

OREGON INTERGROUP Minutes

December 9, 2020

6:45 Opening: Serenity Prayer, Steps, Traditions, Concept of month, Welcome from Chair and Introductions/Statements from each Representative.

Attendees: 29 We had several visitors. Separate Contact list sent to attendees and available on request

Minutes from November 11, 2020 *approved as submitted.* Minutes will be posted on the Oregon-OA website.

The Serenity Retreat survey: Nicole reported on the survey results. They indicated that the majority of people would NOT attend an “in person” retreat in March, 2021 but the majority were in favor of a virtual retreat. Nicole has helpers and they want to plan a virtual retreat for the mid to late March. Nicole suggested that we consider offering the retreat for 7th tradition contributions rather than a registration fee. Nicole stated that she will be resigning from Serenity Retreat chair after the virtual retreat.

Upcoming events Christina told us about the upcoming “All about the Food” workshop on 12/12. MerleAnn will be continuing the tradition of Christmas and New Year’s Day gatherings on zoom this year. See the website for all the links. Christina urged meetings to talk about organizing a workshop in the new year. There is a lot of help from OIG to help your meeting pull it together.

Program in Your Pocket: Cathy proposed a keep it simple approach to pricing \$12/ copy for USA and **\$22.25/ copy for Canadian.** *This was approved.* Dorothy and Cathy both have copies available for \$10 if you pick it up directly from them. Cathy would like news of the availability of the booklets to go out to the mailchimp mailing list.

MotM report: Small meeting in Nov.in Longview, WA but they appreciated 5 additional attendees. Jim stated that the Dec. Meeting of the month is Monday, Dec 21st at 7PM in Milwaukie.

Newsletter: Michelle reported that the following names were most popular in the Name the Newsletter survey: 7 for Sunlight of the Spirit, 3 each for Ladle of Love, Trusted Servant and Experience, Strength and Hope. Michelle agreed to begin publishing with “NO NAME” in January including a poll in the first edition to give the readers the opportunity to chose a name from among the top choices. Please submit articles to Michelle at newsletter@oregon-oa.org.

Step 1, Tradition 1 and Concept 1 would all be most pertinent for January.

Oregon Intergroup Zoom Rollout: Phyllis H. has agreed to take on the new service position of Zoom Coordinator. Oregon IG will purchase at least three zoom licenses for 2021. **All meetings who wish to be included and covered by these licenses must let Phyllis know by Jan. 15, 2021. Her email is: OIGzoom1@gmail.com.**

These are the only zoom services that OIG will cover. Meetings can still choose to cover their own zoom costs if that is their group decision.

IMPORTANT DATES TO BRING BACK TO YOUR MEETINGS:

January 15th deadline for submitting meeting names and contact info for meeting hosts.

February 1st as date all new Zoom licenses become effective – website will have all new links input for meeting that requested license by Jan. 15 deadline.

Disruptive members discussion: on methods of dealing with sexual predators or other forms of disruptive behavior by members at OA meetings

1. Report from Serenity Sunday meeting – how they handled this issue. A member of the meeting reported on their group conscience process. This was an issue with a member NOT a zoom disrupter. He had sent sexually inappropriate texts and chats to at least 3 members of the meeting. He has been excluded from their meeting. It was suggested that he seek recovery in men only meetings.
2. Intergroup Board's suggested method for dealing with disruptive members. The Executive Board met to discuss the issue as the excluded member appealed to the Board to overturn the group conscience decision. An action Plan was drafted. It is attached to the minutes. **Liz requested member input to help refine the process.** This is an opportunity to educate your meetings about how to protect the safety and integrity of our meetings.
3. World Service info on topic: <https://oa.org/guidelines-meetings/guidelines-for-addressing-disruptive-behavior/>

Some observations from attendees: Members should raise the occurrence of any use of OA contact info for non program uses to the attention of the group. There was acknowledgment that this was a very sensitive subject and hard to bring out into the open but that it was important to do so. Zoom has a number of security options that can help keep the meeting focused on recovery only. (disabling chat except to host, mute all with only hosts able to unmute, etc.) A training for all OIG zoom hosts could highlight meeting safety.

submitted by Pat O'C. secretary