

North Bay OA Intergroup Meeting, October 19, 2024, 8:30-9:30a via Zoom

Attendees: Deborah, Chair; Fionn, Vice Chair; Laura B, Corresponding Secretary; Aida, Treasurer; Mary M, R2 Rep; Lynn H, R2 Rep, Bobbie; Erica; Eden; Glo; Donny; Alfredo; Gayl; Janet; Gina; Nan; Sherrill; Sophia; Curtis; April; Eleanor

Call to Action

- The intergroup is now called North Bay OA, and we are working to change the name with government agencies and on the bank account as well as creating a new website with the new domain name.
- The preferred donation method is Zelle. Please consider a monthly donation using treasurer@oamarin.org for Zelle contributions.
- The Wednesday 6p Marin meeting is in need of support
- Intergroup elections will be held in December. Please let us know if you are interested in taking a position.
- North Bay OA is looking for people to serve on the Retreat Committee.

Welcome and OA Readings

1. Opening prayer
2. Twelve traditions
3. Twelve concepts

Committee Board/Committee Reports

1. Chair: Deborah invited all attendees to introduce themselves. She appointed Fionn as Vice Chair and Lynn H the second Region 2 rep.

2. Vice-Chair: Fionn expressed his excitement at the merger and looks forward to working together as a united group.

3. Secretary - ABSENT

4. Communications Secretary: Laura B reported she had received a call from San Quentin requesting information and referred that individual to the social worker who had previously requested literature. She gave info on R2 Outreach meeting and various flyers posted on the Marin website. She encouraged everyone to tell meetings about upcoming events. Laura attended the September R2 networking meeting and would like to share some ideas regarding ideas for encouraging donations from Zoom meetings. Glo is willing to assist with communications.

5. Treasurer: Treasurer's report is below. Aida presented the 2025 proposed budget which reflects a combination of the Sonoma and Marin 2024 budgets. A motion passed unanimously to put the \$8300.50 received from the Sonoma Retreat Fund into a Retreat reserve of \$8500 which would help cover initial costs and provide scholarships. There was discussion about an additional or more robust Zoom Account due to the merger because the added Sonoma meetings may choose to use the NBOA IG account instead of individual accounts. Fionn volunteered to be Zoom Coordinator. The budget is attached for review and will be voted on in the November meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: SEPTEMBER

Current Balance 10/15/24: \$10,853.85

Prudent Reserve: \$1050

Travel Reserve: \$1000

Recommendation for Balance over reserve: Hold through End of Year

SEPTEMBER TRANSACTIONS

Expenses:

Website \$60

Income:

\$13 Zelle Member Donation for Monday 930a Meeting
\$181.79 Paypal & Zelle Member Donations

Reconciled Balance 9/30/2024: \$2418.06

OCTOBER TRANSACTIONS to date

Expenses:

Website \$60
New Domain Registration \$160.25
R2 Registration \$27.20

Income:

\$13 Zelle Member Donation for Monday 930a Meeting
\$264 Corte Madera Monday Meeting Donation
\$105.74 Zelle & Paypal Member Donations
\$8300.50 Sonoma Event Fund Deposit

6. Merger Report: A motion was passed unanimously to name the group "North Bay OA." Aida reported that she will proceed with the formal name change requirements with the various government entities. She proposed keeping both mailboxes open at least through the next few months. The Marin and Sonoma websites will be directed to the new domain northbayoa.org. Aida will also add a savings account (to hold the prudent reserve, travel reserve and retreat reserve) after the name change is accepted by Wells Fargo Bank. She will assist Sherrill with submitting a final tax return for the Sonoma intergroup.

7. Region 2 (R2) Representatives: Mary M and Lynn H are going to the Region 2 Assembly October 25-27. NBOA now can have 3 Region 2 Reps if desired.

Ongoing Business

Inventory Question: *Do intergroup/service board bylaws and policies protect and/or extend the tenure of certain "trusted servants"?* There was brief Discussion. Some positions are extended because of difficulty finding members willing to step up as officers before merge.

New Business

Retreat Committee: Christian Brothers was suggested as a retreat venue. Casey and Sophia F. volunteered to work on the Retreat Committee and are looking for additional members. All are welcome!

December Elections: Elections will be held in December for positions to begin in January - World Service Representative, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Possibly a 3rd R2 rep.

Bylaws: Lynn H discussed merging the existing Sonoma and Marin bylaws to create bylaws for North Bay OA. Much of the language in both is the same "boilerplate" taken from R2 and WSO recommendations. The differences will be discussed by the Bylaw committee and presented for a vote. IG members will get copies of draft Bylaws before vote so they can review them and be prepared to discuss.

Closing - Responsibility Pledge /Serenity Prayer

Next IG Meeting November 16, 2024