

OREGON INTERGROUP MINUTES - August 11, 2021

Opening: Serenity Prayer, Steps, Traditions. Welcome from Chair and Introductions.

Attendance: There were 13 persons representing many of the 33 meetings that have continued through the pandemic. Most groups are still attending via Zoom although many of them are discussing how to safely proceed in the future. A few have attempted various versions of hybrid or face to face meetings. Reps were requested to update the status of their meeting if needed by contacting webmaster@oregon-oa.org. As a reminder, face to face meetings are also posted on our website (<https://oregon-oa.org/>).

Minutes from the July 14, 2021 meeting were approved with no corrections.

Reports had been distributed via our Google Groups to all reps and board members in attendance. No updates required.

Update on Google Groups: There are concerns not all members are receiving the emails sent to them via Google Groups. A survey was sent to all subscribed members to determine if they were receiving their emails. Of our 290 Google Groups subscribers, only 54 responded yes. We do not know if this is a problem with Google Groups or if the emails are being held up at the people's servers. We request that all members please check their mail including their spam folders. If this is a problem with Google Groups, we may need to consider switching to another service. Pat OC is researching our options.

Treasurer's Report: Dorothy C and Pat OC have opened an account with a local credit union which functions better with non-profits.

As of this time, there are no new expenses. However, because Google Groups does not handle attachments well, Intergroup did not send along to members the monthly budget spreadsheets. If anyone wants this information, they can ask Carolyn S. at secretary@oregon-oa.org to forward them a copy.

We continue to have an imprudent amount of funds and seek ideas about how to spend this money. What we should be about in carrying the message is partly what is included in the overall Group Inventory planned for OIG in September.

Bookkeeper status: Member Jean H. was voted in as Assistant Treasurer. Jean has a financial background and is an active OA member. Once she achieves the abstinence requirement, and if she finds she likes the work, she will run for election to become our permanent Treasurer.

Elections: Voted in tonight as delegates were Rosanne K. and Jan E. *Thanks to both for taking on this role for OIG.* **We have a remaining 4 open positions: 2 delegates to WSBC /2 additional representatives** to attend the virtual Region 1 Assembly October 23 and 24, 2021. Delegates must meet criteria specified in bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. which indicate that delegates must have a least one (1) year of current abstinence and at least two (2) years of service beyond the group level.

Group Inventory: It has been many years since Oregon Intergroup has conducted a comprehensive Inventory. With this in mind, Pat OC has created an online version of the **Group Inventory** questions to allow for a wide level of participation. The purpose of the Inventory is to query our members on how to best carry our message into the future. Given our changing world, structural changes may be needed for Oregon Intergroup to best adapt. The goal is to have this survey completed in September. In addition, at least two zoom sessions will be held to conduct the **Group Inventory** with all interested members. Discussions were held as to the best method to refine this survey and the how, when and where to hold the Group Inventory sessions to maximize the participation of our members. Holding one session at our regular meeting time seemed reasonable and a second session on a Saturday as a kind of “How do We Do Better” Workshop seemed like another way to get more people involved.

Closing Prayer