

5-11-22 Oregon Intergroup (OIG) Minutes

7:00 PM **Opening:** Serenity Prayer, Steps, Traditions. 17 in attendance (see bottom of report for names, positions and meetings present)

Chair and Attendee Welcome

Review of Minutes from 4-13-22 Intergroup meeting – Approved.

Treasurer's Report: We need to fire Dorothy C. We love her, but she's been acting as Treasurer for far longer than OA guidelines allow one person to hold a service position. Ergo, we need a fresh face to replace her. Please volunteer. Work requirements monthly should tote up to two hours once a new volunteer gets through the break-in training period. So, please all you folks without a service commitment yet, raise your hand and volunteer. In the interim, if you wish to see our monthly treasurer's spreadsheet, contact Dorothy at ViceTreasurer@oregon-oa.org.

World Service Business Conference report: Rosanne K. and Michelle represented us at the nine day/four hours event. In Michelle's words, Regional 1 leadership, including our former chair Alice, was, "awesome". There were 218 voting participants, including 13 from on fire Brazilians! They elected 4 trustees, but need 3 more. Rosanne reported that discussion was lively.

During the past few years, big shifts in districts has made OA feel unyieldly. Now with more international attendees, the decision has been made to eliminate regions and regional trustees (but keep region liaisons). As for next year's conference, there was a great deal of discussion. Because of hotel cancellations due to Covid, OA lost a great deal of deposit money. Next year, the WSBC has already put a deposit and signed a contract for a live World Service Conference. Therefore, it will be in-person... unless we have another yet another shut-down. After next year, however, it is possible that WSBC will shift between live conferences one year, and hybrid the next.

If you'd like the full report on WSBC coverage, contact Rosanne K. at Co-Chair@oregon-oa.org. But be careful... if you request a report, Rosanne may think you're delegate material.

Serenity Retreat: Shhhh... Don't tell any nasty virus nearby: We are still planning to have a live serenity retreat this year September 9, 10 and 11th. To encourage everyone possible to come, we have created a tiered pricing system for room and event reservations. Check your emails for more on this. For right now, just know that although the full price is \$182, a person could end up paying a mere \$50 for 2 ½ days of the ocean views, inspiring sessions, a dynamic guest speaker and lots of safe, sane meals. The retreat is at beautiful Twin Rocks on the even more beautiful Oregon coast. This pricing is possible because we are using our remaining \$2,500 surplus from 2021. The goal is to subsidize the event for those who are new to OA, or have never been to a retreat, or have been impacted financially by life in general .

However, if you can afford to pay full price, please do so. That will allow us to use our subsidy for others.

FYI, it is a camp, so most housing is in cabins with multiple people per room. There are a total of 45 lower bunks, so RSVP fast if you want one, 42 upper bunks. If you'd prefer a private room, there are only 4 so you need to RSVP immediately. The charge for a private room is \$182 plus \$50. If your life is blessed financially, please consider donating more so we can get even more people to attend.

Reservations are now available at <https://oregon-oa.org/events>. If we book up completely before you can RSVP, be aware there are motels and vacation rentals nearby.

Finally, our theme for the retreat will be on principles before personality and how they apply to our lives.

Meeting Support: As more meetings consider returning to face-to-face, Oregon Intergroup is there to help. We can fund initial start-up costs of rental space (up to \$50) and literature (up to \$30). We would appreciate it if you'd consider this a rotating fund that your group will pay back once it's on its feet. That way, we can offer this funding to other groups who are in start-up mode. Please contact Pat O'C at chair@oregon-oa.org for more information. In addition, please fill out the *meeting update form link* on our website to let our webmaster and zoom coordinator know how to list your meeting.

If your group is considering continuing as a hybrid but doesn't know how to make this work, there may be good news. We are considering putting on a training on this subject, if there's enough interest. So, please let us know if you'd like such an event by contacting Christine at events@oregon-oa.org.

If, however, your group has decided to stay on Zoom, please consider donating your literature to our up-coming...

OA "Yard" Sale: Since our monthly Intergroup Meetings went permanently online at the beginning of the shut-down, reps aren't going to an Intergroup meeting monthly in Portland. That was where they could buy books and bring them back to their members. Now, with no live Intergroup meetings, that distribution system is kaput. We now have boxes of books, pamphlets, coins and various office equipment that we'd like to get out of the garages of some of our very patient OA members. Because these supplies have already been paid for, there is no loss on our part. Therefore, there will be no set price on anything for sale. You pay what you can afford. Our aim is to get these books out of boxes and into the world where they can help carry the message. However, donations to OIG are welcome if you are able.

The date for the "Yard" Sale is June 18th, from 10 am to 2 pm. The location is the parking lot of the St. Philip Neri Paulist Center at 2408 SE 16th Ave., Portland, OR 97214. Pray it has finally stopped raining.

We need volunteers to help us the day of the sale. The plan is to organize it as a trunk sale, meaning that we get members to load up their cars with our boxes, line them up in a row and then open the trunks. People can go from car to car to dig through the boxes and select what they want to buy. We will also be distributing some of our spiffy new OA pens to anyone who wants them. Grab a fistful and leave them anywhere you think people who need our help will find them.

New Business:

Christine from the Saturday Salem meeting said they had their first success hybrid. They had a little problem with sound initially, but worked it out. Their church has offered them the use of a TV monitor so they can see everyone on a larger screen.

Dorothy C. from Monday noon Welcome Home relates that they are experimenting with hybrid. They have two people at their church with laptops which they turn so everyone live can be seen. She advised that if you put the laptops at the end of each room, people on Zoom can see everyone present live.

Closing Prayer

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Board: Pat O'C., Chair; Rosanne K., Co-Chair; Dorothy C., Interim Treasurer; Carolyn S., Secretary; Christine U., Events Coordinator

Trusted Service Positions: Michelle O., Newsletter Editor; Carolyn C., Retreat Committee; Jenice G., Retreat Committee; Niik I., Webmaster; Phyllis H., Zoom License Coordinator

Delegates: Rosanne K., Michelle O.

Reps: Pat , 10 am First Sat. Speakers Mtg., Freedom Friday, Welcome Home and End of the Oregon Trail; Christy B., Monday 7 pm New Beginnings, Vancouver; Jenice G., Tues. night, Canby Recovery and Thursday End of the Oregon Trail; Connie C., Mon. Noon Step-Writing; Jean H., 10 am Saturday in the Orchards, Vancouver Mtg.; Rosanne K., Mon. Night Newburg; Dorothy C., Noon, Beaverton, Welcome Home Meeting & Wednesday Noon Taste of Lifeline; Pat O'C, Newcomers Meeting; Christine U, Tuesday Salem; Niik I., Serenity Sunday; Marie W., Canby/Multnomah; Nancele, Friday 10:30 am; Mikki M., Mon. Night Stay in the Day, Sarah L., Back-up Rep for Friday Night Green Shag, Cara M.. Sat 10 am Speaker meeting