

Serenity in the Desert Intergroup Minutes

February 19, 2011 – 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 February 19, 2011 at Orangewood Presbyterian Church. Step 2, Tradition 2 and Concept 2, were read. The Preamble was read and introductions were made. Standing rules and the Set Aside Prayer was read.

The agenda was approved as presented.

I. BOARD REPORTS

- **Chair's Report** – shared her experience at the LA birthday party in California and the thanked everyone involved in last week's Speaker Series meeting in Litchfield Park .
- **Vice Chair's Report** –. Thanked all those involved with the Winter Retreat which was such a wonderful recovery event for everyone. She continues to be active in working with the 12th Step Within Committee.
- **Treasurer's Report** - Checking account balance \$5400.99; savings account \$10,004.04. December income \$2,140.46, expenses \$3,446.84, net difference -1306.38. Meeting contributions: Outside \$236.20, inside \$946.18. During 2010, the checking account balance decreased at an average rate of \$725.84 monthly. At that rate, our checking account will hit zero in October 2011. Last month a motion was made to make an \$800 donation to WSO and Region 3 to be split 65% to WSO and 35% to Region 3. There was an error and a total of \$1000 was split – 65% to WSO and 35% to Region 3.
- **Recording Secretary Report** - the January minutes were approved as corrected.
- **Communications Secretary Report** – Prue read a letter received from Susan in Israel about how she was able to use our annual Candle Lighting event to celebrate OA's 51st birthday and how exciting it is to share with one another internationally.
- **Welcome/Attendance Report** - 3 officers, 1 chair, 7 committee chairs, 11 Intergroup reps for a total of 22. Two new representatives were present.
- **7th Tradition** - \$50.15 collected

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **By-Law Committee** – Larry distributed several recommended by-law changes. They will be distributed to the membership and then voted on by ASDI at the April meeting.
- **Finance Committee** - Kayla was appointed as the new Finance Committee Chair but has briefly put her service position on hold.
- **Office Operations** - No report – next meeting is March 4, 2011
- **Outreach** - Hoping that Marie will be joining us soon.
- **PI/PO** – PSAs were submitted to 7 radio stations. She also submitted a contract for us to participate in the Art of Recovery Expo at the Phoenix Convention Center on Saturday, September 24, 2011.
- **12th Step Within** - February speaker series workshop was very successful. Next ones are scheduled for March 19 and April 23. They are also working on workshops covering Service Traditions & Concepts as well as Recovery from Relapse.
- **Winter Retreat** - Rosie gave a recap of the financials which indicated income exceeded expenses in the amount of \$632.44. The \$2500 seed money has been returned to ASDI. The committee recommended that \$50 be left in the checking account and transferred to the Summer Retreat Committee. The recommendation was approved. .

- **Summer Retreat** – Debra introduced herself and asked for volunteers to help plan the summer retreat with a theme of “Wisdom of the Generations.” Rosemary in Prescott is acting as co-chair.
- **Special Ad Hoc Lease Committee** – The committee made a recommendation that ASDI sign a new office lease for the period of April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2011, at a rate of \$612.60 per month. The committee recommendation also included the following:
 - ASDI would not be responsible for any CAM charges in the lease but would retain responsibility for any repairs needed on the air conditioner.
 - Volunteers would remove the office wall that currently separates the two rooms and liquidate all chairs, tables, filing cabinets etc. which would provide meeting space for up to 36 people.
 - Replace front door lock, review distribution of keys, consider installing a key pad with code.
 - Office meetings would be encouraged to follow the OA Group handbook regarding meeting service positions, have a person responsible for opening each meeting and review the manner in which monetary contributions are handled.

The recommendations were voted on and approved by ASDI. A “destruction/construction” party will be held in March to remove the wall as quickly and cheaply as possible. Bernie asked the Board of Directors whether they were covered by any kind of insurance and was advised that they were not. Charlene indicated the Board would discuss it at their next meeting.

SERVICE REPORTS

Lifeline – Harlan made a pitch for Lifeline subscriptions.

Literature – Kathy reported that inventory is currently \$1596.55. We sold \$692.35 and have a \$506 order pending. She reminded everyone that she will soon be rotating out of service.

Website – no report

Meeting List Coordinator – no report

Newsletter – no report

Welcome Chair – Marian has stepped down and Donna has volunteered.

Archives - Vacant.

Audio Recording Librarian - vacant

NEW BUSINESS

The group went through the agenda questionnaire from WSBC and voted on each item as to whether or not they should be added to the WSBC agenda. The report will then be sent to World Service. .

GOOD & WELFARE – minutes not taken

The Meeting closed at 3:00 pm with the OA Promise.

Respectfully submitted,
Kaye W.
Recording Secretary