

## OA IG Minutes 6/19/21

Present: Laura, Kyra, Deborah, Nancy N, Curtis, Ellen N, Ron N, Bobbie C

### **Committee Board/Committee Reports**

Chair: Kyra reports no contact with Beth yet; Rosie will help once K has material from Beth, so that signatures can be changed at bank. K has been invited to join Region 2 meeting of IG chairs to support each other, with main topic how to engage people, generate interest to keep groups alive.

Vice-Chair: Jill not present

Secretary: Laura nothing to report

Treasurer: no contact with Beth since last meeting

Outreach: Deborah reports sending email on how to do hybrid groups

Public Information: Shannon not present

Twelfth Step Within: Marcy not present; K will check with her about whether she's still interested in this role and being part of IG

Women's Retreat: Ellen has nothing to report

### **New Business**

**Adding Responsibility Pledge to IG Agenda** – Nancy N. moves to have the responsibility pledge rather than the serenity prayer to end our meeting; Deborah seconds ("Always to extend the hand and heart of OA to all who share my compulsion. For this I am responsible."). Unanimous decision to make this change.

**Re-instating General Liability Insurance** – K has been in touch with the insurance agent. The quote offered only applies to the Napa meeting and is \$427.95 for one year. Curtis notes we need to know what business personal property refers to, as it's the highest cost element. Bobbie notes that the church where they're meeting is not requiring they be insured. K will go back to the agent with: is it clear that it's liability insurance? What if we add additional meetings? How much extra would this cost? The terrorism item also isn't clear. Ellen suggests we get an estimate for 1, 10, etc meetings so we know how it scales. Curtis notes we may only have 3 or 4 locations since multiple meetings are held in each place. K will get back to the agent with our questions.

**Update on Intergroup Consolidation Question** – Kyra in communication with Sonoma IG (Karen). Sonoma discussed possible merging and has little interest in it, but would like to be part of a group where R2 could give help in attracting newcomers etc. K said we'd be interested too. This would be a different group from the one K was invited to above. Merging with Sonoma is off the table for now. Deborah suggests need for outreach to the professional community (doctors, therapists, etc). She would also like to see us get at least a few meetings in the rooms. The degree of our meeting attrition concerns Kyra and particularly our absence of a Treasurer. **CALL TO ACTION:** reps please announce to their meetings that we need a Treasurer. It's a 2 year term and as of last IG meeting, we decided to stick with the requirements that are already in our By-laws: 6 months abstinence requirement for all positions except 1 year for World Service Rep. There is also an active participation requirement of a year. The job responsibilities are listed on the oamarin website. K will contact Shannon about getting the requirements to serve also posted on our website.

**IG Support of Hybrid and In-Person Weekly Meetings** – Ellen reports Tuesday 7am meeting proposed to decide to stay on Zoom but it didn't pass. Friday night is eager to get back to in-person; Ellen will be contacting the Redhill church to find out the parameters for going back in person. Bobbie reports on NAPA doing a hybrid. One person brings a laptop, another brings a key. The audio and sharing on Zoom goes through the laptop. The only issue is that the person sharing from her laptop doesn't have good wi-fi at the church; they are researching pre-paid devices to have in the room for better wi-fi access. Bobbie will write up the process based on her research and experience with the meeting so far and share it with us. She questions whether the meeting can afford a pre-paid plan, and says they may have to ask help from IG for a while. We agree that Napa's requests for money from IG would be appropriate. Nancy has a Verizon device she's willing to contribute to the meeting. Marin Lutheran has wi-fi and a 24 " monitor. Don't know quality of wi-fi. It's a lot for one person to be key holder and host and sharing docs. Curtis suggests 2 positions are needed, one on site and one at home. He questions how many people we have in the Marin fellowship who would be able to pull this off. Bobbie asks Nancy for her experience being on Zoom for the Napa meeting. She reports no technical problems. Curtis asks if Nancy can see the whole room when someone is talking. He asks if that is satisfying. Nancy notes it's a small room, and the person with the laptop sometimes turns the laptop toward the person speaking. They've only had one meeting since masks aren't required. B will report more when there have been more meetings without masks. K says Uni is offering outside meetings as an option. B

asks if meetings deciding not to meet in person will be part of the Virtual Region or R2. She notes that the 7am SF meetings are great in terms of demonstrating best practice for virtual meetings. Curtis notes another option to hybrid meetings would be parallel meetings; one at the church and one virtual. K notes our purpose is to serve the needs of the fellowship. If people need virtual, we ought to provide it.

**Ongoing Business**

Open IG service positions – Region 2, Treasurer, Special Events, World Service Rep, Young Person’s Rep, Zoom Coordinator

**Next Meeting: 7/17/21**