



Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2009

Present: Miller – Chairperson
Pamela – Secretary
Jody – Meeting Liaison
Jacob – Public Information
Robin – Thursday PM Rep
Tawna – Friday AM Meeting Rep
Kim – Saturday AM Meeting Rep
Curtis – Monday AM Meeting Rep
John – Monday PM Meeting Rep
Kathy – Tuesday PM Meeting Rep
Jenny – Monday PM Meeting Rep (?)

Absent: Ashley – Vice Chair
Ellen – Treasurer (dropped off report)
Christy – Special Events
Mary, Rainbow Newsletter/Webmaster
12th Step Within Needs Rep
World Service Needs Rep
Sunday PM Meeting Rep

Meeting opened at 9:15 am with the Serenity Prayer

Read 12 Traditions

Read 12 Concepts

Pamela read the minutes for the February 14th meeting. Revisions were offered and accepted.

Board Reports:

Chair – Miller announced that relative to the discussion the previous month, the Saturday OA Meeting will have its next business meeting to discuss the Crosstalk definition.

Vice Chair – Ashley not present.

Treasurer – Ellen dropped off the February financial report. Pam presented it. Opening balance as of February 1, 2009 was \$2,838.88 Income was \$420. Phone expenses were \$28.10; leaving a closing balance on February 28, 2009 of \$3230.78.

Secretary – Pam had no report.



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Day in OA – Christy was absent. On her behalf, John reported on the March event, saying it was a full room; it went very well and was a success. Miller said it was great even though Christy had no speaker; she went ahead and held the event. John said that it happened that she hadn't brought paper and pencils, everyone had them anyway.

Region 2 – Robin reported that the Region 2 meeting was coming up. There is a \$35-50 per diem scholarship to attend for those who need it. Kim brought up the fact of the great amount of money that Region 2 has in its treasury, saying that they are still looking for ways in which that money might be used. Michelle had put the 12 & 12 in local libraries in Marin County. How can we spend some of that money? How can we reach out to those who need help? Robin saw an ad in Family Circle magazine about OA. Jody asked how that would have been paid for and Pam said it was a PSA (Public Service Announcement) and was free. Many Intergroups aren't represented at Region 2. John suggested other local publications might run the PSA announcement about OA – the Pacific Sun, The Bohemian, Craigslist, etc. Tawna suggested that we reach out to Ministers. Kim said all of these are great ideas and because there is that pool of funds at the Regional Level, the money should be put into action. Region 2 covers all of California, Hawaii, Northern Nevada, and all of Mexico. Region 2 has a Convention to run its business and Assemblies that are held for the general membership. Pam asked if the materials were in Spanish yet. The World OA Web site is in Spanish. Kathy said that mailers are a good thing that we can do. To reach out on the Regional Level, psychologists and psychiatrists and ministers are all very good.

Meeting Liaison – Jody said that Ellen had given her a pamphlet about taking an inventory of Intergroup and asked if we should conduct an inventory. Kim said that it's good to do them periodically, perhaps once or twice a year. Someone said that if a group did one, they usually did it on the 5th week if it was a long month and did it once a year. Someone else said that at the Sunday night meeting at the Kaiser in East Bay they do a piece of it each month. Pam said she'd witnessed one being conducted at the group level and it was a great process.

Rainbow/WebMistress – Mary wasn't present. Miller said she didn't have a report. She will prepare the Rainbow for April, May and June in the next week; the deadline for items to add is March 25th. She'll send a draft. Miller also noted that Mary had done a nice job of making sure we had copies of the Rainbow.

Public Information – Jacob arrived late and the group caught him up on the items suggested for how Region 2 money might be used and ideas for getting the word out. The possibility of doing more mailings was also discussed.



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Retreat Liaison Report – No report.

World Service – this position is still open.

12th Step Within – this position is still open.

Group Rep Meeting Status Reports:

Monday 9:30 am – Curtis said the meeting is back to its old (larger) size; the group is discussing moving from the downstairs room to an upstairs room to create space and make it easier to hang out. There was discussion about changes in format for 2 months; it was discussed three times. The group reinstated the reading of the traditions. They're doing one per month and that feels like it's a good thing. A process to market meetings is vital.

Monday 6:00 pm – Jenny reported that the meeting was big, 'ginormous.' Kim said that as Treasurer, they are changing the way to compensate the church. They were asked for an increase of \$5 per month or a percentage of the contributions. They chose the percentage.

Tuesday 7:15 pm – Kathy said that the group was fine. People are coming. They're observing the traditions.

Thursday 7:30 pm – Robin said that Thursday's meeting is a good strong meeting. They adopted a reading of the 12 traditions the last Thursday of the month. Sometimes it's bigger, sometimes smaller.

Friday 9:30 am – John said they had a new secretary at the Friday morning group. Tawna reminded John she was the rep. She said that people are coming; attendance was increasing. They held a group conscience at the business meeting over the timer being too loud. They'll move the timer to the table.

Saturday 10:45 am – Kim was unaware of the crosstalk issues at the Saturday meeting. The meeting is full. Literature is well stocked. There's a better seating arrangement. Robin said it's easier to manage.

Jenny was present since she's the Saturday meeting set up person.

Sunday 6:00 pm – There is no Sunday meeting rep. Alice is not representing the group as was previously thought.



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Miller presented the mail:

1. A flier about Serenity in the Sierras, August 14-16 in Tahoe that only costs \$165.
2. The Sacramento Valley Voice newsletter

Old Business

The issue of the hotel labor dispute at the Airport Hilton for the 50th Anniversary was brought up. Tawna said it's been going on for a long time and there was a potential for bad press. Kim insisted that this is an outside issue and does not pertain to OA and should not be discussed. OA has no opinion on outside issues.

New Business

The possibility of an Intergroup inventory "plan of attack" was brought up for discussion. Robin said that in Oakland a meeting there does it for 10 minutes. Miller suggested that it be done for 5 minutes; John suggested five one-minute shares. Kim proposed taking one question per meeting and spending no more than 10 minutes. Tawna suggested doing it by time rather than by question for 7 minutes. It was voted that 7 minutes be devoted to the Intergroup Inventory.

Next meeting is April 11, 2009 at 9:15 am

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 with "the Closing."