

OA SAN DIEGO INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES – MAY 6, 2023

Highlights to Read at Meetings: *Intergroup Reps please read the below highlights at your meetings. The full minutes are on our website <https://oasandiego.org>.*

- March 2023 financial report (summary): Revenue = \$1,934.00; Expenses = \$2,006.65; Net Revenue = (-)\$71.35.
- All rooms at the April Serenity Retreat were sold out, and both the Retreat and the 12th Step Within Workshop (“Living the OA 12 Steps”) were well-attended and successful.
- The next 12th Step Within Workshop will be “Lighten Up, Let Go and Laugh” on July 23.
- The upcoming R2 Convention is on July 7-9 at the Hilton, Orange County. It will be hybrid (in-person and online) and will offer Spanish translation.
- The PI/PO Committee is refreshing our Facebook page (OA San Diego) and our website. Please bookmark our website, and “LIKE” our FB page!
- Zoom security vs. the Traditions – In light of Traditions 3, 4 and 5, security measures to eliminate Zoom bombers/interrupters should not require people to change their names or show their faces, or leave them sitting in the waiting room indefinitely before admitting them to meetings. However, meetings are autonomous and can decide for themselves how they will protect themselves. The task with Zoom is to distinguish between legitimate OA members and intruders. But it gives a false sense of security to think we can vet people in the waiting room. The better practice is to admit everyone but limit their permissions so they can't unmute themselves, show video or profile pictures or change their names (at least for the first part of the meeting), limit Chat to hosts and co-hosts, and don't make just anyone a co-host. If all they can do is raise their hands, intruders won't stick around. TAKE THE NEW ZOOM SECURITY CLASS – there are new tricks to foil the bombers!
- Stipends to subsidize 3 months of rent for new in-person meetings are still available!
- There is room to start new Zoom meetings, or to use Zoom rooms for OA meetings (even if not registered) to conduct OA business such as sponsor-sponsee meetings. Contact Ellen.
- IG reps are invited to bring topics or questions from their groups for discussion at IG meetings. Groups can put items on the advance agenda, or your IG rep can just raise a virtual hand during the “OPEN FORUM.”

- The next Intergroup Meeting is on Saturday, June 3, 2023 at 2 pm on Zoom.

Full Meeting Minutes

- Kathy H. opened the meeting at 2:00 pm with the Serenity Prayer.
- Ellen L. discussed Step Five.
- Adoption of the minutes of April IG business meeting, APPROVED.
- Board Members present (and their positions): Kathy H. (Chair); Keren S. (Vice-Chair); Gina E. (Secretary); Rachel K. (Young People's Chair); Jeff N. (Internal Info Chair); Ellen L. (Webmaster); Elyesse (12th Step Within Chair); Jane Z. (PI/PO Chair); Maureen (Treasurer); and Lou B. (Retreat Chair). R2 Reps Jerry J. (R2 rep and WSBC delegate) and Jessica H. (WSBC delegate) were present. Visitor Clare B. and Vicki A. were also present.
- Intergroup Reps (and meetings they represent) – Ginger G. (Mon. 12:30 pm); Jennifer G. (Mon. 4 pm Writing); Alice C. (Mon. 7 pm); Steph M. (Tues. 6:30 am For Today); Hope B. (Tues. 9 am Escondido); Marilyn C. (Wed. 5 pm Big Book); Naomi (Thurs. 11 am In-Person); Kathy M. (Thurs. noon In-Person); Deborah F. (Thurs. 4 pm, Lit.); Dona D. (Thurs. 7 pm); Vicki A. (Fri. Vista); Shana F. (Sat 7 am); Jack D. (Sat. 10:30 Step Study); Anne Marie (Sat. Maintainers); Kym A. (Sunday 9 am Step Study); Joanna W. (Sun. 9 am Women's).
- Visitors: Clare B.

Board Reports

Chair, Kathy H.

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Treasurer, Maureen C. -- March 2023 financial report (summary): Revenue = \$1,934.00; Expenses = \$2,006.65; Net Revenue = (-)\$71.35.

Webmaster, Ellen L.

- Our redesigned website is still in development, so please send your ideas/input to Ellen (webmaster@oasandiego.org). Changes and additions include a new format for the Calendar, and Podcasts. Meetings can help us build our library of podcasts. Hosts just click the Record button when the Speaker begins, and turn off Recording when the Speaker finishes. Send to Ellen, who will obtain a release from the Speaker. If something

is not showing up on the website, or if there are any other glitches, please call Ellen at 919-999-6085. (Ditto for technical questions re: Zoom.)

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PI/PO Chair, Jane Z.

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- The question – How do we connect with people who suffer from our disease if they don't have computers or smartphones? At the April IG meeting, discussion points included reminders that we have telephone service staffed with volunteers, flyers can be posted in Starbucks or other gathering places. This discussion will continue at the June IG meeting. Please email ideas to Jane Z. (public-info@oasandiego.org) and bring ideas to the June meeting.

WSBC Delegates' Reports

- The reports were tabled to the June IG meeting, when delegates Ellen L., Jessica H., and Jerry J. will be present. However, it was noted that a motion to allow only the current edition of the AA Big Book at OA meetings – and no other AA literature – was defeated

The meeting was adjourned with the Serenity Prayer at 2:55 pm.

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Minutes submitted by Gina E., Secretary