

Arizona Serenity in the Desert Intergroup Meeting Minutes

Date | time 11/21/2015 1:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Kayla W : Chair

Opening

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, followed by the readings of 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. 1 new meeting representative was welcomed. Representative/Delegates present: Kayla W, Donna, Bobbi, Teri. Absent: Jackie W. The agenda was approved with the addition of a Bylaws vote, January meeting date change, and vote for # of Representatives to send to Texas. And Audit was added to Treasurer Report. In addition, Sheila suggested that research be done regarding whether the steps/traditions are to be read at business meetings.

Reports

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

Vice Chair- Information regarding OA's local events: 12 Stepping Through Life. Jan 8-10th 2016 Mt Claret Retreat Center. More info on www.oaphoenix.org. Out of Phoenix area events: 56th Annual OA Birthday Party Jan 15-17 2016 Hilton LAX. Visit www.oalaig.org. Sept 1-4 2016 Boston Mass. OA World Service Convention. The Trail to Freedom! More info at conventioninfo@oa.org Also visit www.oa.org to view calendar of events through the US and Abroad.

Treasurer- Distributed via Ecares to fellowship, copies provided to those in attendance. 7th Tradition donations are ahead in comparison to this time last year by \$937.55. Please refrain from sealing the tiny manila envelopes for office literature purchases, we prefer to reuse these. In preparation for IRS filing, an audit was done of OA Financial Records 7-1-14 to 6-30-2015. Completed by Dianna and Pat H. Their detailed recommendations were printed and provided to those in attendance. Highlights included Checks written needing backup paperwork-Transparency in all transactions; recommended that new Rep/Delegates traveling be informed of policy for maximum meal and beverage reimbursements, appropriate tipping etc. The policy manual \$ limits may be outdated and need adjustments. Teri and Dianna will look at current guidelines and make suggestions if changes to the policy manual are warranted.

Recording Secretary- November Intergroup meeting minutes require addition of Bylaws Motion to Amend ASDI bylaws Article X. And removal of sentence 5 within Bylaws Committee report. Amended minutes were approved.

Communications Secretary- Bouncing emails. Have you signed up for Ecares..but still are not receiving weekly emails? Your email could be bouncing, Contact Christina she can help resolve. Also the Open rate of emails is a bit lower than usual.

Welcome and Attendance-25 total attendance, 23 voting, 2 visitors.

Delegate/Representatives to Spring Assembly Abilene Texas

Discussion of how many to send, costs anticipated. Estimated flight costs of \$400.00 per person. Motion was heard and voted on Sending 3 Delegates. Rotation of reps to travel: Kayla, Donna and Bobbi

Election of New Representative/Delegate

Qualifications were read to fellowship present. Halina was nominated from the floor, she shared her qualifications/service work. She was elected as Rep/Delegate and will serve what is left of Christina's vacated 2 yr term. (Thru June 2016)

January Intergroup Date

Due to quantity of fellowship planning to attend OA LA birthday event, the Board moves we adjust the January Intergroup meeting from 16th to January 23rd @ 1pm. Fellowship voted and approved new date.

7th Tradition \$63.00

Committee Reports

Bylaws- Sheila – The proposed change to Article X of the ASDI bylaws addressing the method of communication of proposed bylaws amendments to the Fellowship was presented to the IG at the October meeting, approved for distribution to the groups and will be voted on today. This proposed amendment removed the words “and received by each group” and adds the words “and/or electronic communication.” Fellowship Vote on Motion to amend, submitted by ASDI Bylaws committee 10-17-15. Distributed to fellowship via Ecares and Intergroup Representatives. Motion was adopted.

Newsletter - Dianna - Please continue to submit articles.

Office Operations- Pat J- No new business. Grateful for the office meeting participants placing recycling items appropriately and improved toilet maintenance.

Outreach/Lifeline Committee-Linda- is contacting every meeting contact person and asking for their email. Goal is to improve communication to meetings. LindaJPR@hotmail.com . Lifeline, a suggestion from the floor was heard to order a paper subscription of Lifeline for use of the Newsletter editor. Suggestion approved, Teri Treasurer will order subscription.

PI/PO-Jeri- Jeri is stepping down from chair of the committee, she will continue in a supportive roll. She shared her gratitude to the committee members and thanked them for their service.

12 Step Within- Donna- The Silent Retreat and Boundaries workshop was successful. 35 in attendance. \$42.00 7th Tradition collected. R3 Trustee Vicki multiday events had 20 participants. \$38. 7th tradition collected. \$20 for church use. Marathon meetings need a volunteer for the 10:30am Christmas Day meeting. Signup sheet in the announcements book at the office. Marathon meetings will take place 630am, 9am, 10:30am, Noon. Promises by Candlelight ceremonies taking place 7pm Friday December 4th in Mesa. And 7pm Saturday December 5th in Phoenix. Body Image with Judy H workshop coming Feb/March 2016. 12th Step Within Day is Saturday, 12/12. Can you call 5 and keep them alive? A day to focus on carrying the message to OA members who are in relapse or still suffering from compulsive eating. Print out the cards and distribute at your meetings.

Winter Retreat-Dianna- Planning meeting this Sunday November 22nd 11:45am @ Paradise Bakery near office. Speaker is John from LA 20 yrs abstinence. Commuters are welcome on all 3 days. Food included for commuters is Saturday Lunch/Dinner only.

Service Reports

Literature-Marion-no report. Treasurer Teri encouraged fellowship purchasing literature to avoid sealing the tiny manila envelopes, they prefer to reuse them.

Meeting List-Bobbi- Created a new email for meeting list business, so things don't get lost in personal email.

ASDImeetingist@yahoo.com 2 meetings disbanded and removed from Dec list. We need a new volunteer to be listed as Contact person for the Friday Noon meeting at the Office. Notes left in the office meeting book. This position is responsible to take occasional calls from interested newcomers or fellowship wanting to learn more about the meeting. It does NOT require you to open/lead meeting or otherwise. Without a contact person, the meeting will be removed from the meeting list.

Phone Volunteers-Sheila- Service Opportunity Answer the Office phone! Can you volunteer to take incoming phone calls from Newcomers wanting to know about OA for 1 day a month? 4 open days available. Please contact Sheila to see what days are available. 480-451-0859

Website-Greg-no report

Good and Welfare- Not to be recorded

Closing

@ 2:50 pm meeting closed by fellowship reciting “I put my hand in yours”.

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