

## **9-13-23 APPROVED OIG MINUTES**

**Opening:** Welcome, Serenity Prayer, 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, one of the 12 Concepts and Introductions. 20 people in attendance.

### **Approval of minutes from July 12, 2023, Carolyn S., Secretary:**

Some minor adjustments were made in the preliminary minutes after it was initially distributed. The vast majority of those were to correct the names of the members in attendance.

### **Treasurer's Report, Bob C.:**

Balance in Checking on 9/11/23: \$ 8112.14  
Balance in Savings: \$19696.06

Big expenses coming up - paying speakers for the Retreat, paying the Twin Rocks facility fees and the Region 1 Assembly/Convention for one rep. Since the Retreat just ended, it has not been possible yet to compile a comprehensive list yet of final expenses.

Budget 2024 - Jean H. and Dorothy C. volunteered to help create a preliminary budget for 2024. This will be discussed in our October meeting and voted on in our November meeting. (NOTE: We will be taking December off, which means the next two meetings are critical to create our future budget.)

We are currently spending \$300+ a year on the INFO Line for a cell phone. Since our previous volunteer has stepped down from this position, this expense is not creating value to our fellowship. We are, therefore, looking for someone else to take on this service position. This is an easy job, normally averaging only approximately two calls a month. Please contact [chair@oregon-oa.org](mailto:chair@oregon-oa.org) if interested in this position.

### **Election of Special Delegate for Region 1 Assembly 2023:**

We elected Martha J. as a Special Delegate for next month's Region 1 Assembly 2023. This was necessary because Lisa S., our regular delegate, also holds the position of secretary for Region 1. It would be impossible for her to cover the responsibilities of both positions at the same event.

### **Serenity Retreat Report: Leanne M.:**

Huge kudos to all the Serenity Retreat volunteers for putting on such a successful event. They include Nicole S., Registrar; Laurie M., Volunteer Coordinator; Allison G., Arts & Crafts; Beverly M., Speaker Coordinator; Jenice G. and Jan E., general volunteers. It's not quite over for you folk... debriefing of your work at the retreat is coming up shortly.

Although we have yet to send out a retreat survey for attendees, the feedback so far has been very positive. We had 68 people register, and 61 people attended. This is comparable to the attendance we enjoyed at retreats prior to Covid. Ten of those in attendance were new-comers using the \$50 special rate. Two of those newbies said that they so enjoyed the event, they would have paid full price if needed. Donations for our literature, various OA supplies and the

used clothing exchange provided us with \$200. Handouts for speakers will be sent to all who attended.

Once we have a final accounting, we can decide if we want to do it again. However, Twin Rocks has a first come, first serve policy about booking dates. Since the September retreat in the last two years has been so successful, we passed a motion to put a deposit on this date for next year. If we decide otherwise, we hope that the deposit will be returned in full.

### **Signing up for the Google Groups email list:**

We urge all meeting reps to let their meeting members know that the OIG Google Groups email notices are full of information of value about up-coming events, both locally and internationally. Every member is urged to sign up. To do so, all they need to do is reach out to Carolyn S., our secretary. She can be contacted at [secretary@oregon-oa.org](mailto:secretary@oregon-oa.org).

### **Meeting Coordinator update, Niik I:**

Brave Niik has confirmed all our current meetings and is now doing a second-round check to make sure the information is still up-to-date. There still remain a number of meetings that appear to not have group reps and several meetings that aren't coordinating with OIG. If your group is one of them, please designate a rep and/or contact person then have them contact our Meeting Coordinator at [meetinglist@oregon-oa.org](mailto:meetinglist@oregon-oa.org). Oregon Intergroup provides many benefits to its members, including scholarships to our events, but we need to know who you are to be of service. Don't be shy... sign up!

### **Website Update, Margie G.:**

In case your meeting listing needs updating (time, location, new rep, etc.), Margie urges you to go into our website at [www.oregon-oa.org](http://www.oregon-oa.org) to do so. If you hit the link for meetings, it'll take you to where all the meetings are listed in the Calendar. Hit the hyperlink for UPDATE MY MEETING GOGGLE FORM. Fill it out, making sure to indicate if the meeting is live or Zoom or hybrid, then hit submit. If this is a challenge for you, please contact Margie G. at [webmaster@oregon-oa.org](mailto:webmaster@oregon-oa.org) for help. However, be aware Margie is moving in October so, if she's not responding, contact Niik I. at [meetinglist@oregon-oa.org](mailto:meetinglist@oregon-oa.org).

Be aware that if you've changed your personal and meeting information for our national website at [www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org), it does not link up with our Region 1 data. So it's great if you change your meeting info etc. for the national site, but you now need to also do it for [www.oregon-oa.org](http://www.oregon-oa.org).

In case you hadn't noticed on our website, the email addresses for our board and service volunteers are listed under the link for CONTACT OREGON INTERGROUP. The listings are all structured to allow you to find our board and service people easily. Just select their position and add "@Oregon-oa.org". In other words, if you want to reach our chair, that address is [Chair@Oregon-oa.org](mailto:Chair@Oregon-oa.org). Easy-peasy.

Margie G. also wants you to know that if you hit the link for EVENTS, you will find a listing of all up-coming events. This includes our Region 1 Convention, which is being held in Seattle from October 13 - 15.

### **Meeting Rep Updates:**

Jean H., from the Saturday in the Orchards Vancouver Meeting, says their meeting is now exploding. It is up to an average of twenty attendees. They urge you to come check them out. The meeting is face-to-face at 10am on Saturdays at St. Paul's Lutheran. The address is 1309 Franklin St., Vancouver.

Dorothy C. from the Tuesday Noon Little Meeting that Could meeting, shared that they've made a meeting format change, dropping all he/she references replacing them with THEY. Other meetings could also consider doing this.

Niik I., the rep for the Serenity Sunday Zoom meeting at 10:30 am, says attendance is down dramatically since Covid has eased up. Right now, they need not only new members, they also need hosts and co-hosts to help monitor their Zoom meetings. If you know anyone trained in these positions, please let them know they are needed. They can reach Niik at [meetinglist@oregon-oa.org](mailto:meetinglist@oregon-oa.org).

Mary Kay B. reports that the 7am Saturday In the Solution meeting at Unity Church in Portland has a large number of men. If you know any other guys who might be interested in fellowship with folks with both an X and a Y chromosome, they might want to check out this meeting. The address is 45225 SE Stark Street.

### **Events up-coming:**

Pat O'C wants to remind you all that we're having a face-to-face Sponsorship Workshop on Saturday, September 30th from 2 - 4pm. It will be at the First United Methodist Church of Beaverton - 12555 SW 4th Street, Beaverton, OR. There will be door prizes, practical tips and "speed dating" to find your next sponsor or sponsee.

We will also be hosting a 15 week Zoom 12 Step Study workshop. If you are interested, please contact Pat at [Chair@Oregon-oa.org](mailto:Chair@Oregon-oa.org).

### **Members in Attendance:**

**Board:** Pat O'C, Chair; Carolyn S., Secretary; Bob C., Treasurer; Dorothy C., Vice-treasurer, Jan E, Co-chair; Margie G., Webmaster

**Delegates:** Lisa S.; Martha J. (Special Delegate)

**Service Positions:** Mikki Mc, OIG Zoom Coordinator; Jenice G., Speaker Meeting - 1st Sat.; Niik I., Meeting List; Leanne M., Retreat Chair

**Reps:** Connie C., Mon. Noon Step-Writing; Jean H., and Kathleen F., Vancouver Sat. In the Orchards 10 am; Rosanne K., Mon. 7:30pm Newburg ZOOM; Niik I., Sun. 10:30 Serenity Sunday; Margie G., Sun. 2pm McMinnville; Jenice G., 7:30 pm Mon. Night Milwaukee and Thursday noon End of the Trail ZOOM; Connie C., Mon. Noon Step-Writing ZOOM Dorothy C. and Julie D., Tuesday Noon Little Meeting that Could; Martha J., Friday noon, SW Portland St. Barnabas Church; Diane B., Sat. Long Beach ZOOM, Mary Kay B.: Sat., Sun and Wed 7am Unity Church

**Members:** James G., 2nd Vice Chair, Region I; Barbara JA