

Serenity in the Desert Intergroup Minutes

November 20, 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 November 20, 2010 in the OA office. Step 11, Tradition 11 and Concept 11, were read. Introductions were made. Standing rules were read. The Set Aside Prayer was read. The agenda was approved as presented.

I. BOARD REPORTS

- **Chair's Report** – Two of our biggest priorities are: assembling a Finance Committee and getting volunteers organized to do meeting visitation outreach work. Reminder that there will be an election for two **delegate/rep positions** at the December Intergroup meeting.
- **Vice Chair's Report** – event flyers should be sent to Vice Chair and Chair for approval before distribution. Vice Chair will then include in weekly events calendar and send to Communications Secretary for E-Cares distribution.
- **Treasurer's Report** - \$5097 in checking account; \$10,001 in savings. October income \$2701; expenses \$1404. Meeting contributions \$1695. Treasurer's Report was approved with a change in report dates.

Note: As per procedure, ASDI checks # 1620 and 1621 were given to the Recording Secretary and checks #1622 and 1623 to the Chair to be used in case of emergency.

- **Recording Secretary** – October minutes approved as presented.
- **Communications Secretary Report** – E-Cares will now be sent on a weekly basis each Monday morning. Deadline for submissions will be 6 pm Sunday.
- **Welcome/Attendance Report** - 4 Officers; 5 committee chairs, 1 Immediate past chair, 11 Intergroup Reps, 1 chair. Total 22
- **7th Tradition** - \$32 donated

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Bylaws** - No report – one by-law change will be voted on at December ASDI meeting.
- **Finance** - Vacant
- **Office Operations** - No report. Next meeting will be December 2, 2010.
- **Outreach** - Vacant
- **PI/PO** – Health fair cancelled; Native American Connections may start an OA meeting; Please pick up multiple promotional flyers to take to meetings. Help is also available for promoting individual meetings.
- **12th Step Within** - Working on marathons and Candle Lighting Ceremony. Great 12th Step Within Day article in newsletter. Speaker series begins January 8th. It will continue every month in different parts of valley. Currently we are looking for a location in West Valley for Feb. 12th or 26th. Our next meeting, combined with PIPO is 10:30 am at Paradise Bakery, Dec.18, 2010.
- **Special Events** – Chair and volunteers are needed to plan the 2011 Summer retreat at Camp Pinerock in Prescott. Great venue – large cabins, outdoor firepit. Date is June 10-12.
- **Winter Retreat** - Registration deadline is Dec. 15th for early bird rate. Meetings are asked to donate Gift cards rather than baskets.
- **Newsletter** – no report
- **Special Ad Hoc Lease Committee** – Committee has contacted management to begin negotiating rent and maintenance reductions. No response has been received so far.

Service Reports

- **Archives** - Vacant.
- **Lifeline** – Great reading.
- **Literature** - Value of literature on hand \$1756.75; \$667.20 sold; order pending \$664.33. Newcomer Packets are automatically ordered as needed weekly.
- **Meeting List Coordinator** – continues comparing the quarterly WSO meeting list report with our newsletter list, identifying and resolving differences.
- **Audio Recording Librarian** - vacant
- **Website** - no report

New Business

Email Spam – two instances of email spam was reported from angry recipients. The email addresses were obtained on our website. In order to prevent this from recurring, Chair removed all newsletters and replaced the meeting list in the newsletter with the WSO meeting list. Lengthy discussion about whether or not to use email addresses in the Outreach Directory and publish on the website in the future.

MOTION: To purge the newsletter Outreach Directory in January and re-register members. Motion approved. Bill will create a form that will be sent out, explaining that including email addresses is optional. Jess and Moira volunteered to help.

Vote on number of representatives to send to the Region 3 Assembly. Cost for travel, lodging and meals, per delegate would be \$635 plus \$80 registration fee.

MOTION: To send 2 representatives to the Region 3 Assembly in March 2011. Motion approved.

Vote on number of delegates to send to the World Service Convention.

Cost for travel, lodging and meals, per delegate would be \$801.13 plus \$95 registration.

MOTION: To send 2 delegates to WSO in April 2011. Motion approved.

Note: It is recommended that we review our funding availability at the February ASDI meeting to see if additional delegate reps could be sent to these events.

Consolidating our two meeting lists into one

Discussion of the benefits of consolidating our two meeting lists into one. Instead of generating and maintaining a separate meeting list for our newsletter, we would use the World Service List. Since most newcomers go to the WSO website to find a meeting, this will help ensure they get accurate information. Need to decide whether to print the WSO list in the newsletter or add it as an insert.

GOOD & WELFARE – minutes not taken

The Meeting closed at 2:53 pm with the OA Promise.

Respectfully submitted,
Kaye W.
Recording Secretary