

North Bay OA Intergroup Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2025
8:30 am - 9:30 am via zoom

Call to Action/Shout Outs:

- ★ Intergroup **Zoom coordinator** needed
 - To manage intergroup Zoom account
 - Support will be available to help you learn the ropes
 - 6 months abstinence requirement
 - If interested contact Aida treasurer@OAMarin.org

- ★ **Retreat committee** members needed!
 - If interested, contact Lynn H heyheylynn@hotmail.com (707) 327-6643

- ★ Region 2 is looking for an **Events Coordinator**
 - If interested, contact Lynn H heyheylynn@hotmail.com (707) 327-6643

- North Bay OA does not have a separate account for the Public Information Committee (PIC). It is now an intergroup budget item. There is no need for groups to donate separately for PIC.

In Attendance:

Deborah S	Chair	
Aida G	Treasurer	
Diane G	Secretary	
Lynn H.	R2 Rep	
Robert M	WSO Rep	
Michelle H	Group Rep	Friday 9am Meditation Meeting
Eleanor W	Group Rep	OA Napa Saturday morning 9:30
Nancy B	Group Rep	Monday 1:30 Corte Madera
Alicia J	Group Rep	Sat 10:15 San Rafael
Kaaren G	Group Rep	Petaluma Thursday 7:15 p.m. meeting
April D	Group Rep	sunday marine 4:30
Laura L.	Group Rep	Saturday 8:15 Cotati
Ellen N	Group Rep	Friday 6:15 PM Zoom
Don a	Group Rep	Monday 930
Deana	Group Rep	Petaluma Tuesday and Monday 12:15
Abigail	Group Rep	Sunday, 4:00 PM in person Santa Rosa

Nan N	Group Rep	Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday.
Gayl D	Communications secretary Group Rep	Healdsburg Tuesday 530pm to 630pm

Call to Order:

- 8:32 AM

Welcome and OA Readings (8:30-8:40)

1. Opening prayer - Led by Deborah S.
2. Twelve traditions - Read by Donny
3. Twelve concepts - Read by Robert M.

Committee Board/Committee Reports (8:40-9:05) 3 minutes each

1. Chair
 - a. Appoint Robert M World Service Delegate
2. Vice-Chair
 - a. 2 groups were connected to the IG zoom account and a website update was requested and completed
 - b. He wants to look at having a workshop for Intergroup reps. He will share at a later meeting.
3. Secretary
 - a. Attendance Form
 - b. [Updated Contact List](#)
 - i. Please review and let Diane G know of any additions or edits
4. Communications Secretary
 - a. Website has been updated to reflect new intergroup officers
 - b. An email arrived asking about 211 and she needs some info about what this is and if we want to continue.
 - i. Deborah S. has done this before. Call them and it lists OA in the 211 system so when people call they can be referred to us if needed.
 - c. R2 has requested that our intergroup service positions be updated by February

- i. This is a meeting list.
- ii. Each group is responsible for getting that information to R2
- iii. It seems it would be better to have one of us collect that info and then send it on to R2.
- iv. Kaaren volunteered to take care of this.

5. Treasurer

- a. She requests that someone become intergroup zoom coordinator to help manage and provide help to meetings using the intergroup zoom rooms.
- b. Motion:
 - i. Because we have 8432.65 over our reserve, make a \$5000 donation to WSO and \$3000 to R2
 - ii. Discussion
 - 1. What are the percentages for donations to WSO & R2?
 - 2. Because we are an intergroup, the donation percentages may be different than for groups. It looks like there may not be guidance on this for intergroup. Our donation to “ourselves” is our prudent reserve.
 - 3. Treasurer wanted to give more to WSO, but is open to 50/50 or other amounts.
 - 4. The prudent reserve should be a year's worth of expenses. We have a total prudent reserve of \$11,000. After giving the \$8,000 to WSO & R2 we will still have an \$11,000 reserve.
 - 5. Budget
 - a. \$9,000
 - i. Website, zoom, mail box, insurance
 - iii. Approved with one abstention

TREASURER'S REPORT: DECEMBER

Checking Account Balance 1/18/25: \$14,482.60

Savings Account Balance 1/18/25: \$5000.05

Prudent Reserve: \$2050.00

Travel Reserve: \$1000.00

Retreat Reserve: \$8500.00

TOTAL RESERVE: \$11,050.00

Balance Over Reserve: \$8432.65

Proposed Donations: \$5000 to WSO; \$3000 to R2

DECEMBER TRANSACTIONS

CHECKING

Expenses:

Website \$60

Additional Website Final Fee \$60
Additional Zoom Accounts \$121.31

Income:

\$2.39 Credit for Sonoma Domain
\$13 Zelle Member donation for Monday 930a Meeting
\$212.73 Zelle Donation for Monday Greenbrae Meeting
93.65 Paypal & Zelle Member Donations

Reconciled Balance 12/31/2024: \$13,821.88

SAVINGS

Income: \$.05 Interest

Reconciled Balance 12/31/2024: \$5000.05

JANUARY TRANSACTIONS to date

Expenses:

Website \$60

Income:

\$13 Zelle Member donation for Monday 930a Meeting
\$140 Zelle Donation
\$320 Donation from Sat. 930a Napa
\$111.30 Donation from Sebastopol Meeting
\$71.42 Paypal Member Donations
\$50 Post Office Refund for Closing Sonoma PO Box

OTHER BUSINESS

Note that NBOA has no separate fund for Public Information. It is budgeted along with all other Intergroup services.

Right now we have a \$500 budget for PIC so we need to go back to meetings to let them know not to take separate donations.

Zelle Donations are preferred. Please send to Treasurer@OAMarin.org - this cannot be changed until the IRS nonprofit paperwork is done

Checks should be made out to North Bay OA

Email addresses will be transitioned after receiving IRS approval of the name change

Donation Letters may be requested by emailing treasurer@oamarin.org

Missing Sonoma filings is complicating the transition process.

2024 Tax Returns for OA Marin will be filed as soon as the tax forms are released by IRS & FTB.

6. Region 2 (R2) Representatives

- a. Currently she is at the OA Birthday party
- b. Amendment to the Bylaws (Lynn H.)
 - i. Article V – INTERGROUP MEETINGS
Section 6 – Meeting Procedure

The Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts may, at the discretion of the meeting, be read at the beginning of each meeting.

- ii. This seems a bit unclear. Do we mean we decide at the beginning of each meeting?
- iii. We meant, based on time, that we decide what to read at the beginning of the meeting.
- iv. Call for proposals to adjust
 - 1. It is a big process to change and then vote at the next meeting. This has already been approved. Let's leave it as is for now, and change it in the future if there are other things to amend.
 - 2. No vote needed. No change will be made at this time.
- c. R2 assembly is in March. There is another person who wants to be a R2 rep.
 - i. There is no events coordinator at R2. At this time, the plan is to meet as part of the birthday party and the R2 Convention in the summer. R2 will just add days to the birthday party. It will not be a part of the birthday party event.

7. World Service Representatives

- a. The WSO business conference is online this year, so anyone can attend the workshops and open meetings.

8. Retreat Committee Report

- a. We have money set aside for a deposit on a location, but retreat should be self supporting. But right now we have no committee.
 - i. Two people have told Lynn H that they are interested, but no official committee right now.
 - ii. Donny volunteers to be on the retreat committee.
 - iii. This will be put in the Call to Action/Shout Outs

Ongoing Business (9:05-9:15)

- 1. Inventory Questions: Do we set realistic short and long term goals?
 - a. As we are just starting as a merged intergroup, we will answer that we are working on our goal setting.

New Business (9:15-9:25)

- 1. Literature - Abigail

- a. Our in-person group likes to sell books at our meeting.
Directing a newcomer to the website creates a barrier and it seems important to take advantage of that moment when the newcomer comes to a meeting. However, we need to know how to address the sales tax issue
 - b. R2 is now handling this.
 - c. If there are questions about this, contact Aida
treasurer@OAmarin.org
2. Agenda Changes - Abigail
- a. Consent Agenda
 - i. The chair will change the agenda to include a consent agenda for the regular reports.
 - 1. Kaaren will help Deborah S with this
 - b. Have a standing agenda item
 - i. “How are we strengthening and supporting our fellowship?”
 - ii. Motion - Abigail; Seconded by Robert M
 - iii. Approved with two abstentions
3. The IR Introduction Guide
- a. Sonoma had a great guide
 - b. Does not have to be a decision, but it can be revised and used to help people understand what intergroup does.
 - c. Diane will attach it with the minutes and then with the February agenda as well so folks can make comments.
 - d. Note: This could be a good way to start our conversations about how to strengthen and support our groups.

Closing (9:25-9:30)

- 1. Responsibility Pledge
- 2. Serenity Prayer

Adjourned:

9:30 PM

Next IG Meeting February 15, 2025