but probably not. Pam said she had 24 magnets available that were not paid for or picked up from last intergroup.

Public Information/Professional Outreach (PIPO):

- NEW! We will be tabling at farmer's markets thanks to the diligent work of Claudia P. The first tabling is on June 22. It is the farmer's market near Broadway and Country Club. We have enough volunteers for now, but we will be looking for folks to table in the future in order to keep this a regular event. Please contact Rae or Barbara B. if you are interested.
- Joe N. is setting up a database of professionals for outreach by PIPO. We are asking that member submit professional names, email addresses and physical addresses to be added to our database. Names and emails are the most important of this information. I will be creating a new form for this to use in meetings and it will be for download off of the website. If you have forms today, please give them to Rae. We are asking that IRs please make sure that these forms are being circulated with all WE CARE SHEETS in meetings so folks know they are there.
- Prison book collection: PIPO is asking that all meetings donate a copy of the big book and the 12 and 12 (soft back ONLY) to be given to Read Between the Bars Prisoner Book Outreach. Also please encourage individual members to donate. All books can be brought to intergroup to be passed on to PIPO.
- Jr. High School and High School Library outreach: We are asking each meeting to donate a copy of For Today to be placed in school libraries. Please also encourage individual members to donate to this book project. All books can be brought to intergroup to be passed on to PIPO.
- Please encourage meeting members to leave flyers and pamphlets at the gyms they are members of or with personal trainers, gym managers or staff members. Check your gym for information tables and bulletin boards. Please

encourage folks to take pamphlets from meetings to pass on in this fashion or to get in touch with Rae if they need some from the PIPO stock. Folks are encouraged to leave copies of "15 questions" and "Is food a problem for you" in these spaces.

- *****Flyers for ALL of these can be downloaded from the SEAZ website. Duplicate forms for outreach and education and for the database can also be downloaded from the website. PLEASE pull these for your meetings when you grab the call to action!

Lifeline and Resource Library: absent, no report

Meeting List: no report, excused, e mailed to IR's

Newsletter: Verbal report, next newsletter will be bigger but currently under budget. Next deadline August 10 for Sept issue.

Telephone: Total calls 39 (Pam); Calls Reported: 5; Calls Returned: 1

Special Events: Susan presented written report by Mary M.

- The 2012 Retreat Committee has had three meetings to date and have decided upon a number of items. We have selected the theme of "TRANSFORMATION Through The Twelve Steps of OA." We have also chosen to use only OA approved literature at this year's retreat. We have designed a "Save the Date" flyer and have contacted the Newsletter Committee to add an announcement in the next newsletter.
- We have agreed to use local speakers to share their experience, strength and hope while using the 12 steps of OA. Speakers have yet to be selected; however Andrea M. and Claudia P. are contacting members of our fellowship to seek their agreement to speak. Jill S. has taken on the responsibility to be our Monastery Liaison, Room Assignment and helping Janis R. with the Clothes Closet. Registrar and Scholarship Requests will be handled by Susan C. who has also agreed to co-chair. Mollie H. will head up our Public Relations. Liz S. will head the welcoming committee. Mary M. will organize the Silent Auction and work with Claudia P. to design and oversee the Program.
- We ask the Intergroup Board to kindly add the following announcements to the Call to Action List:
 - 1) The Committee still needs volunteers to help fill out the various sub-committees.
 - 2) We need members to start collecting gently used clothing for the Clothes Closet.
 - 3) We need members to donate items or services to the Silent Auction.
- We need members to donate to the Scholarship fund as we anticipate the need will be as great as it was at last year's Retreat.
- Lastly, we are asking the Board to consider funding a small start up account to be used for staples and copying needed for the retreat. The "Save the Date" flyer would have been available today for distribution if that account had been put in place. Some member, including myself, cannot afford to lay out funds and wait to be reimbursed. Last year, the committee members were not reimbursed until the follow-up meeting in November. My opinion is that it is unfair to ask volunteers to carry, what could be a financial burden, however slight it may seem to some.

Twelfth Step Within: Nan read report. 'We discussed upcoming workshop themes for the rest of the year and locations and dates for the Big Book weekend. Roni has kindly stepped up to communicate with potential locations. Beth M, Roni, and I had a very productive discussion regarding the content possibilities for upcoming workshops.'

Website: Nan reported Routine maintenance was performed, action items updated, meeting list updated, current newsletter posted, and announcements updated.

Convention Planning:

- During our last meeting on May 19, 2012 we updated the contact list, reviewed our planning timeline, and shared Committee reports.
- Janis announced that the CPC's bank account will be created 5/26 with Pat D as Treasurer and Roni and Janis as additional signers. Committee Chairs were asked to bring their budget requests to the June meeting.
- Committee Chairs who were present gave committee reports. Rhonda from the Program Committee shared the session names with number of speakers needed and a preliminary program. Nancy from the Registration Committee shared that we will use PayPal for online registration and that mailed registrations will go to Cheryl's home address. The Registration Committee will bring a registration cost proposal to the June meeting for CPC's review and vote. We still need an Entertainment Chair and Signs/Decorations Chair. Janis listed some ideas for the slideshow of So. AZ highlights for the Friday night opening. Word will be sent out to members to start submitting photos so the slideshow and accompanying script can be created. We've added a new Committee called Diversity which Rae is chairing it and one of the program sessions will be devoted to Unity Through Diversity.
- Rae shared 3 more complete labyrinth designs with subtle differences and the meeting members voted the final choice. Rae will bring the completed rendition to June's meeting.
- Our next meeting is today after intergroup. Please join us at 1pm!

Questions: Due to motion at board being defeated, Susan asked about funding for staple items for retreat, policy will be presented next Intergroup. 'Save the date meeting' tomorrow, flyer will be sent to Janis to distribute to IR's. PIPO was asked why they are not using budget to buy books rather than soliciting from groups, Rae explained it gives groups a service op and budget funds are allocated to other areas, also member suggested that OA phone # placed in each donated book. TSW does not have a date yet for the Big Book Weekend; an IR requested it not be scheduled on the AA weekend in July. Susan commented that 'group conscience' directive be read at beginning of business meeting.

IR Trainer: Janis went over the IG Address List to determine delivery of information from Intergroup to meetings, updated IR information and counted 10 IRs present. She explained guidelines available to lead business/group conscience meeting obtained from WSO website (hard copy distributed).

Unfinished Business: Intergroup inventory: groups were instructed to turn in inventory to Emily, if didn't bring can e-mail to her. As the inventory results affect Intergroups Visions and Goals, Emily requested members for the ad hoc committee, which will meet to incorporate the inventory responses. Current Visions and Goals will be posted on website (per Nan) and Janis will e-mail to IRs.

New Business:

Vision and Goals # 2 Committed Service Boards was read by Janis. She highlighted #2, which suggests committees write articles, and #3 instructing IG to let groups know what positions are available to do service. Read from the Group Handbook, question #1 (page 30) "How about OA in Institutions".

Announcements: July 21, 2012 Next SEAZ Intergroup meeting at 10:45am (Board meets at 10am)
2013 C&A Planning meeting is at 1pm after July 21, 2012 Intergroup.
Retreat committee will meet Monday at Crave 5pm.

Recap of Action Items done by Nan with additions from other attendees.

Adjourned at 12:20 PM with The Responsibility Pledge.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Nunn, Secretary