

Emergency SD OA IG Meeting by Zoom on Sunday, March 15, 2020 to discuss whether to keep the Oasis open during the COVID19 pandemic.

Meeting started at 7:00 getting everyone connected and at 7:10 PM, we said the Serenity Prayer.

Present via Zoom or phone: Kathy H, chair; Richard, facilitator; TJ, webmaster; Beth FJ, WSO/R2 rep; Beth C, recorder; Barbara Ru, secretary; Corrine, literature; Liz, treasurer; Chad, retreat liaison.

Discussion about current situation and regulations in the area—restaurants and bars closing; no gatherings of over 50. No one over 65 y/o should be out and/or anyone over 60 y/o with comorbidities such as Diabetes, Hypertension, Cancer, Lung Disease. (State and CDC guidelines)

Many suggestions and concerns were discussed: Keeping Oasis open for meetings because “meetings are autonomous;” personal choice whether to come or not; putting restrictions on the door—“Stop if you have cough, fever, etc., please do not come in;” there are other methods of meetings and staying connected—podcasts, telephone, Zoom meetings, virtual meetings, telephone meetings. Discussion re: WS letter leaving staying open up to the discretion of individual meetings; but some members already not complying—over 65 and coming to meetings, hugging, not respecting the 6-foot distancing suggestion or rule. Concern about staying open leaves the message that we are in agreement with meetings being held. Concern about losing 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition money. Concern about contributing to the illness or death of other members by spreading the virus.

Also discussion about whether to leave a sign on the door “Oasis is closed through 4/4/2020 and will reassess at that time” vs. Locking the doors to the Oasis vs. Checking with the landlord about locking the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor on the weekend vs. Recommending that meetings not be held. Also recommendation to leave Oasis open for a week to let groups figure out what they will do, where they can meet, how they can stay connected. Discussion re: being autocratic vs safety issues.

Beth FJ will check with the insurance to see if rent would be covered in this time of Crisis.

Beth FJ will draft a notice to be put on the door of the Oasis by tomorrow. Barbara Ru. will send out the notice to all IG reps by tomorrow; Chris will notify by Eblast and TJ will put notice on the web page. Also a link to Paypal will be included for those who wish to support the IG during this time. The Board present agreed to state something like “We recommend as the Board, that no one holds meetings at the Oasis through 4/4/2020 at which time we will reassess the situation.”

Richard will publicize how to set up Zoom meetings.

April 4<sup>th</sup> IG and Board meetings will be conducted on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM with the Serenity Prayer.

Attached is the notice sent out to our IG members.