

MINUTES

Arizona Serenity in the Desert Intergroup

Date | time 11/19/2016 1:00 PM | Meeting called to order by **Tori: Chair**

OPENING

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, followed by the reading of the preamble and standing rules. Introductions were made around the room. Board Members in attendance: Chair- Tori, Vice Chair- Marie D, Recording Secretary-Lisa M, Communication Secretary –Halina B. Treasurer-Teri G absent with notice. Rep/Delegates present Bobbi, Dottie, Tori, Halina, and Harlan present as well as alternate Rosie. Welcome and attendance Report: 18 present, 18 voting members, 0 new meeting representatives, and 0 visitors. The presented agenda was adopted with addition following changes: Add the possibility of Skype for outlying meetings under New Business, Facebook under Old Business.

OFFICER REPORTS

Chair- Presented as written document provided to those in attendance.

Vice Chair- Presented as written document provided to those in attendance. Service opportunity packet also provided to those in attendance. Marie will be updating the list as service opportunities arise, members can let Marie know.

Treasurer- copies: provided to those in attendance. Pat H reported. Total \$17,122.74. World Service donation has been made in a total of \$550. 7th tradition is down to 27% from 33%. Members are asked to report this to meetings.

Recording Secretary- Copies provided to those in attendance. October 2016 minutes approved with the amendment to add the rep delegates present.

Communications Secretary- Report distributed to members present. Halina will not be running again in January and is willing to help people learn how to produce Ecares so they can consider running. Halina included a Survey Monkey account that can be integrated in Ecares.

7TH TRADITION \$33.00

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Retreat- Deb distributed her report to those in attendance. Mini retreat went well: 51 registered, 46 attended, 25 attendees turned in evaluation form. Deb is recommending sending an electronic evaluation through Survey Monkey. Total proceeds \$1371.

Office Operations- Dottie reported. Office committee met and discussed how to get committee members and decided to invite people to committee. Discussed how to recycle cans, Kiki offered to take them. Sheila will follow up with APS to find out how to reduce the electric bill.

PIPO- Gunnar absent, no report sent.

Finance- Pat H- Committee met via phone conference because Teri is out of town. Voted to explain budget and prudent reserve, printed copies are available to distribute to groups. Voted on budget that finance committee presented based on history. Committees can ask finance committee to consider additional funding requests. Because we are a non-profit, we are only looking to maintain the budget. May need to decrease spending or increase 7th tradition income. 1/3 of the budget goes to maintaining the OA office. Prudent reserve means that we keep a balance of no less than 40% of expenses for 6 months. Rent will increase by \$100 in April and another \$100 the following April due to a new landlord.

12th Step Within- Mollie absent, Dianna reported. Promises by Candlelight has all speakers; Dec 3. Feb 13 is Unity Day, Mollie found a park location in the West Valley. Marathon meetings will occur on Thanksgiving at 6:30, 9, 10:30, and noon. 5:30 meeting will not be held, 7pm meeting has closed. Christmas and New Year meetings will be held except 3pm. Thursday night meeting will be moving to a new time and address starting 12/8. Will be at 6:30 at Emmanuel Presbyterian church. All evening meetings at NSFC will occur regardless of holidays.

Outreach- Linda. Bobbi has been calling meeting reps, Linda will troubleshoot if necessary. People have been asking Linda to help start meetings. One woman wants a meeting to start in her retirement village because she is confined. Linda is happy to help, but people can also create meetings on their own without contacting Linda. Tuesday AB meeting has closed, Thursday remains open. Meeting attendance has been low, Linda recommends that we focus on the transformative power of recovery when we share to attract and maintain new members. There is money or literature available for loan to help start meetings. Tori will put suitcase full of books in a crate to provide to new meetings, people can put donations in the crate. Newcomer meetings attached to Wednesday night meetings twice monthly. Deb and Linda would like more newcomer meetings, particularly in Scottsdale. Meetings can consider.

Comm/Tech- Mikester stepped down as committee chair. He made all of the generic email addresses and they all seem to be working properly. Let Halina know if you aren't getting the emails.

Bylaws- Pat J reported. Met to discuss policy manual but need to meet again because there was no quorum.

Website- Greg will be stepping down January 1st. He will continue to provide minimal work thereafter. Ideal candidate would be familiar with oa.org website. Greg and Halina will train. Objective will be to move to Wordpress. Time commitment is approximately 1 hour per week.

Newsletter: Report was emailed and distributed. Emily will be taking over as newsletter editor. She is currently being trained by Dianna. The current printer is in Scottsdale, Emily will not be able to pick up the printing. Dianna will continue picking up the newsletter for the next 3 months but may need to find a new printer or a volunteer to pick up. She will also not be picking up any other printing such as meeting list and other documents distributed at ASDI. Dianna has been shopping around and has not found a better price. Pat H has printer paper available for use. She also recommended considering going more paperless and making better use of documents sent out in Ecares.

Meeting List: Bobbi- New lists provided. * next to changes. New Mesa meeting beginning in January. Discussed making printing larger or changing format to include blocks for office meetings, NSFC, etc.

Phone coverage- Pat J reported. 1 opening for complete coverage.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Service Opportunity- covered in vice chair report

b. Email addresses- covered in Comm/tech report.

c. Cushions missing- Reps reported on meeting discussions.

d. Facebook- Ecares link posted on Facebook page. People should be aware if their name/phone number is listed in Ecares that it may be posted on Facebook. Halina moved that "Personal contact information in Ecares will require written permission before posting." Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Mission Statements: In bylaws as "Purpose Statement." Committees must submit purpose statement to be read at the beginning of each committee meeting. Oa.org may provide assistance.

b. Written committee reports: According to bylaws, committee chairs are instructed to provide written reports to chair and recording secretary. Reports will be archived but not printed and distributed unless specially requested. Reports can also be put in Ecares.

c. Skype/Facetime: Video conferencing to help members in outlying areas attend ASDI. Would require wifi in the office. Comm/tech and Office committees will research the cost of wifi/hotspot. Deb suggested using speaker phone in the interim. Linda will see if outlying areas are interested in video/phone participation.

GOOD AND WELFARE- NOT TO BE RECORDED

CLOSING

Closed at 3:01 pm with "I put my hand in yours."

NEXT MEETING

12/17/2016 1:00 PM, OA office 1219 E. Glendale Ave, #23 Phoenix, AZ