

Virtual Service Board
September 9, 2018 Meeting
Minutes

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: BY CHAIR

Serenity Prayer

12 Steps

12 Traditions

OA Concepts: #3, 4 and 5 -- Read by VSB Chair

ROLL CALL -- MEETING REPRESENTATIVES: By Secretary

Sunday 3:00 pm: Deborah R.

Sunday 6:00 pm: Julie R.

Monday 8:00 pm:

Tuesday afternoon 12:30 pm:

Tuesday 8:00 pm: Howard

Wednesday 8:00 pm: Charles

Thursday 12:30 pm:

Friday 8:00 pm:

Saturday 6:00 am:

Saturday 10:30 am:

ROLL CALL -- VSB TRUSTED SERVANTS, COMMITTEES / MEMBERS:

Chair: Audrey

Secretary: Helen

Treasurer: Molly

Website Committee: Molly

We Care List committee:

Other members at large: Megan R., Katsy (MT)

WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR:

Thank you to the 2018 Trusted Servants and meeting reps who have served. Time of change and growth. Hope we will continue to focus on and process, and encourages everyone to read the Concepts.

MINUTES AND REPORTS (emailed September 3, 2018)

1. Minutes from 08/12/18 meeting – Motion made to approve. Seconded. Minutes were approved.
2. Website Committee Report: Molly – “Traffic Report:” In August, were 15,732 total visitors. Two other issues related to the website were moved to Item E. The Saturday 6 AM meeting has been added to the website.
3. We Care List Committee Report: Jane B – Not present and therefore no report.
4. Treasury Report: Molly J. - Made \$500 donation to World Service. Current balance is \$1,519.27, which includes \$500 prudent reserve and money to send delegate to World Service Business meeting. It was pointed out that Bylaws say we should have \$1,200 prudent reserve. Molly reported that we voted to amend that in 2012, and changed it to \$500. The Chair pointed out that changes were made to the Bylaws, but never incorporated into the official Bylaws document. Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report. Motion seconded. Report was approved.

AGENDA ITEMS (MAY BE RAISED IN A DIFFERENT ORDER AT MEETING)

A. NEW TRUSTED SERVANT BOARD VOLUNTEERS:

- a. Current List of Volunteers – Megan R. (VA) for Chair, Katsy (MT) for Secretary, Deborah (Michigan) for Treasurer (no volunteer for Vice-Chair position). Each volunteer shared for one minute about her abstinence date and prior service.
 - i. Megan – Started HOW in ’09. Abstinent since 11/13. Service in local intergroup and on home phone meetings.
 - ii. Katsy – In HOW since 5/11. Abstinent in HOW since 4/14. Service in local meetings and on home phone meeting.
 - iii. Deborah – In HOW since 1998. Abstinent in HOW since ’10. Service at all program levels.
- b. Others Welcome- No other volunteers stepped forward. One member was nominated to serve as Vice Chair, but she declined.
- c. Discussion – There was none. Motion to vote. Seconded.
 - i. Megan was elected Chair.
 - ii. Katsy was elected Secretary.
 - iii. Deborah R. was elected Treasurer.
- d. New trusted servants begin their service at the October meeting.

B. NEXT MEETING DATES

- a. The October 14th meeting was rescheduled to October 21st.
- b. Upcoming meetings were scheduled as follows and will be posted on the website: October 21st, November 11th, and December 9th

C. VSB EMAILS / WE CARE LIST: UNITY AND SIMPLICITY

Motion was made to table this item until the next business meeting since the We Care List committee representative was not present.

D. VSB DOCUMENTS STORAGE: OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

We currently don't have access to all the historical documents in one place. A question was raised as to whether or not we should try and retrieve these items, and if so, where they should they be stored. There was discussion about the wisdom of keeping historic documents on the website, and it was agreed that a gmail drive was more secure and protects anonymity. It was agreed that compiling these documents would be very time consuming.

Motion was made to table this item until we have more information. Seconded and approved.

E. WEBSITE -- WHAT'S NEW TAB / PAGE OR SECTION ?

It was suggested that a page or tab for "what's new" could be used to post news in a timely fashion without sending out an email. It was suggested that how this might work would be part of a larger discussion of VSB policies, which may be developed by a committee at a future date.

This discussion would include three issues raised by the Website Committee chair, as follows:

- a. Previously, the VSB was looking at Slip Questions from Resource page. There are two lists, one with 30 questions and one with 100 questions.
- b. Minnesota meeting has shared with us a document called "Sponsee Guidelines." Should we put those on the website?
- c. The Website Committee Chair is receiving a large volume of random calls from people requesting info about OA HOW. How should those people be redicted?

F. PROPOSED BY-LAWS COMMITTEE TO UPDATE BY-LAWS

The By-laws recommend an annual review of the bylaws, and that has not happened for over five years. It was agreed to form a committee for this purpose. Helen M., Megan, Howard and Deborah R. (time permitting) volunteered. (It was unknown if Julie R. is interested in serving.) Committee would recommend changes which would be brought back to the VSB for vote. The VSB voted to create this committee.

G. MONTHLY EMAILS - An issue was raised regarding sending out monthly emails to the fellowship, which had been agreed to. A question arose as to what this email would include and the practicalities of doing it. Howard agreed to submit an agenda item for the October meeting about the issue.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:00 PM Eastern time, and was followed by the 3rd STEP PRAYER.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M.

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