

**Unapproved Minutes of the Region IV Board Meeting January 20, 2008**

Teresa opened the meeting at 9:04 AM via conference call with the Serenity Prayer.

Those in attendance were: Teresa K., Chair, Connie H., Trustee, Jo S., Vice Chair, Laura M., Treasurer, and Nicki K., Secretary. The 12 Steps, Traditions and Concepts were read. A mistake on page 15 of the manual was noted. #5 of the 12 steps is missing a word.

**Updates from Officers:**

**Secretary:** Jo moved to approve the October 2007 board meeting minutes and Nicki seconded the motion, the motion carried. There was no report available from the Newsletter Editor. The manual has been updated and I will check it as soon as I can. Cyndy L., the Website Editor is doing a great job.

**Treasurer:** There is \$300 budgeted for PI and we have had one request so far from Sunflower IG to post pamphlets at their public library. We have budgeted \$3500 to fund IG reps to WSBC and have approved 3 requests totaling \$3300. The requests were from St. Louis Bi-State, Iowa City/Cedar Rapids IG and North East Iowa IG (NEII). There have been no requests for funding to the Spring 2008 Assembly as of yet. We have budgeted \$1000 for that. We need to fill out form 990 this year to keep our tax exempt status. We need to update our Articles of Incorporation yearly in St. Louis by sending in \$15. We need not send in the names of new officers each time, just pay the \$15. Laura will make the hotel reservation for her and Teresa for the Spring Assembly. The rest of the board will make their own reservations. Connie and Nicki will room together and Connie will make that reservation. Laura will send in the banquet registrations. The bank does not have Laura's address to send her the Convention account statements. Teresa will see that that is changed. A new reimbursement form was approved. Laura will send a copy to the website editor and Nicki will make sure the manual is updated. We need to add a budget item to fund board members to travel and give Service and Traditions Workshops. This budget item seems to have fallen off. Laura will send in a nomination form to be officially elected at this Assembly.

Checking balance: \$3918.71

Savings: \$7501.15

Convention Acct.: \$460.05

Income: \$11,699.06

Expenses: \$15979.17

\$(4280.11) (done on purpose to spend extra money we had)

**New Ideas:**

Green dot program for new officers to pass on information. Discussed incorporating this subject into our spring workshop. Discussed writing up manuals for each position describing the duties in more detail. Jo moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Nicki seconded and the motion carried.

**Vice-Chair:** "The planning person has no report for me at this time. We will have more to say in the spring. The outreach committee makes it look like OA is alive and active in Region IV. They divvied up the meetings to contact and are on it. We need a new computer expert to take over the audio speakers talks online idea. Spring Assembly is up and running. We have great enthusiasm.

Reminders to all: deadline for the Saturday night banquet by March 1, 2008.

Please send in your money and application by then.

The motel does offer a free shuttle to & from airport if you call in advance!!

They also offer a healthy free breakfast in the a.m....plenty of variety to pick from.

Each room will have a fridge and a microwave.

There is an exercise room, sauna, & spa also.

I am planning to speak and help organize things for Rapid City, So. Dakota groups the weekend of February, 22-23, 2008, as per region IV's request of me last time." – Jo S.

Jo will find out who has the list of speakers willing to speak at OA functions.

**Chair:**

- **Convention Committee:** "I really feel good about Region 4 Convention. We all have worked hard and things are in place and going strong. Most committees filled. St. Louis has a committee working on publicity as well as Hotel details. Save June 27, 28, 29 2008 and plan to attend the Region 4

Convention located at Holiday Inn in Earth city. We also have Registration forms on Region Web site. See for details. We handed out 20 Registration forms at Assembly in Duluth Minnesota.

The Contact name Linda L. Phone number has been changed to 636-600-0393. Thanks Sharon”

- **Office Manager:** “I have mailed out the forms for Assembly. I requested that they be mailed back by the dead line. I also have completed the spreadsheet for this year’s donations. There are a few glitches but I’m sure they will be worked out (with my son’s help). Otherwise everything is good on this end. No complaints from me. Hope you have a good meeting and will see you all at assembly. If there is anyone who needs a roommate at the assembly please let me know. I don’t have one yet. In loving service, Linda L.”
- **RCC:** Met in October, next meeting at WSBC. Presenting a forum on strategic planning and doing the entertainment at WSBC. BOT is making Service and Tradition workshops a high priority. Connie will let Teresa know how many she has done during her term.

#### **Trustee:**

- **Intergroups and Bylaws Compliance:** All IGs bylaws are compliant. Blackhills is now Hills & Plains IG. They are compliant but still need to send in the forms.
- **BOT:** Nothing to report at this time. Regions are asked to do workshops at their Assemblies, which we are doing.

#### **Old Business**

- **Region delegates to WSBC:** None. Connie will send Teresa a list of IG delegates going to WSBC.
- **Future Assemblies:** Spring 2008 is all set. No bids for any future Assemblies. Reminder that there is no restriction for rotation anymore. Teresa will write up an email for Connie to email IGs asking for Assembly hosts. Discussed where the 2010 convention should be held? Discussed Kansas City as a possibility.

#### **New Business**

- Laura designed a new expense reimbursement form and it was approved by the board. A copy will need to be sent to the Website Editor and Manual Coordinator.
- The workshop at Assembly will be on “Committed Service Bodies”. Topics will include:
  - Transition of officers (Connie and Laura)
  - How to recruit volunteers (Teresa)
  - Should abstinence be required for service work? (Assembly body discussion)
  - Jo suggested sandwich boards describing each of our service positions. Board members to get info to Jo to make up the boards. At Assembly we can each add things like “how did you get here?” and “what you get out of service”.
  - Discussion: Where are your service manuals & job descriptions / bylaws? Do you have a program of transition or green dot program?
  - Connie will look for the welcome to Region IV flyer.
- Teresa will email a registration and funding application reminder and hosting reminder to Connie to email to IGs.

The next Board meeting will be at 3 PM on the Friday of the Spring Assembly.

The meeting was closed by Teresa at 11:15 AM with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicki K., Secretary.