

Marin OA Intergroup Meeting – Oct 20, 2018

Present: Bobbie, Marci R, Adair, Curtis, Kyra, Sherri, Keeley, Marcy D, Kari, Laura

Phone: Rita, Natalie

Call to Action:

- We need an events coordinator
- Everyone is invited to look at the new website from the perspective of the newcomer, and give feedback at oamarincounty@gmail.com
- Remind your group if it doesn't have one to get an IG rep.
- Send in your group donations before the end of December. Remind your treasurer about the new POB: 4292 in San Rafael 94913.
- We need to start recruiting for a rep to send to the World Service Conference in Albuquerque in May. The requirements are 2 years' service above the meeting level and one year of abstinence. If you're interested, let your IG rep know.

Announcements:

- Tues literature meeting changing to step study using 12x12 instead of all literature.
- Wed Big Book meeting 7-8 and Sun 4:30 meetings could use support
- Bobbi could use one more person to staff the OA booth at the Senior Fair this coming Wednesday, in both the 12-2 and 2-4 slots

Items Discussed:

- ½-day workshops: Rita proposed a topic for our next half day, to create vision boards, start with meditation, cut up pictures, create a board, then share what you have learned. Marci R and Rita will work on it together with Marci D contributing. They will report back in November with a proposed date. We have a credit in Town Center, so could do it there. Cherri would like to avoid conflict with 2nd Saturday of each month (lunch fellowship) and 4th Sunday (movie fellowship). In November, IG will start talking about a possible spring ½ day.
- Website Business: Keeley shows new website set up by Mary, who is charging us a low monthly rate because Keeley is doing uploads and learning other things. If in future we don't want to have a web master, we can pay more and Mary can do the whole thing. Kyra suggests adding 12 concepts where the steps and traditions are listed. Bobbi suggests using compulsive eater rather than compulsive overeater in the wording; Curtis says WSO has already approved this change. Several meeting changes/announcements were made and entered on the website. We no longer have a speaker release form on the website. Marci D has a paper form and will get it to Keeley. This can be signed at the meeting and sent to Keeley by cell phone photo along with the speaker share after the meeting.
- Outreach: Natalie reported she gets about one email per week and one phone call every 2 months. She suggests clearer wording on the website to indicate what the contact page is for; "for general inquiries, call or email" is added. Bobbi advises Natalie there may be more traffic after the senior fair this coming Wednesday.

- Treasurer's Report: Rita suggests a note be included in a meeting's treasury materials indicating the address where to send and the preferred dates for donations (end of June and end of December). The Novato Thursday night meeting repaid the \$175 loaned to get it started and contributed \$169 in addition when the meeting closed. Rent and POB are both paid until June 2019, and insurance through Dec 2018. We're running at a slight negative (\$1000), due to the two pre-paid items above. We will not have the expense of sending a rep to the Region 2 conference this year.
- Newcomer Calls: Marci R related a recent experience being completely ignored when attending a meeting for the first time. She questioned whether we have anything in place to encourage calls to newcomers after their first meeting. This is currently handled on a meeting basis. We also talked about the importance in general of giving a warm welcome to newcomers. Rita suggests including a follow-up call, if the person is open to it, as part of a newcomer greeter's job. Curtis expressed surprise that such a job exists in some meetings. Kyra will put on the agenda for November getting together a list of best practices toward newcomers. Everyone is encouraged to come with their ideas.

Next IG Meeting - Saturday, November 17, 2018

- o 12th Step Within Report - Marcy
- o Women's Retreat Report - Ellen
- o Best Practices for welcoming newcomers - All
- o Progress report and date for next half day - Marci R, Marci D, Rita