

SOUTHERN ARIZONA INTERGROUP OF OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

MINUTES

February 20, 2016

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Attendance: Neva S., Chair; Rene T., Vice-chair; Sara J., Secretary; Rhonda S., Treasurer; Jen G., Jr Delegate/RR; Diane G., Telephone; Gina B., Meeting List; Nancy K., Retreat & IR; Cheryl L., Webmaster; Susan C., IR Trainer; Chris N., IR; Mickey M., IR; Tracy S., IR; Sandra R., IR; Pam R., IR; Barbara A., IR; Cyndi K., IR; Leslie S., IR; Timi R., IR; Elisa M., visitor; Adena L., visitor; Vivianne G., visitor.

Call to Order: At 10:45 AM. Neva asked those in attendance to silence their cell phones and led the Serenity Prayer. Introductions were made while reading the Twelve Traditions and the Concept of the Month. The Sign In Sheet, Name/Address list and Meeting List were passed. Rene read the Standing Rules.

Secretary: [Sara J] The minutes from the January 16, 2016 IG meeting were accepted as submitted electronically by Chris N.

Treasurer's Report: [Rhonda S.] The financial report was presented. Income from the previous month was noted as \$367.00, plus 1255.67 in Donations. Expenses were \$162.48. Current checkbook total is \$18, 974.31. 7th Tradition envelope was passed. We received mail from San Diego.

Committee Reports:

Delegates/Region Reps: [Jen G.]

Activities for the Month of January 2016:

- Becoming familiar with new role
- Following emails regarding Bylaws
- Registered for Region 3 Spring Assembly in Abilene TX April 15-17
- Compiling proposed agenda, proposed standing rules, proposed motions, Bylaws, Policy Manual, and Steering Committee reports for Assembly

Other Intergroup activities

- Serving on Vision and Goals Committee

Public Information/Professional Outreach (PIPO): [Open]

Lifeline and Resource Library: [Open]

Meeting List: [Gina B.] The Welcome Home Wednesday meeting got a new IR, the new San Xavier meeting was added, and the time/location changed for the Tuesday Bisbee meeting, I believe a meeting contact or two also changed☺. Meetings lists are printed, copied, and available for distribution. Spent less than \$3.00 so in-kind donation.

Newsletter: [Darlyn R /Peggy P.] Original articles, poems and artwork are being accepted for publication in the March/April edition of the newsletter, on any topic relating to OA. However, the co-chairs are spotlighting one of the Tools of Recovery for each edition this year, and the tool of focus for March/April is Sponsorship. We would be interested in learning how any member uses this tool to work his/her program of recovery, keeping in mind to share your experience, strength and hope. Deadline for submissions is Thursday, March 05, 2016, via the newsletter website or Peggy or Darlyn's personal email addresses.

Telephone: [Diane G.] 44 total billed calls 2 messages left; 2 calls returned.

Special Events: Retreat Committee: [Janis R.] Our first meeting was held January 16 after the Intergroup meeting. We had 9 committee members attend. We discussed responsibilities and reviewed the evaluation sheets from last October's retreat. The retreat will be at the Holy Trinity Monastery in St David the weekend of October 28-30. At the meeting today we will be discussing the theme and our search for a speaker/facilitator. Anyone who wants to help is invited to join the committee. The meetings are approximately 60-90 minutes long and we meet in the same room as the Intergroup meeting. We will meet every month at 12:45 through September.

Twelfth Step Within: [Open]

Website: [Cheryl]: Posted Call to action. Updated Meeting List as needed. Updated IG Minutes & Archives. Will make new name tents for new members.

Questions: none

IR Trainer: [Susan C] IR's present: 10. Updated IRs Email Listing. Ordered 30 Updated Group Handbooks. Emailed "Thank You" letter to all 2016 Intergroup Representatives. Answered questions and requests. Updated IR Documents. Tip of the month: "Every Day I Thank God for Another Day of Life"
Susan also plans to call everyone on the We Call list to see who wants to still be on it before the spring edition.

Unfinished Business:

- WSBC Agenda Questionnaire: All motions accepted unanimously except for one no on Motion 4, with two comments: Motion D: Why change to first Saturday (right when the calendar flips) instead of the second? Motion G: "We support this motion because we believe it will make the virtual meetings more consistent with face to face meetings and OA as a whole."
- Postponing PM motion to March.

New Business:

- Election of Sr RR/Delegate (Elisa M): Elisa is missing one qualification of not being an IR. She has come to IG meetings for 2 years when she was on the Convention Committee. She also said she would utilize the WSBC mentorship. The qualification was waived by a unanimous vote.
- Neva wrote a letter to WSBC for a waiver of the qualification that Delegates need 2 years of service beyond group level because Jen will only have 1 year, 4 months by the WSBC in May. Neva will continue to pursue this. (Jen can serve at the Region level.) If WSBC Trustees do not grant the exception, we can send a qualified alternate member who has experience.
- Appointment of TSW Chair (Nancy K) withdrawn because she will be moving at the end of March. Nancy will write a proposal to join TSW/Special Events and have Ways & Means and the Retreat part of TSW/Special Events.
- Vision & Goals 2016 review [Jen G, Rene T and Nancy K]
- New Vision & Goals #2 read – discussion.
- Discussion of the telephone answering service [Diane G and Adena L & Nan B, who is invaluable for correct phrasing when we actually do a new telephone message]: The last time this was addressed was in 2010. Diane reported that from Dec 2014 to Dec 2015 we were billed for 637 calls. During the same period we only got 42 messages & 40 people were reached when they were called back. We may be getting billed for hang-ups. It is difficult to get into the system. The service company said the contract is not under OA, but an individual's name. The current message listing meetings is said so fast that it's hard to get. Adena proposed getting rid of the 3 options and have a simple message saying and to check the website for the meeting list and if this option is not available or if there are other questions, someone would call back soon. Since the meeting list is on the website, the most important purpose of the phone line is to answer questions and carry the message to newcomers.

Announcements:

- February 20th, 12:45 p.m., Retreat Planning Committee meeting, St. James UMC.
- February 27th - Unity Day event in Green Valley—Please plan to attend!
- March 19th next SEAZ Intergroup meeting at 10:45 AM (Board meets at 10 AM)
- Region 3 Spring Assembly- Abilene, TX, April 15-17
- World Service Business Conference [WSBC], Albuquerque, May 2-7

Recap of Action Items done by Cheryl.

Adjourned at 12:45 p.m. with The Responsibility Pledge.

Respectfully submitted, Sara J., Secretary