

## 2-14-24 Approved OIG Minutes

**Welcome:** Serenity Prayer, 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, one of the 12 Concepts

**Introductions:** 13 members in attendance (NOTE: This is lower than our normal attendance due to it being Valentine's Day). Welcome to three new meeting reps! It is wonderful for new blood to be taking on these critical service positions.

**Approval of minutes for January 10, 2024,** Carolyn S., Secretary: Revised preliminary minutes as of 2/14/24 - last Serenity Retreat was actually in 2020, not 2019.

**Reports updates:** Going to look at ZOOM uses for OIG. Mikki has been logging this and will be working with Pat in possible updates.

**Treasurer, Bob C:** We need to schedule an audit for 2023 books. This will take about an hour. Bob promises it won't be too odious. We aim to do this late February or early March. To volunteer to help with the audit, contact [Treasurer@Oregon-oa.org](mailto:Treasurer@Oregon-oa.org)

FYI, Serenity Retreat for this year was audited under separate books. In the future, it will be combined with our regular annual audit.

**Chair, Pat O'C:**

- WSBC Agenda Questionnaire: We have received fourteen responses on our WSBC Agenda Questionnaire survey results for World Service Business Conference 2024. The survey covered various bylaws or policy changes offered by service bodies or OIG leadership. Although many were non-controversial and/or just (boring) administrative adjustments, they have to be voted and approved. Between the survey on our Google Groups and the meetings, there was nearly 100% approval of consideration of changes to be presented at World Service Business Conference, Albuquerque, NM.
- By the way, does anyone want to go as a delegate for OIG?. If so, contact Pat at [Chair@Oregon-oa.org](mailto:Chair@Oregon-oa.org).
- Project Ideas for 2024: Last month, we brainstormed ideas we could do to support our members. There were several interesting suggestions. We voted to approve having a Bring Your Own Lunch Picnic on a nice summer day. This event may be timed to celebrate Summer Solstice on either Saturday, June 22 or Sunday June 23. It was suggested that we could also bring games if we want, or even someone could do a dance or talent show? The goal here is getting together to see each other face-to-face. As we all know, many addicts isolate. Getting together helps us break this cycle.

## Donations for OA:

Margie G, our website coordination, has created a DONATE button on the top right side of the main page of our website (<https://oregon-oa.org>). This allows you to make your 7th Tradition contribution on a one-time or monthly basis. To donate:

1. If you wish to donate directly to Intergroup - just hit the DONATE button. It'll take you to a section to indicate how much you want to donate. When you hit the button for payment, that takes you yet another website where you can actually donate. It'll ask you which meeting you attend. You'll say, 'Huh?' Don't worry. Just hit "0000" and proceed.
2. If you wish to credit your meeting for your donation, you first need to determine your meeting number. Go to the CALENDAR section link on the main page of our website. It'll take you to the listings for our meetings. Find your meeting and hit that link. It'll expand the information for that meeting, including the meeting number. Notate it and return to the Main Page and hit DONATE. Fill out as needed and, when you hit the link for payment, include the meeting number.

Either way, be aware that our 7th Tradition servicing company charges us a flat fee for donating online. That fee is the same, no matter the amount. Therefore, if you want to maximize your donation, don't make a weekly contribution. Instead, make it monthly or quarterly.

One more thing about donations: Prior to the move by most to online meetings, the individual meetings used to collect the weekly contributions and, when the funds reached a certain amount, would split them appropriately among the individual meeting's group needs, Intergroup, Region 1 and World Service. The recommended formula previously was 60/30/10 after the meeting had reached their prudent reserve and was sending on the excess. The proportions were 60% to Oregon Intergroup, 30% to World Service and 10% to Region One. Now, most of our meetings are online, OIG no longer does the 60/30/10 split. Instead, we urge all members to individually donate to Intergroup, Region 1 and World Service on their own. The Region One website is <https://www.oaregion1.org>. Find the link on the left hand column for "DONATIONS/7th TRADITION". World Service can be reached at <https://oa.org>. The link for donations is on the top right hand corner of the Main Page listed under "7th Traditional Contribution". Please add up your personal 7th Tradition donation and divide as you wish. But please, round up to whole dollars.

#### **Donations for the Serenity Retreat:**

Members have asked us to create a way for them to donate money to the scholarship fund directly. That is in process.

#### **How to get your meetings updated:**

Margie G., our Webmaster, urges us all to keep our meeting listings current. If you want to correct or update a listing, go to <https://www.oregon-oa.org> (our website). Hit the link for CALENDAR. It will have a link that allows you to "UPDATE MY MEETING GOOGLE FORM". Fill it out and submit.

#### **How to get on the Oregon-OA Mailing list:**

It is strongly recommended that all members individually sign up for OIG's GoogleGroups mailing list. This is our primary method of communicating with individual members and, get this, it is EASY. If you aren't already receiving our newsletters, meeting minutes, event notifications, reports, etc., then you aren't on our list. To fix this, go on our website (<https://www.oregon-oa.org>) to sign up. Hit the link for GoogleGroups. Follow directions.

#### **Merging of Links for Online Meetings:**

Pat and Mikki have been working hard on getting almost all the Monday through Friday ZOOM meetings consolidated so that the groups meeting at the same time have the same code to log in. This will make it much easier for people elsewhere in the country or the world to find out about our meetings. Great news: At this point, all appropriate meetings from Mondays through Friday at noon are on the same link! There is only one noon meeting, the Monday Noon step writing Meeting, that is separate. Due to its nature, it will remain separate.

**Open Service Positions Available.** Reminder: Service is good for your program and your soul. If you or your sponsee need to put in some service hours, contact Pat at [Chair@Oregon-oa.org](mailto:Chair@Oregon-oa.org). FYI, nobody has to do all of a service position if that's too much for them. Pat can divide up the jobs so everyone gets to serve, but not get overwhelmed.

Currently, we could use someone(s) to step up for the following positions: Co-Chair, Member-at-Large and Delegates for WSBC

#### **Meeting Rep Updates:**

Jean H., Sat. 10 am Vancouver shared that their meeting has an average of 15 - 20 members attending. This is a very healthy meeting size, which means there will be a great variety of shares and opportunities for connection. All are welcome to attend. They are currently discussing the possibility of doing a post-Covid face-to-face workshop (yay!).

Pat announced our new Step-Writing ZOOM meeting Monday at Noon. This is the meeting that will permanently have its own meeting number.

Welcome to our new meeting reps!

- Barbara introduced herself as our new Salem Serenity Saturday Meeting rep.
- Monica is our new rep for Lake Oswego Wednesday Noon.
- Stephanie is our new rep for Zoom 7am, In the Solution, Wed., Sat and Sun.

Pat : Happy to report that our 12 Step Study Workshops were fabulous. Great news is that someone is stepping up for service who will be willing to coordinate a quarterly 12 step study for OIG but also

Region 1. If any members wish to make a 7th Step Tradition donation in honor of the Study Study workshop, wait a bit. We are creating a box on the donation form that will allow you to do so directly. Diane B., Sat. 11:00 Zoom Long Beach, 5 - 10 regulars.

Jenice G., our Speaker Meeting Coordinator, shared that this meeting usually has two speakers or one speaker who shares for forty minutes. Sometimes there are as many as twenty attendees.

Monday Night Milwaukee Meeting is staying virtual only. They currently have around ten attendees. They are now reading SEEKING THE SPIRITUAL PATH. Come and seek with them.

**Formal Closing - Serenity Prayer**

**Attendees:**

Board: Pat O'C, Chair; Carolyn S. Secretary; Bob C., Treasurer; Dorothy C., Vice-treasurer

Service Positions: Mikki Mc, OIG Zoom Coordinator; Margie G., Webmaster

Reps: Jean H., Sat. 10 am Saturday in the Orchards; Rosanne K., Mon. 7:30pm Newburg ZOOM; Margie G., Newberg Monday 7:30pm; Dorothy C., Monday noon Welcome Home; Diane B., Sat. 11am Zoom Long Beach; Jenice G., Mon. Night Milwaukee; Barbara, Salem Sat. Serenity; Stephanie, 7am Zoom In the Solution, Wed., Sat and Sun.; Monica, Lake Oswego, Wednesday Noon

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