

Sunday OA HOW February Business Meeting 2/26/2017

Meeting Coordinator: Theresa

Secretary: Sera S

1. Attendance: Theresa (OR), Jenny C. (MD), Maria (IL), Beverly (NH), Marylyn (NH), Barbara (VA), Dana (FL), Allison (NY), Julie R.
2. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes: approved
3. Filling Service Positions:
 - a. VSB – 2 service positions open – Marylyn would be interested for the next meeting. Cannot do right now.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Discussion of Steps into mtg format
 - i. Maria: there was not unanimity, we try to make decision by substantial unanimity, so work towards finding a way to find a way that all members find a way to find a way forward.
 - ii. Sera shared on how adding steps into the format was pro, helps to learn about steps and others experiences and how to walk through as a newcomer; Also concerned this wasn't a "vote" last time, but just checking where people were
 - iii. Marylyn – con making the change - came to HOW after knowing the steps, the structure of the tools and the way we put down the food in a disciplined way helped to get abstinence back; feels like the Sunday meeting is really strong and is working, so it doesn't need to be changed; concerned that people may be leaving over this; feels like this is for newcomers and we do talk about steps and talking about the tools is essential for newcomers; people have shared that when you go to a HOW meeting you all get the same format
 - iv. Beverly – I think at some point we need to find out if it was voted on or not voted on .
 - v. Marylyn – agreed we need to vote
 - vi. Sera – agreed we need to vote
 - vii. Marlaina – can do a vote a consensus or non-consensus; by innovation that things grown and get better; like the idea of having the steps; gives majority of emphasis on the tools and 1 day a month focus on the steps would be a great compliment the strong meeting
 - viii. Theresa – suggests a consensus vote would be good to see where we are at

- ix. Beverly – this a HOW meeting as it stands and there are big book step studies available all over the country, go to those for special focus
- x. Dana – When did vote/poll was against changing the format and talking with people in between, people are very against changing the format; feels maybe a 2 minute step pitch at the end of the tools could be a good compromise; not comfortable taking it farther given the divisiveness over this in the group
- xi. Julie R. – Haven't been on meeting in last 5 weeks, been in HOW since 2004 and attend Big Book meetings everyday , HOW meeting is about tools; it will not be a HOW meeting if tools are taken away
- xii. Jenny C. – Been in HOW since 2003, been to VA mtg that used steps, haven't heard that HOW is tools, what come to understand that what is meant by 2 hour HOW is this format with the tools
- xiii. Maria – Preference is to not change the format believe pitching on tools is important, has been in meeting in with the rotating format and suggests keeping as is.
- xiv. Allison – Content with both formats, don't have a strong opinion either way; like idea of a compromise with 2 minute pitch; but like how it is and it works for her, so stick with it
- xv. Agreed it should be off the table, everyone is satisfied.

5. New Business:

- a. Proposing a format for the business meeting – World Service Org format. Theresa can send around.
- b. Business Meeting/Service Phone List or Group List of Number

6. Adjourned