

**AZ Serenity in the Desert Intergroup**  
**Unapproved Minutes July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

(Notes taken by Jackie - Rachel not in attendance until 1:10pm)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer. The standing rules and preamble were read.

**Board members in attendance:** Marie, chair; Greg, communication secretary; Kayla, treasurer; Bobbi, vice chair; and Rachel, recording secretary.

Although not announced, 1 new representative was in attendance and was given a new rep packet (Susan).

(Notes now taken by Rachel)

**Chair:**

- Written report was submitted and approved; included announcement for Region III assembly in Tempe (please volunteer for service). It was confirmed that you don't have to register (attend) to do service, only to be a speaker. We will discuss winter retreat location after convention is over.

**Vice Chair:**

- No written report, nothing to report.

**Treasurer:**

- Written report submitted and approved. Kayla stated we have more donations this year but we also had more expenses. We gave three times as much to Region 3 and World Service.

**Recording Secretary:**

- June minutes were approved as written. It was confirmed that there was no specific budget (dollar amount) for the proposed fundraiser for the August convention/assembly.

**Communication/Web Secretary:**

- No written report. Discussed e-care list – please sign up; 487 people are currently signed up for e-care. See Greg for questions on how to sign up. Greg has a goal of having an online registration system available for our OA events by October 1<sup>st</sup> – Rachel agreed to help with this.

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition was counted by Kayla: \$33

**Winter Workshop/Summer Retreat News:**

- Dianna confirmed that Winter Retreat will be February 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Stephens Church.
- Jackie and Rosie are newly in charge of the summer retreat location/organization. It was noted that most places contacted could not accommodate the OA summer retreat except for very high-altitude areas (previously problematic due to attendee complaints). Embry Riddle will be getting back to Jackie – she left a message.

**Attendance:**

- 20 voting members including the chair.

**Elections:**

- Chair (Marie) appointed Kayla to be treasurer for 1 more month.

**ASDI Fundraiser:**

- Rosie confirmed the journal project fell through; proposed idea for dog tags (silver colored necklace). The chain is 30 inches long, stainless steel, shiny. The tags will read, "Happy Joyous and Free." 100 dog tags were priced at \$4.61 each (this includes tax). It is suspected we can sell them for \$10 each. The company that makes the tags/necklaces is located in Mesa. When we sell at the convention, World Service gets 60% of the profits, so having product left over to sell is Ok because we can sell the rest with a greater profit margin. It was voted to purchase 150 dog tag necklaces.
- Forks are being put into the convention registration bags (August). The convention purchased these forks. For the Fork project in total, we paid \$615, and income was \$1017.
- CORRECTION TO NOTES (made 08/26/14): Jackie agreed to take on journal fundraising project.

**By Laws:**

- Written report was submitted by Sheila. There is a motion to amend ASDI bylaws Article V – Region Representatives and World Service Delegates, Section 6 – Responsibilities D. "The current wording does not allow for any absence regardless of the circumstances. This places an undue burden for Rep/Delegates. This change permits absence provided there is prior notification." This also includes alternates. This will be voted on in September's Intergroup meeting.
- Sheila confirmed that, according to the bylaws, there is not a particular number of absences by a board member or delegate that requires a resignation; such circumstances can be decided at intergroup level.
- It was proposed to change the bylaws so they indicate that information should circulate for four weeks (instead of 30 days) since our intergroup meets every 28 days.

**Misc:**

- We don't follow Robert's Rules of Order; we follow Parliamentary Procedure.
- Intergroup will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> next month because of the Art of Recovery Expo.
- Kayla will not be in attendance at September's Intergroup meeting; we need a treasurer.

**Office Operations:**

- Ursula notes there was no meeting this month, and there is none scheduled.
- There are no longer special cleaning procedures for the bathroom because the remodel eliminated whatever problem called for such procedures. The problem was not mold.

**Lifeline/Outreach:**

- Tori confirmed Globe meeting doesn't exist; Bobbi has removed it from the meeting list. We don't know if there is a different Globe meeting happening – it is being investigated.

**PI/PO:**

- We have new “cookie flyers” with FAQ’s on the back. Please pass them out.
- Art of Recovery Expo is on September 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 5:00pm; we need volunteers to man the booth. Teri is taking care of our new OA sign (we own it) to use at the convention.
- There is a Women’s Expo October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at the Phoenix Convention Center – PI/PO was thinking about attending. It would be \$1500 for a 2-day booth, and volunteers for 2 whole days. The following was discussed: 1) a few years ago, Intergroup mentioned not doing the Women’s Expo because attendees of the Expo tend to look for freebies and pass by booths without free handouts, 2) we did not budget for this event and it’s very expensive, 3) people pass through large events at a fast pace to filter information; we might do better at a smaller event, 4) lack of privacy for connective conversation is a concern.
- PI/PO is looking for health events to visit – please keep your eyes out.

**12<sup>th</sup> Step Within:**

- Kathy was not in attendance, but dropped off flyers.

**2014 Convention/Assembly**

- Kayla confirmed everyone is doing great; 80 people registered so far. Delegate Reps cannot register day of – please register ahead of time. Those who do not register in advance will not be able to participate in the group dinner.

**Newsletter:**

- Christina was not in attendance. Submissions for the newsletter are due August 1<sup>st</sup>. We have extra copies of the newsletter; many were handed out.

**Misc:**

- Anything (announcements, flyers) anyone wants to put in the convention packet must be submitted to Tori by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Meeting List:**

- Bobbi made changes to the meeting list – there are some cancelled and added meetings.
- Per the group’s decision, an OA office 12:00 meeting was removed from the list because there was no contact person for the meeting (no one in regular attendance for the newcomer). Sheila offered to attend meetings before they are removed from the meeting list to be sure they are non-existent.
- Bobbi reminds us that she is only responsible for the ASDI meeting list; not the WSO’s webpage. Meeting changes must be sent to WSO separately.

**Phone Outreach:**

- Sheila explains we need volunteers for all days, but especially Saturdays. This job/volunteer description was confirmed by Marie (answer calls that are forwarded to your phone, have meeting list available, take message for board member if there is a question that is unanswerable, etc.).

**Misc.:**

- It was noted/confirmed that every meeting purchases their own literature and newcomer packets.
- Our next meeting will be August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel C.