

SOUTHERN ARIZONA INTERGROUP OF OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

MINUTES

May 18, 2013

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Attendance: Marilyn B., Chair; Deb E., Vice Chair; Pam T., Treasurer; Jill S., RR/ Jr. Delegate; Angela N, Guest.; Marie R., Meeting List Chair; Marj M., Retreat Chair; Wendy A., IR Trainer; Cheryl L., Website Chair/IR; Cris P. IR; Susan C., IR; Allison M., IR; Barbara B., IR; Barbara M., IR; Barb S., IR; Beverly C., IR; Paula T., IR; Terre J., IR; Sara J.,IR; Sally H., IR; Darlyn R, IR; Wanda C., IR; Nancy R., IR; Janis R., Convention Co-chair, and Roni B., Convention Co-chair.

Call to Order: At 10:48 AM Chairwoman, Marilyn B., called the meeting to order and opened with the Serenity Prayer; she asked for those present to silence their cell phones. Introductions were made during the reading of the Twelve Traditions and the fifth Concept. Chairwoman Marilyn B. stated that Darlyn R., Benson IR, would be serving as Secretary Pro Tem; Beth M, Sr. Delegate/RR was excused from the meeting. Marilyn B. also reminded us that Wanda C. had submitted a letter of resignation April 22, resigning the Secretary position. Marilyn read the letter to the group. The sign-in sheet was passed, and Vice Chair Deb E. read the Standing Rules.

Secretary Report: The April 20, 2013, IG meeting minutes were sent electronically and were accepted as presented. Reports should be sent to both the Secretary and Chairman prior to the meeting. For today, a copy should be given to the Secretary Pro Tem.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Pam T. had sent the financial report electronically. Copies were available in hard copy. The report was received for audit. Pam T. stated that no one was over budget or looking for money. Pam T. stated the bank balance and suggested that present IRs look at their group donations to see if everything is okay. The mail folder was passed. Pam T. read the 7th tradition and passed around the 7th tradition envelope; she reminded everyone present that forms were available for reimbursement. Janis R asked about zero reimbursement for the newsletter so far this year. Our treasurer stated that no reimbursements had been requested.

Committee reports:

Delegate/RR report: Jr. Delegate/RR Jill S. was present and read highlights of their detailed WSBC report, which will be emailed to IRs. There were 208 voters at the conference. SEAZ Bylaws will need to be amended to conform to the OA Bylaws. Jill thanked us for the opportunity to do this level of service. Then she shared some thoughts with us: it was neat for her to hear Serenity Prayer in many languages; and ended the meeting with the OA pledge.

Public Information/Professional Outreach (PIPO): no chair; Jill S. mentor; an idea was presented to make a sign-up sheet to pass around for members to sign up to be part of the committee. We need a Chair or Co-chair. As stated by the Jr. Delegate: number of meetings and membership declining. The Responsibility Pledge was quoted. Those present were notified of the Culture of Recovery request; information was passed about telephone meeting list.

Lifeline and Resource Library: no chair; Pam T. is the mentor – We were reminded of the need for a Chair or Co-chairs. Pam T. stated that she would be making copies of the newest CD from WSBC. Everyone was encouraged to consider volunteering to learn how to copy the CD and care for the Resource Library.

Meeting List – Marie R., Chair – Copies were available on the table. Marie asked for help in deciphering a message received; it was determined to be from Lorraine in Yuma. There was a request to add Jill S.'s number to the list. Marie asked for any updates and stated that a PDF would be accessible on our website (www.oasouthernaz.org).

Newsletter: No chair; Marilyn is the mentor. The Board approved the application of Angela Nikkari as the Newsletter Chair with one qualification being waived, but the IRs must vote on whether the one qualification can be waived and then approve the appointment.

Phone Chair: Barbara S. Chair -Calls reported: 6 with one hang up; calls returned: total 4; total calls for the month: 55. The unreported calls mean that the caller listened to the message for meeting information.

Special Events: no chair; Beth M is the mentor; report from Marj M. who is willing to co-chair with Susan C. for the OA Retreat (November 1-3); two people willing to attend the meeting in June. Theme of the retreat: Abstinence Awareness. Please commit to announcing the upcoming meeting June 29th at St James Methodist Church 3255 N. Campbell Ave (n of Fort Lowell/W side of the street Room 5 of Education Bldg – take the flyers to your meeting.

Twelfth Step Within: no chair – Deb is the Mentor;

Website: Cheryl L., Chair – not much to report; maintenance done; posted information of the upcoming retreats (Northern New Mexico Retreat and 2014 - Region 7 cruise); information for the La Frontera event in June was forwarded to Chairwoman, Marilyn.

2013 Convention/Assembly Planning: Co-Chair Roni B. gave her report: online payment and registration is available and operational; report of registration placed (17 full, including one scholarship), 9 t-shirts purchased, and 2 additional banquets sold since last month. Volunteers still needed! Game Night will be after the banquet on Sat. night. Literature Chair for the convention stepped down, so one is needed. With regard to hospitality - there will be no coffee, tea, etc. available because of hotel policy– please, let everyone know. Next Meeting for the convention planning will be after IG meeting today, 1PM. Literature will be for sale at the convention; we will need donations of literature from the OA meetings to cut down on expenses. A list of literature needed for the convention was passed.

Questions for the Committee Chairs:

- 1) A question was asked of Jr. Delegate about the bequest of unlimited amount. Answer was that a deceased person would not be able to exert control over OA
- 2) Question about what to do with clothing donation for the clothing closet for the convention; Arrangements were made to get the donation
- 3) When will young people's pamphlet be available? Answer: In a couple weeks;
- 4) Will it look different than the sample? Yes.
- 5) Do we post the committee reports on the website? No.
- 6) Should Cheryl put a link to the report? Yes.
- 7) When was the La Frontera event and when and who should I contact if I want to go? Answer: The event is June 21. Please contact Jill S.
- 8) Questions about the 10th step journal as a fundraiser and how it can be obtained. Answer: Other regions have it available. Deb ordered online; Jill got her copy from Region 7.
- 9) Are we to ask people to raise hands indicating if they are abstinent? It is a suggestion.
- 10) Marj asked about Special Events Chair's responsibilities? Special Events is not responsible for Convention but is responsible for Thank-a-thon; IDEA; Unity Day etc. **Marj** volunteered to serve as **Special Events Chair**.
- 11) Is the CD available "2013 Year of Abstinence Awareness: Taking Action" - Yes

IR Trainer: Wendy A. counted 15 IRs present; handouts are available on the table; copies of cards courtesy of Roni; still updating the "We Care" List. Email Wendy with any additions or corrections.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) Since the Board waived one qualification (IR for 6 months) for the position of Newsletter Chair; Angela N. addressed the group with her other qualifications. A **motion** to approve the Board appointment was passed unanimously. Rae had agreed to help mentor the Newsletter Chair. Angela did not have a deadline set for submission of articles; but she hoped to have the May/June issue distributed by June 1. Contact information for Angela – oneajc@yahoo.com

- 2) Ad Hoc Vision and Goals – Deb E. reported that the 2013/2014 Vision and Goals will be ready in June.
- 3) Ad Hoc Retreat Process Document – Janis gave some highlights of the document, which has been completed.
- 4) Marilyn announced that we will remove from the “Job Descriptions” the words that say IR Trainer is responsible for updating the addresses list.

New Business:

- A **MOTION** was submitted by Beth M. on behalf of the OA IG Board: **That a structure of Committee and Committee Chair mentorship be implemented whereby each board member is a co-chair of each committee. Structure and committee assignments are flexible.** The motion **passed**.
- Vision and Goals: #4 was read.
- The reading from the Group Handbook, “Getting Started in a Small Community”, page 3, was tabled until next month.

Craft session is May 26 – information is on the OA Agenda for May 18, 2013

Announcements:

- 1) Next SEAZ IG meeting will be June 15, 2013 at St James Methodist Church, 3255 North Campbell Avenue Tucson, AZ 85719; in the Educational Bldg, Room #5, at 10:45 AM
- 2) 2013 Convention and Assembly Planning Committee meeting following IG at 1 PM
- 3) May 26 Craft Session 1-4 PM at Chris N.’s house, call (520) 721-1085/661-1991
- 4) 2013 Region 3 Convention and Assembly August 16-18, Tucson

Recap of Action Items:

- 1) IRs need to take the message of “thanks” their groups for their contributions of \$3 and remind them to support Region and World Service Center
- 2) Encourage service for these open committee positions. Encourage them to continue their service; we still need a PIPO, Lifeline and Resource Library; Twelfth Step Within
- 3) We have a new Newsletter Chair – Angela; Special Events Chair – Marj
- 4) We need volunteers for the retreat and there is a planning meeting;
- 5) Convention needs donated literature for the convention and a literature chair. Janis will email the list

Adjournment: Adjourned 12:24 p.m. with the Responsibility Pledge.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlyn Rounds, Secretary Pro Tem