

# MINUTES

## Arizona Serenity in the Desert Intergroup

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*Date | time* 12/19/2015 1:02 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Kayla W: Chair

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### Opening

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The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, followed by the readings of the standing rules and preamble. Introductions were made around the room. Board Members in attendance: Chair-Kayla W. Vice Chair-Marie D. Treasurer-Teri G. Recording Secretary-Bobbi S. Communications Secretary-Christina S. All Rep/Delegates present except Jackie W and Halina. 2 new meeting representatives welcomed. The presented agenda was adopted.

### Reports

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Chair- Distributed via Ecares to fellowship, copies provided to those in attendance.

Vice Chair- Provided to those in attendance a full page of information regarding OA's events: Local: [www.oaphoenix.org](http://www.oaphoenix.org). Regions 3 Events. [www.oaregion3.org](http://www.oaregion3.org). Region 2 events: [www.oar2@org](mailto:www.oar2@org). Worldwide: [www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org)

Treasurer- Copies provided to those in attendance. 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition donations are ahead in comparison to this time last year. We are sitting well financially, landing in the upper middle of our prudent reserves. Teri took questions from the floor regarding report. Our Chairperson gave warning that the airfare expenses for spring Texas trip will be coming out of Jan finances. And the costs were more than estimated.

Recording Secretary- approval of last months minutes with edits: fellowship found spelling error in a name, and asked that Rep/Delegate (instead of Representative/Delegate or Delegate/Rep) be used consistently thru the document. Following up on previous request to include Bylaws amendments within the minutes, fellowship asked for a solution. The minutes are limited to 1 double sided page per our policy manual. A motion from the floor was presented by Sheila: When a Bylaw amendment is on the intergroup agenda, the bylaw(s) will be attached to the intergroup minutes. Seconded by: Debbie R and adopted by those in attendance.

Communications Secretary- Still close to the 25% open rate for Ecares emails. There are 2 steps to register for Ecares. Type in your email address, and then open up your email and reply to accept. Those who are not completing both steps are "Bouncing" and are not receiving Ecares emails. She is looking for a way to explain that process to avoid further confusion. She also continues to focus on keeping Ecares brief to avoid losing readers interest.

Welcome and Attendance- 21 Attending, 20 Voting, 1 Visitor, 2 New Meeting Intergroup Representatives.

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7<sup>th</sup> Tradition \$49.00

### Committee Reports

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ByLaws- Sheila- A Consent Agenda with housekeeping items will be presented in the Jan meeting. She explained that housekeeping items are changes that can be made to the Bylaws as long as there is no change in the intent.

Newsletter-Dianna- Keep those articles coming!

Office Operations-Pat J- No report. Observation from Chair, there was a drink spill on the floor that someone cleaned, Thank you.

Outreach/Lifeline-Linda P. - Her goal continues to reach out to our meetings and connect. She created an email [Azoutreach1@yahoo.com](mailto:Azoutreach1@yahoo.com) 50/75 meetings have responded to her request for an email address to assist in communicating with each meeting. She'd like that message to continue in Ecares to encourage more of the meetings to respond.

PI/PO-Vacant position. No upcoming events.

12 Step Within-Donna- Candle lighting events (Dianna reports) Both events were well attended. East side: 35 people. Unsure of 7<sup>th</sup> tradition intake, but it was passed. Central: 45 people. 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition was \$79.00 Rent was \$50.00, and new candles were purchased so the event paid for itself. Kayla spoke with East side Organizer Judy. She plans that event starting in October and will notify the fellowship via newsletter and Ecares that she will be looking for speakers. 12 Step within Day- 12-12-15 (Greg) hopes that people took the "Call 5 and keep them alive" flyers and followed the suggestion of reaching out to 5 OAers you've not seen in meetings recently. Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Marathon is in need of a 10:30am leader. New Year's Marathon meeting leaders complete. Potential upcoming events: Looking for way to celebrate Unity Day 2-27-16. Judy H Workshop on Body Image coming Feb/March.

Winter Retreat-Dianna- Last minute registrations are encouraged to be avoided, but always happen. The retreat will have a Relapse focus. Speaker has 30yrs in program, 18+ yrs consistent abstinence. Speaker will recap his Friday evening presentation on Saturday @ 8:30am. Retreat starts 9am Sat. Still accepting Gift Cards for Raffle fundraiser. Volunteers needed Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:45pm OA office to stuff the retreat folders.

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## Service Reports

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Literature-Marian- no report. Chair asked attendees if they were aware if the Guide for Sponsorship pamphlet is the most recent available, it refers to OA2 book. Is there a newer pamphlet or has OA not updated it yet?

Meeting List-Bobbi- Friday Noon office meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> notice) and SAT 10:30am Wickenburg meetings (1<sup>st</sup> notice) need phone contact people listed or they will be removed from the meeting list. Please volunteer to answer the occasional call from a newcomer looking to learn about those meetings. Donna K will attend the noon Friday meeting and seek out a volunteer. Dottie will follow up if needed in January. Bobbi will continue researching Wickenburg contact info.

Phone Volunteers-Sheila- 1 Volunteer needed to take incoming calls to the OA phone line ONE day per month. Please call Sheila to be of service.

Website-Greg-nothing new to report. Always willing to accept suggestions and comments on the website.

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## Good and Welfare- not to be recorded

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## Miscellaneous

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Is your meeting looking for a polite way to encourage attendants to avoid texting/email typing during the OA meeting? One possible suggestion to add to your meeting format. "It is suggested that we be courteous to fellow members and refrain from cell phone use (other than E-literature reading) during the meeting".

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## Closing

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Closed at 2:36pm reciting "I put my hand in yours".

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## Next Meeting

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1/23/2016 1:00 PM, OA office 1219 E. Glendale Ave, #23 Phoenix, AZ