

Marin OA Intergroup Meeting – October 19, 2019

Minutes taken by: Donna F.

Present:

Committee members: Kyra K. (Chair), Beth R. (Treasurer), Bobbie C. (Public Info Chair), Jill S. (Region 2 Rep), Ellen N. (Retreat Chair), Donna F. (Meeting Rep), Natalie G. (Meeting Rep), Natalie M. (Outreach Chair), Cherri K-B. (Vice-Chair)

Guest: Kathy G. (Member)

Call to Action:

Meeting reps:

- 1) please make request of meeting greeters and newcomer group leaders to ask people how they heard about OA so I.G. can collect information re: same and we can become more effective at getting the word out about OA to those who need it.
- 2) Bring “Twelfth Step Within” handout (to be distributed in IG’s November meeting) to your group’s business meeting and suggest language incorporation in December meetings to further member support.

AGENDA

- **Welcome and OA Readings (9:00-9:10)**
 - Opening prayer
 - Twelve traditions
 - Twelve concepts

- **Committee Reports (9:10-9:25; ~ 2 mins each)**

- Outreach – Natalie M. - no report today.
- Public Information – Report by Bobbie C. A flyer has been co-created by committee members, and Bobbie C. is requesting an additional \$200 be added to the public information budget (current budget spent) to distribute it. These funds will be used to engage the services of a company that will do 2 rounds of posting the flyer in various public settings (cafés, community bulletin boards, etc.) in Marin County. Discussion: Kyra K. asked for information from our Treasurer re: our financial picture. Beth R. reported that our outflow costs are currently higher than our inflow costs. However, we have a prudent reserve of \$8000. The committee discussed evaluating the effectiveness of this strategy in the weeks following distribution by asking new members (in newcomer group meetings or meeting greeters) where they heard about OA. Bobbie C. advised that San Francisco OA finds this strategy to be effective in attracting new members. Bobbie C. made a motion that \$200 be added to the public information budget for the purposes of employing a company to distribute the flyers, Donna F. seconded it, and it was passed unanimously.

Bobbie C. also reported that we are posting information about Newcomers Meetings in 4 on-line bulletin boards that link to the Marin OA website and running an ad in the Marin Sun.

- Region 2 – Report by Jill S. Region 2 conference is the weekend of November 1-3 at the Oakland Hilton Airport Hotel. The conference will begin Friday night with a meeting that is open to all members. You do not have to attend the conference to

attend the Friday OA meeting. Jill S. will report back after attending the conference.



- Twelfth Step Within – Report by Bobbie C. There will be a special focus in December on providing support to our existing members with January’s focus turning toward attracting new members. Bobbie C. and Marcy D. will suggest specific readings from “Twelfth Step Within” and forward them (in a handout) to IG. IG reps will bring these to their group business meetings and recommend they be incorporated into December’s meetings.

- Website – no report. It was noted that we have recently engaged the services of a professional webmaster which makes the role of webmaster, held by a group member, unnecessary moving forward. The committee requests that Keeley W., or webmaster, post the “expense reimbursement” form on the Marin OA website.

- WSBC – no report.

- **New Business (9:25-9:45)**

- Treasurer’s Report – by Beth R. Received a cash donation from an individual. Also paid out a check to a new meeting. Was not able to access mailbox, possibly because of unpaid bill? Will follow up this week. Kyra K. noted, in her role as Treasurer for Saturday morning meeting, that there has been an increase in donations since changing the recommended donation language to “3 to 5 dollars”.

- Women's Retreat Report – by Ellen N. Formal report not available yet, a written report will be submitted either in writing or in person next month. The retreat was fabulous! A speaker from LA came up and 28 people attended. Roughly half of those who attended were from Marin County. Marin County participation has increased from prior years! Next year the camp has stipulated that there will be a minimum of 30 attendees required, which is new. Several retreat attendees have joined the retreat committee. Ellen N. has been on the retreat committee for 16 years – thank you for your service Ellen!

- Fellowship Ideas – presented by Kathy G. Various ideas for supporting newcomers and those looking for sponsors were suggested. 1) Ask anyone who can sponsor to raise their hand or stand at meetings. 2) Make an announcement in the meeting scripts information re: how to access speaker recordings. 3) Draw from a hat names to make calls to that week. 4) Make a sponsor list available at Newcomer Meetings. Due to time constraints we could not complete this discussion. Kyra K. suggested that Kathy G. attend the Saturday business meeting to present these ideas for further discussion.

Ongoing Business (9:45-9:55)

- IG service positions open – Discussion of open positions initiated by Kyra K.
 - Events Coordinator – position currently vacant. Cherri K-B. expressed interest in acting as a support to whomever fills

this position. Bobbie C. advised that she and Marcy D. are interested in planning an event in the Spring of 2020.

- Intergroup Liaison – Kyra K. will be stepping down from the Chair position at the end of this term and expressed interest in serving as the Intergroup Liaison position. This is a position that Kyra K. created and has held before. The person in this position stays in contact with group reps and attends meetings that do not have IG reps.
- Secretary – Donna F. volunteered to fill this position through the existing term. Natalie G. expressed interest in the position moving forward.
- World Service Rep
- Young Persons Rep
- Vice-Chair – Cherri K-B. is stepping down as Vice-Chair at the end of this term and expressed interest in acting as a support to the Events Coordinator position which is currently vacant.
- Outreach Chair – Natalie M. advised that she is happy to stay in the position but thinks the position deserves someone who will be more active than she can currently be.
- Public Information – Bobbie C. is stepping down from her current position at the end of this term to do service as a Region 2 Convention support person.
- Retreat Chair – TBD.

● **Closing – Gratitude and Serenity Prayer (9:55-10:00)**

Next IG Meeting – Saturday, November 16, 2019