

OA IG Minutes 8/21/21

Present: Curtis, Deborah, Laura B, Kyra, Stacy, Aida, Ellen N, Bobbie, Jim Q, Shannon

Committee Board/Committee Reports

Chair: Kyra reports working with Aida to straighten out our financial affairs; met with Judy S to get files left by Cynthia. Marcy will no longer be a part of the IG. Deborah states the 12th step within doesn't really need a committee member but will ask for an IG rep from the Sunday meeting. Kyra reports for Jill that she is still working on service position descriptions. She knows the chair of the R2 convention and gave Kyra some info from her that she will forward to us.

Vice-Chair: Jill not present

Secretary : Laura Has posted the current IG reps on the website. Thursday evening virtual meeting doesn't have a rep and will remain virtual. Curtis asks if they should have a rep. Bobbie asks if they use IG resources and contribute to the IG. Curtis says they're going to join the virtual region eventually, so things are in transition. Bobbie is present today as a temporary rep for the Napa meeting; they don't yet have a regular rep, but she will keep announcing it. The meeting is thriving as a hybrid.

Treasurer: Aida makes the following Financial Report:

Current Bank Balance: \$5313.80

All transactions reconciled and within budget parameters

July expenses include Zoom annual renewal (\$149.90)

July Paypal Member Donations July: \$52.50

Tax-Exempt Status

I am working on getting our 501(c)3 status reinstated with the IRS & California FTB

Tax returns need to be filed for 2016-2020, which I will do once the reinstatement application is approved. There are fees associated with the process, which I will submit for reimbursement once it is complete. Expenses are \$295 to date plus there may be additional California fees plus late fees for late tax filing.

Aida doesn't yet have access to the mailbox and doesn't know whether she can deposit the checks that are waiting there. Still doesn't have access to Chase because of our tax exempt status. Aida has done extensive paperwork and paid fees reinstating us. There may be fines due to not doing tax returns. Her goal is to have everything done by the time it's due to file 2021 tax returns. Only Rosie can sign things at this point because of the tax and 501(c)3 status confusion. Aida is changing all the contact information as well. Ellen sent the mailbox info to Aida. Curtis suggests Aida write up a one-page list of what needs to happen with the next treasurer; she is already doing that!

Outreach: Deborah announced a request for stories about diverse representation in OA; she asks this to be announced in the groups. **CALL TO ACTION:** Direct your group members to this link: <https://oa.org/news/call-for-diverse-voices/> for directions on how to submit a story.

Public Information: Shannon reports has been updating the website as she gets information about in person and hybrid meetings. The Zoom meetings need to be updated and she will do this until the end of the year.

Twelfth Step Within: We may have an IG rep in future but current members of the Sunday group think it's not necessary to have a committee rep on the Board. Deborah thinks there is a real need to have this meeting and that it should be announced as an opportunity. **CALL TO ACTION:** let your group know that this meeting exists and provides support for those in relapse but is available to everyone. This meeting is on Zoom with no concrete plans to change at this time. Kyra asks for a motion (Deborah moves) to eliminate the 12 step within committee position. Curtis seconds. Discussion: Ellen questions if it requires a change in the by-laws and whether we have to unlist it on the website. Aida checks the by-laws and there is no need for review. But it will need to be taken off the website. Unanimous vote to eliminate the position at this time.

Women's Retreat: Nothing to report. Ellen says it's too early to ask for volunteers to plan for 2022.

New Business

Status of Region 2 and World Service Meetings :

World Service has cancelled their 2021 convention , which was supposed to be happening this week in Florida in person. Deborah reports there was a huge loss involved, around \$30-50000, due to commitments they had made (hotel, food, etc.). They could use some donations to offset that. They're

refunding anyone who had registered. Deborah moves that we make a donation of \$2000 to World Service. There is no second. Bobbie says she would want to know our financial status before we make a donation (we don't know what expenses may be coming in). Aida doesn't know what our prudent reserve is; Kyra will forward to Aida the excel info about our prudent reserve. Aida herself doesn't feel she knows enough yet to assess where we are. She could see \$500 as an easy yes for a donation but more than that, she'd be concerned we weren't taking care of home first. We could make a Paypal donation. Curtis suggests we may need to recast our budget and put this conversation in that context. Our actual expenses are very low currently. He thinks we should hold off and get Aida up to speed first. Aida reminds us we donated \$4000 in Feb to WSO. Deborah withdrew her motion. Our current budget doesn't include a donation to WSO. We agreed to review our budget at the next meeting; Kyra will share the 2021 budget info with all of us before then.

Region 2: still planning on meeting in person for fall assembly Oct 22-24 in Burlingame. We don't have a rep currently. The meeting is free, but there might be expenses for travel, overnight stay, etc. Anyone who volunteers should contact IG to discuss reimbursement for these expenses. Region 2's conference went well. The assembly is a business meeting for which we need a volunteer or more than one to attend as our representative. Jim suggests we decide now whether we're going to reimburse expenses so that volunteers know this when we make the announcement. Aida says there is \$100 allocated in the budget, which wouldn't pay for an overnight stay. Kyra asks if we are willing to cover costs above this amount, to stay overnight. Bobbie says it would be up to 250 to stay two nights. Kyra asks if we're in favor of supporting these additional expenses. Curtis isn't comfortable chasing after someone for just a one-time commitment. He would like someone who's committed to doing this as a service. Deborah says she's considering going and she honestly couldn't do it without the stipend. Aida reminds us that there are pre-requirements if the person going is an official representative (i.e. our Region 2 Rep). Curtis suggests the Region 2 requirements are less stringent than for WSO. Kyra looks at requirements: must serve on a committee and serve out the full term. Laura suggests that Deborah could go as a volunteer, in a non-official capacity to try out the role. She will think about this option. We didn't decide to make a CTA on this point.

Insurance: Bobbie will either come next month or send someone to discuss the insurance question regarding the Napa meeting. We did note that our tax exempt status will influence whether and at what rate we're able to get insurance at this time.

Ongoing Business

Open IG service positions – Region 2, Special Events, World Service Rep, Young Person's Rep

Next Meeting: Sept. 18, 2021