

OA Intergroup Meeting Minutes June 15, 2019:

### **Call to Action:**

#### **Reps take to meetings:**

- 1) Intergroup is making a recommendation that meetings extend the service of their Intergroup meeting reps to one year, if the rep is willing to serve.
- 2) We're also requesting that the service person hosting the Newcomer meetings ask newcomers where they heard about us so that it helps us in our public outreach.
- 3) Lifeline print subscription will end in December. It will continue to be published on-line.
- 4) OA is available on Instagram at: <https://www.instagram.com/overeatersanonymousofficial/>.
- 5) OA 2019 World Service Business Conference Wrap-Up Report is posted on-line at <http://oa.org/files/pdf/Wrap-Up-19.pdf>.
- 6) If individuals at meetings want to bring ideas for change to the attention of the World Service for inclusion on the agenda of the 2020 business conference the protocol is as follows: bring your idea first to your meeting's Intergroup rep and introduce it at the meeting's business meeting. If there is meeting support, the IG rep and yourself will bring the idea to IG. Those bringing forth ideas should be prepared to take part in sponsoring the idea at Intergroup.

#### **Present:**

Bobbie, Natalie, Kyra, Curtis, Athena, Cherri, Rosie, Beth, Marcy, Jill, Donna

### **Welcome & OA Readings**

#### **New Business:**

**Treasurer's Report** – Rita absent so tabled report to next month.

**New Suggested Meeting Donation (\$5)** – Kyra advised that World Service Office proposed an increase in donation to \$5. Discussion ensued. Donation suggestion increased to \$3 approximately 10 years ago. World Service's primary income is from new literature sales, not donations. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of 12 & 12 brought in a lot of money. The tradition is 30% (world service)- 60% (stays here in our county, supporting our website, public information: professional outreach, buying literature available at meeting, sponsoring ½ day events, sending representatives to World Service & Region meetings) -10% (Region 2). Discussed suggesting a donation range. Educating people about what money is used for is helpful when making request for donation.

Rosie made a motion that Intergroup make a position statement. Curtis seconded it.

Discussion:

Beth raised the questions for discussion:

What is our primary purpose?

How does our funding go to support our primary purpose?

Decision made that Kyra & Curtis will create a statement regarding World Service Office's proposal that we increase donation requests to \$5, incorporate our Intergroup's suggestion for fee range, and send it to the reps to disseminate request.

**Meeting length discussion:**

Meeting length suggestion for extension. Kyra contacted Church and can meet from 8:30 to 10 or 11:30 to 1. The cost currently is \$217/year. It will increase to \$326/year.

Cherri suggested using a timer and offered to be timekeeper. Kyra suggested going back to Church to find out if they'll offer less for a 15 minute increment. Curtis raised the question of how long we would assign for each topic. Cherri offered to start timing to gather information re: how long topics take.

Rosie reported on how SF does it. They start with committee and chair reports, and board members (if they have something to report) who have 5 minutes each to report. New Business follows.

**Term of service for IG Meeting Reps** – continued discussion of making recommendation to meetings that they increase term of service for IG reps up to 1 year of service, if reps are willing to continue to serve. Curtis made the motion: That IG recommend to meetings that they extend service of meeting rep be for one year, if they are willing to serve. Donna seconded. Rosie opposed. Natalie abstained. All others voted 'yes'. Motion passed.

**Website Upgrade Vote** - Our budget is currently \$200. Bobbie proposed trying service "Thumbtack", to post 100 flyers in 100 places for \$99/week. SF does this weekly. She proposes doing it once in July and once in August and analyse results. Rosie proposed that we set this idea aside and reconsider doing it in the fall given newcomer attendance at meetings generally falls off during summer months. In the meantime asking the newcomers where they are hearing about OA. Also, consider targeting other recovery areas/events, i.e. "from the Bar to Bakery". Beth will research whether "Recovery Now" is currently in operation.

**Rosie provided written report from the 2019 WSBC -**

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