

Serenity in the Desert Intergroup Minutes

January 15, 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 January 15, 2011 in the OA office. Step 1, Tradition 1 and Concept 1, were read. The Preamble was read and introductions were made. Standing rules were read. The Set Aside Prayer was read. Three new rep packets were given out.

The agenda was approved as presented.

I. BOARD REPORTS

- **Chair's Report** – We still have a number of service positions open at this time. For those who have been in one service position for two years or more, you might want to try something new as rotation of Service is an important part of OA.
- **Vice Chair's Report** – A reminder that committee chairs should send their monthly meeting dates to Stephanie so they can be sent out in the weekly ECares mailing. Also be sure to update any changes in your meeting on the WSO website.
- **Treasurer's Report** - Checking account balance as of 12/31/10 was \$7462.58; savings account \$10,004.04; December income was \$1913.39, expenses \$2013.06; Office donations were \$798.64, outside donations \$535.70. Full detailed reports of revenue and expenses, meeting contributions, cash flow summaries, etc. can be found on the oaphoenix.org website.
- **Recording Secretary** – December minutes approved as presented.
- **Communications Secretary Report** – Weekly bulletins are going well. They're put together so people can see what's coming in the next week. Current bylaws and policy manual and Lifeline weekly articles have been added to the website. Remember that all bulletin items need to be sent to Charlene & Stephanie and not directly to Prue.
- **Welcome/Attendance Report** - 4 Officers; 9 committee chairs, 13 Intergroup Reps, 1 visitor, 1 non-voting chair. Total 26 voting.
- **7th Tradition** - \$41.25 donated

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **ByLaw Committee** – no report. Next meeting is January 20th.
- **Finance Committee** - Vacant
- **Office Operations** - Office Committee passed a motion to start taking donations for the replacement of the safe. The total bid including installation is close to \$600 but a final decision will not be made until after the lease negotiations. Currently Carol H is picking up the donations almost daily from the office.
- **Outreach** - It is hoped Marie will make a speedy recovery and be able to begin as chair of this committee.
- **PI/PO** – Tempe's Pyle Community Center is having a health fair which we'll participate in on April 14th. A&E has been running some of our PSAs. The Times Square PSA Billboard has been extended through March. WSO is reporting an increase in website hits of 25%. Cookie posters are still available for distribution.
- **12th Step Within** - The January Speaker Meeting had 28 people and made \$34.25 after expenses were paid. The next event is February 12 in Litchfield Park and then March 19th in Tempe. Next Committee meeting is 2/19 at 11 am at Paradise Bakery.
- **Winter Retreat** - Lynne reported 43 people were registered. Things are going along very well.

- **Summer Retreat** – Still looking for a location.
- **Special Ad Hoc Lease Committee** – Nothing new to report. Waiting for the fire inspection and then lease negotiations will begin.

SERVICE REPORTS

Lifeline – Harlan made a pitch for Lifeline subscriptions.

Literature – Discussion about the level of literature inventory at the office. Kathy identified several pamphlets that weren't selling well and recommended discontinuing some of them. She will be rotating out of service in June but in the meantime, she agreed to consider writing a monthly article for the newsletter promoting one or more pieces of literature.

Website – Linda B. will take over as new website manager . Thanks to Dana for a beautiful website.

Meeting List Coordinator – discussion of the time-consuming tedious work of trying to update meeting information between groups and WSO. Once we convert to using the WSO link for the meeting list, we will be eliminating that duplication of effort. Stephanie showed a printout of what the list would look like and there was discussion about whether the meeting list should be printed in the newsletter or inserted as a separate sheet. Doing it as an insert would free up two pages in the newsletter for other articles. .

Newsletter – no report

Welcome Chair – Marion is stepping down from this position and a replacement is needed. Thank you to Marion for her service.

Archives - Vacant.

Audio Recording Librarian - vacant

NEW BUSINESS

Election - Election of a World Service Delegate/Region III Representative Alternate was held.

Qualifications for the position were read. Pat J. was nominated and agreed to serve. **MOTION**: To close the nominations. Approved. **MOTION**: Even though our bylaws specify a paper ballot, I move that we vote by acclamation. Motion approved. A vote was taken and Pat was elected to serve through June 2012.

Standing Committees – Review and discussion of the difference between “Standing committees” and “Special Committees” in the by-laws. The only two committees that are essential to the corporation are the Finance Committee and the By-Laws Committee, so these should be the only two listed in the bylaws.

Office Safe – was vandalized. A decision was made not to change the locks until the lease negotiations have finished.

Date of March Intergroup - has been changed to March 12th from March 19th due to a conflict with the Region 3 Assembly. The newsletter will be available on March 19th at the 12th step Within Monthly Speaker's meeting in Tempe..

Retreats – discussion of whether we should have more than one retreat annually. The retreats are financially successful but attendance has fallen and it's a struggle to get people to volunteer.

WSO Donation – We haven't made donations to WSO and Region 3 for some time. **MOTION**: Motion to make an \$800 donation split as follows: 65% donation to World Service and a 35% donation to Region 3. Motion approved.

GOOD & WELFARE – minutes not taken

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kaye W.
Recording Secretary