

Unapproved Minutes of the Region IV Board Meeting Oct, 7 2009

Cyndy L. opened the meeting at 3:10 PM, in Bloomington, MN with the Serenity Prayer.

Those in attendance were: Cyndy L., Chair, Teresa K., Trustee, Kasey S., Treasurer, Catherine W., Vice-Chair, Nicki K., Secretary and guest, Debbie L. The 12 Steps, Traditions, and Concepts were read.

The agenda was approved with additions and the Board minutes from July 2009 were approved.

Updates from Officers:

Secretary: New newsletter editor and website coordinator are needed.

Treasurer: (Report available.)

- \$8,858.62 total income.
- \$2,603.30 net income
- \$6,253.32 expenses
- \$9,886.70 checking
- \$7,502.36 savings
- \$1000.00 convention account
- \$18,389.06 total assets
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Noted that we are sitting on a lot of money that could be used to help IGs. Will look at the budget in committee meeting to see where we can boost our support of IGs.

Vice-Chair:

Outreach Committee: The current chair, Nancy N. from Northern Serenity IG needed to step down and Michelle M. from Unity IG stepped in. Nancy is back now and we need to find out if she wishes to continue)

Assembly Planning Coordinator: Emailing of the reports and agenda's went well. A new planner is needed.

Chair:

Convention committee: All committee positions are filled with the exception of entertainment. We have a skit, just need someone to perform. The registration forms are available online and Elinor C. has some to distribute at the assembly for each Intergroup. See Elinor's report in the Assembly minutes for more information.

Office manager: Michelle is doing a great job. She wants to know if there should be a term limit in the spirit of rotation of service. Board will make a motion to make term limits for coordinators the same as committee chairs. So they will be elected yearly and can continue as long as they are elected.

RCC : Attended the Region 2 Fall Assembly as a part of the Region Chair Committee. The committee is working on several ideas to improve communication between the members of the

committee, a manual, a green dot/mentor procedure for WSBC, a website for the committee to share presentation ideas and concerns. The RCC committee will be presenting the forum for WSBC 2010, the topic is "How does Service Serve Us". There will be a motion submitted to WSBC to suggest that all Intergroups start relying on the WSO database of meetings rather than creating their own document. The desire is to keep one database current with meeting information and the oa.org website is where many new members find their information. It will also reduce duplication of effort by the Intergroups. As always strong meetings and abstinence are stressed as an important aspect of service.

Trustee: Teresa reported that it is relatively quiet on the Region front. All bylaws are in compliance. She will be attending the Trustee meeting in two weeks to find out her budget. She is also the Trustee for Virtual Groups, which is a rotating Trustee position. She has been revising the new RR orientation guidelines to reflect current practices. She reminded the board to be thinking about goals in our committee meetings. How are we of to service OA? Also reminded us to let people know they need to be recognized by the Chair in order to speak.

Old business:

Workshop for fall assembly: Each Board member will speak for a few minutes on a different piece of public information literature or media. An ask it basket will be passed.

Insurance: Kasey is ready to submit the necessary forms as soon as she gets Catherine's paperwork today.

Google list: Will be used to replace the list of emails that Teresa has been maintaining. RR emails still need to be imported.

New business:

-Discussed need to add virtual groups to the definition of an IG in our manual. Since we are not in conflict with OA Inc. bylaws it is not necessary.

-Discussed possibility of hosting our IG websites. Cyndy is on the Web Technology committee at WSBC. They are designing simple templates for groups and IGs to use. Region 2 does web hosting. We could switch to another provider other than yahoo and pay less but get 25 sub domains for \$9/mo (Yahoo costs \$13/mo).

Workshop for Spring assembly: The topic will be strong meetings. Focus will be on growing the fellowship, sponsorship and how to make more available, importance of using the Steps and Traditions (they are the solution).

Newcomers and sponsors: Catherine and Kasey

Steps/Traditions: Teresa

PowerPoint presentation: Cyndy

Ask it basket

Discussed how we can improve our support of IG. Discussed increasing Delegate funding and PI funding.

The meeting closed at 5PM with the Serenity Prayer.

Next meeting will be via Skype at 8:30 AM on January, 10th 2010.