

OREGON INTERGROUP MINUTES - Sept. 8, 2021

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

Attendance: There were 18 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 August 11, 2021 meeting were approved with no corrections. They are posted on our website once approved.

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

Update on Google Groups: We still have members who are not receiving the emails sent to them via Google Groups. We request that all members please check their mail including their spam folders.

Treasurer's Report*: OIG is soliciting ideas from any of our members about how to take advantage of our current excess reserves. We must commit these funds to a worthy project within two months, or send everything but a prudent reserve to World Service. If you have any ideas on how to use this money, please contact Pat O'C at "chair@oregon-oa.org" or share ideas at our upcoming Group Inventory for OIG on September 18. Among the ideas presented at the Intergroup meeting was the possibility of hiring a publicist to help us get out our message to more people.

Twin Rock Serenity Retreat 2022: After an open discussion, the group consensus was to go ahead with plans to hold our traditional Serenity Retreat at Twin Rocks in 2022. We had already paid a deposit of about \$1000 for the retreat this last March, which was cancelled due to the shutdown. Twin Rocks has held onto that deposit and will apply it to a 2022 retreat (or later if Covid once again forces us to cancel). We know that many of our members want a face to face event... if it is safe. We have decided to schedule the event for late summer or early fall. Those warmer months will allow us to hold most of the Retreat gatherings outside.

OIG Group Inventory: The board members presented a short breakdown of the many ways in which our Oregon Intergroup serves our members.

They include:

- Publishing online and paper meeting directories
- Providing available speakers' list
- Offering a weekly newcomer meeting
- Offering free "Where Do I Start" digital pamphlets on our website
- Offering yearly retreats
- Offering recovery events and workshops throughout the year
- Maintaining a sponsor list
- Operating an infoline for people who need someone to talk to
- Maintaining our website at "www.oregon-oa.org"
- Supporting an email list for interested members
- Providing podcasts on our website
- Conducting public information/professional outreach projects
- Sending delegates to our Region and World Service conferences
- Periodically hosting Region 1 conventions
- Maintaining our 501(c)(3) non-profit status
- Maintaining our \$1 million dollar liability insurance for our groups

To continue to provide meaningful service and upgrade our program, we are conducting a comprehensive Inventory. We request all members take this inventory ASAP. They can do so by going online (link was provided). Members are also strongly encouraged to attend the September 18th discussion group Inventory session (link was provided)

Closing Prayer

* If someone is interested in seeing our budget and expenses spreadsheets, please request Carolyn S. at "secretary@oregon-oa.org" to forward them copies.