

Serenity in the Desert Intergroup Minutes

September 25, 2010

approved

Call to order

The Chair called to order the regular meeting of the Serenity in the Desert Intergroup at 1:00 P.M. on September 25, 2010 in the OA office. Step 9, Tradition 9 and Concept 9, were read. Introductions were made. Standing rules were read. Set Aside Prayer was read. The agenda was approved as presented.

I. BOARD REPORTS

- **The Chair** –report is posted at oaphoenix.org. Chair extended a formal invitation to each meeting to find a workable solution to having an Intergroup Representative participate each month. Groups are encouraged to contact the chair with any questions or concerns that may hinder attending intergroup or ideas encouraging better involvement.
- **The Vice Chair** - report is posted at oaphoenix.org. Is participating at the Winter Retreat Committee. Reminder that A Day in OA is scheduled for October 9th in Sun City. We also need a chair for the Special Events Committee. She is creating a new rep packet for Intergroup reps.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer announced her resignation. Will help transition to new treasurer. Checking account: \$5762.09; prudent reserve: \$10,000.73. Balance is higher this month due to 1) funds received from the Region III Assembly committee (\$2373.17) and 2) the deposit on the 2011 Winter Retreat is now paid. Set expenses for the office (those we cannot change) are \$1156 monthly. Total monthly average expenses are \$3300. Most of our income comes from 7th Tradition donation – which averages \$1772 monthly for June-August.. The rest of our income comes from retreats and conventions. Income from literature is marginal. Audit was conducted for 2009-2010 fiscal year and records were found to be in good order .
MOTION: To rescind the previous motion to mandate treasurer to send \$300 to Region III and \$500 to WSO on a monthly basis. Motion approved.

The chair announced it was her duty to open the floor for nominations for treasurer, to complete Anabel's term ending June 2012. Bill O. was sole candidate and elected.

- **Recording Secretary** – July ASDI minutes still were not corrected – 7th tradition amount needs to be included. August ASDI minutes approved. Posted on oaphoenix.org
- **Communications Secretary** – report posted on oaphoenix.org. She now maintains three email lists: a group representatives list, a newsletter only list and a list of all those who wanted to be on the ECares list. About 14 announcements were sent out last month. Committee & Board Reports are on oaphoenix.org.
- **Welcome/Attendance Report** – 22 eligible to vote
- **7th Tradition** was taken and \$28 was collected.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Region III 2010 Assembly Convention Report –The final report will be posted at oaphoenix.org.

Co-Chair discussed the the role of service at the convention and its effect on her recovery. She also shared excerpts from the evaluation forms of participants describing the recovery they received from service.

Region 3 Assembly report – Delegate Bernie W.

Report is posted on oaphoenix.org. In addition, he talked about a new Region III bylaw amendment that changes the split on convention proceeds between hosting Intergroups and Region III from

50/50 to 60/40. He has conferred with the Region III Convention Committee held in Tempe, and they are concerned it will demotivate intergroups to host future assemblies and might even encourage them to reduce their Region III contributions. This will be discussed at the Region III By Laws Committee meeting in Galveston and could be rescinded.

NEW BUSINESS

Clarification of Policy Manual vote re. prudent Reserve

Review of last month's vote regarding Prudent Reserve policy.

MOTION: In the proposed ASDI policy statement regarding the prudent reserve, change the word in the first paragraph from "determined" to "recommended". Motion approved.

BYLAW AMENDMENTS:

Article III – Members - Section 4 – Absences of Intergroup Representatives

MOTION: Remove from consideration from today's vote and return to Bylaws with the recommendation that this bylaw be deleted. Motion approved. **Note:** This will require the By Laws committee to propose this change to the membership for vote at the November ASDI meeting.

ARTICLE IV – The Intergroup Board - Section 3 – Qualifications for Intergroup Board, Item E

MOTION: Remove from consideration. Motion approved.

ARTICLE IV – The Intergroup Board - Section 4 – Method of Election, Item D

RECOMMENDATION: Add the words "eligible members"

VOTE: Approved

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES - Section 2 – Special Committees

RECOMMENDATION: Add the words "and shall maintain the related documentation defining the special committee's purpose and duration."

VOTE: Approved.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES - Section 3 – Committee Appointments

RECOMMENDATION: Add (b) The committee's term is continuous until discontinued by ASDI Item c – addition of the words "special"; Deletion of "the"

#2 – deletion of word "permanent"

#3 – addition of the words "of two years each."

VOTE: Approved.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES - Section 6 – Nominating Committee

RECOMMENDATION: Add the words: "Region Representatives" and delete "RRs"

Add the words "minimum" and "shall consist of three members"

Delete the words "should be"

VOTE: Approved

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES - Section 8 – Committee Bank Account

RECOMMENDATION: Add the words: "within" and "Exceptions require the approval of the ASDI Board."

VOTE: Approved

Ad-hoc committee forming to study Office Lease.

Committee is being formed to study the options as the Office Lease is expiring March 2011. Harlan and Pat J. have volunteered to be part of this committee. Anabel suggested that the ASDI Treasurer also be a member.

Bi-Monthly Newsletter - discussion postponed.

Free Cruise raffle ticket drawing - donated by ASDI – winner was Frieda L. Two tickets will be given away at the Oct ASDI meeting.

Monthly Intergroup Meetings – moved to Good & Welfare

Vacant Committee Chair/Service Positions

Service is an essential tool in recovery. Service opportunities include the following committees or service positions: Finance, Outreach, Special events, Archives, Audio Recording library,

MOTION: Extend the Meeting to 3:15 or sooner. Approved.

GOOD & WELFARE – minutes not taken

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OFFICE OPERATIONS – We need to purchase two fire extinguishers. One is old and needs to be replaced and we need a second one in the other room. Price \$18-70 each.

PI/PO – Report is posted on oaphoenix.org. Met with Tucson PIPO person. 250 Cookie posters printed and are being distributed. Mesa Swap meet is an option. She qualified with her OA story and also her professional background. Discovered some inaccurate meeting list information and has been calling each meeting to get accurate information. Recommends finding a way to have a meeting list on the website that can be updated on a regular basis and also written procedures about retrieving messages off our telephone.

WINTER RETREAT

This year the registration system is new and will be totally online. It will be more convenient, streamlines the process, compiles the data. We'll help people who can't do it online. Flyer will be ready in a couple of weeks. Theme is "Reflect Your Recovery". Volunteers are needed.

MOTION: The Winter Retreat Committee requests the ECares list be sent to them in an Excel format to use for the Winter Retreat Registration system. Motion approved.

12TH STEP WITHIN COMMITTEE

Margie and Greg are now co-chairs. Candle Lighting flyer was presented for approval. Will be working on a monthly speaker meeting series beginning next year.

MOTION: To approve a \$200 override for a start up budget for the 12th Step Within Committee purposes. Motion approved.

The meeting closed at 3:20: pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kaye W.
Recording Secretary