

OA SAN DIEGO INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES – September 2, 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>.

- For June, our revenue was \$1,671.49, and our expenses were \$566.94, so we took in \$1,105.85 more than we paid out.
- The Intergroup Board submitted proposals to amend our Bylaws: (1) to delete the position of Literature Chair, (2) to change “Young Persons” to “Young People's” throughout the Bylaws, (3) to delete the position of “Events Chair,” (4) in the Term of Office section on p. 9, where it lists positions for even-numbered year elections, to add the positions of “Retreat Chair” and “12th Step Within Chair,” and (4) in the Term of Office section, where it lists positions for odd-numbered year elections, to add the position of “Young People's Chair.” At the next scheduled Intergroup meeting, on October 7, the proposed amendments will be discussed and voted on.
- The next 12th Step Within Workshop will be “Forgiveness and Recovery” on Sunday, Oct. 15, 1-3:30 pm on Zoom. The Urban Retreat is on October 20-21 at the Baha'i Center in San Diego. A \$20 donation is requested. No registration required. Please carpool, as parking is limited.

FULL MINUTES

- Kathy H. opened the meeting at 2 pm with the Serenity Prayer.
- Kendra W. discussed Step Nine.
- Adoption of the minutes of August IG business meeting, APPROVED.

Board Members present (and their positions): Kathy H. (Chair); Keren S. (Vice-Chair); Gina E. (Secretary); Kendra W. (Young People's Chair); Maureen (Treasurer); Elyesse U. (12th Step Within Chair); and Lou B. (Retreat Chair). Jane Z. and Jeff N. were excused.

Intergroup Reps (and meetings they represent) – Christina (Mon. 4 pm); Alice C. (Mon. 7 pm); Bridget M. (Tues. 6:30 am); Gerri Beth (Tuesday 7 pm Night Snackers); Naomi (Thurs. 11 am); Dixie B. (Thurs. noon In-Person); Erin (Thurs. 7 pm Vista); Barbara Ru (Fri. 10 am Vista); Darlene R. (Fri. 7 pm Abstinence); Gloria G. (Sat. 7 am Meditation); Dona Mary D. (Sat. 7 am Carlsbad); Anne Marie (Sat. Maintainers); Barb N. (Sat. 9:30 am Speakers, Encinitas); Kat (Sat. 10:30 am Step Study); Claudia (Sat. 6:30 pm 100-pounder); Dawn (Sunday 9 am Women's); and Debbie L (Monday 12:30 in-person)

Visitors Lois M. and Pam V. were also present.

REPORTS

Chair, Kathy H. – Adoption of the minutes of the August Intergroup meeting, APPROVED.

– Shout-outs to Jane, Jeff and Kendra for their subcommittee exploring a “Trusted Servants Bullpen,” which would be a resource of volunteers who are available to cover various service positions (host, speaker-getter, etc.) at the meeting level when needed, on a substitute, short-term basis. Shout-out to Ellen L. for all her hard work on the Board.

– The link to this IG meeting (published on the email announcing the meeting agenda) was invalid, and several IG reps initially were unable to get into the meeting. Kathy apologized for the confusion. The mistake will be corrected in time for the October 7th business meetings. The link found on our website, oasandiego.org (“Meetings”) was and is correct.

Vice-Chair, Keren S. – On November 18, 1-4 pm, Region 2 will present a “Diversity Workshop” reviewing the results of a survey done by the R2 Diversity Community.

Treasurer, Maureen C. – June 2023 financial report (summary): Revenue = \$1,671.49; Expenses = \$566.94. Received \$1,105.85 more than paid out.

If anyone wants to start a new In Person meeting, Intergroup will provide the first 3 months’ rent to get the meeting established. If interested, contact Maureen (treasurer@oasandiego.org).

Twelfth Step Within, Elyesse U. – The next 12th Step Within Workshop will be “Forgiveness and Recovery” on Sunday, Oct. 15, 1:00-3:30 pm on Zoom. This workshop will be very uplifting. Information and Zoom links are on our website.

Retreat Chair, Lou B. – The Urban Retreat is on October 20-21 at the Baha'i Center in San Diego. A \$20 donation is requested at the door. No registration required. Please carpool, as parking is limited.

– The next retreat at Mission San Luis Rey is May 17-19, 2024, in Oceanside.

– Lou reported that the Board voted to spend up to \$700 to replace the wireless microphones and accessory equipment that was lost or stolen from the OAsis. This new equipment will be owned by SDCII, for use at retreats, workshops, and other events. Ellen L. will help choose the appropriate equipment.

NEW BUSINESS

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OPEN FORUM

An IG rep asked, “Is there a *successful* way to get people to do service at the meeting level?” The ensuing discussion covered all the comments elicited at the July IG meeting (see “Discussion About Service”) and the August IG meeting (see “Continuing Discussion About Service”).

There was a discussion about the problem with Zoom “bombers.” To control bombers, someone at the meeting must have the host key to be able, at the very least, to mute the bomber. It is important for meetings to have both a host and co-host. If you are the host for a meeting, and you won't be there, please arrange for a backup host (ditto: other service positions). It was also suggested that, if a meeting has been bombed, it's traumatizing – so maybe after the bomber is eliminated, take a few minutes for the group to process the negative experience.

The Wednesday 7 pm meeting on OA Footsteps needs people to give service at the meeting.

It was reiterated that individual meetings are autonomous, so whether to continue a meeting or shut down (maybe for lack of service givers?) is up to *that* meeting, not the Intergroup.

The meeting was adjourned with the Serenity Prayer at 3:00 pm.

The next Intergroup Meeting is on Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 2 pm on Zoom.

Minutes submitted by Gina E., Secretary