

OA Intergroup Meeting 11/21/20

Present: Kyra, Deborah, Laura, Curtis, Shannon, Nancy, Marcy, Casey, Ellen N, Patricia, Sue M

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

Chair: We got the information we needed from Beth for Paypal on the website; Beth is stepping down as Treasurer. The Unitarian Church is asking us about returning to face-to-face meetings.

Vice-Chair: Jill sent an email that hasn't been able to do much about job descriptions; she asks if we're skipping next month's meeting as have in the past (would be Dec 19th). **We voted to have the meeting.**

Casey sent LA role definitions and Curtis sent them on to Jill. Casey suggests we may want to have a separate smaller meeting to go over role definitions; Curtis notes he volunteered to work with Jill. Casey is willing to help if Jill can't come to next month's meeting. Curtis agrees that a committee meeting away from the IG meeting is a good idea. Casey will reach out to Jill to arrange such a meeting.

Secretary: nothing to report, acknowledges Shannon for prompt posting of minutes on the website

Treasurer: Beth reports via email that bills are paid. Got a notice from insurance co that is due in December – we're not covered for Covid incidents. Beth sent code to Shannon to create Paypal button on the website. Started paperwork for tax exempt status, wants someone to take this on. Will be moving to NM in summer, so we need a replacement for her. Shannon suggests it would be good for someone else to have access to PO Box – Ellen N says she has it because of the Women's Retreat. Shannon also says Beth is the only one who has access to the Paypal account, so we can't tell whether it's actually working.

Outreach: Deborah checked email, there was no outreach; forwarded some flyers to Shannon.

Public Information: Shannon reports numbers for site visits are steady, wider variety attending based on IP addresses; tells Deborah she doesn't have to forward flyers. Has posted events on the website. Curtis suggests making a link available to the rich LA website on our website. Shannon says could make a page saying 'other IP websites to visit.' Shannon reports she is spending a lot of time on the website, and it is very challenged by not having access to the treasury. She'd like to re-visit her role definition; she never got one. Kyra suggests we add the topic of 'catching up with the paradigm shift' in December to address issues arising from the Pandemic, the amount of work facing Shannon being one of them.

Twelfth Step Within: Marcy reports meetings are happening regularly

Women's Retreat: Ellen reports communication with camp, we're penciled in for Oct 1-3, 2021, although they don't know whether they'll be open then.

New Business (9:25-9:45)

Region 2 Assembly Reports – Sue M. attended Sun morning session, gives a wrap-up report. Only a third of IG's sent reps. Passed a balanced budget. Did elections: new chair is Lynn, Publications: Louanne, Treasurer: Patty; Events Coord is open – can contact any member of Board and they will review and appoint. Pub Outreach Committee: chair is Nancy, have monthly meetings, working on representation on Twitter, outreach to gyms, medical community and colleges; Young Person's Committee: Discussed improving Internet links, controversy about position paper about white supremacy – was decided it was an outside issue, so changed to the term 'racial bias'. 11 IG's weren't represented at the Assembly – they will be reached out to. Diversity Committee: welcoming and inclusion were 2 themes, suggested OA take our own inventory to see how welcoming we are to all; 12th step within: head is Brian. There will be a meeting Dec 6th at 1pm, are looking at relapse prevention and member retention. Want to encourage lots of visitors at the Assemblies. No motions were voted on this year; they need to be resubmitted by Dec 10th, but our IG doesn't have any. \$3,270 was donated to WSO. Convention will be in San Diego July 9-11; contrib should get forwarded to World Service. **CTA: ask meetings and IG's to send excess funds to WS.** They've budgeted 2 new funds: \$400 for people to go to health fairs and will reimburse up to this amount, and \$1200 for committee chairs from individual meetings to go to Assemblies. **IG Reps can refer anyone to Region 2 website to see what happened at the Assembly.**

PayPal Status Update – Shannon has put a button on the home page with a tab for 7th tradition; she can't verify that it's working because she doesn't have access to the Paypal account, so is best **NOT** to announce it at meetings yet. Kyra will contact Beth about getting Paypal access. She suggests having a way to thank someone for their donation, asks our opinion; there's not consensus to do this. Curtis brings up need to discuss Shannon being overburdened. Shannon feels like having the contact with treasury would ameliorate things. Kyra will discuss reach out to Beth and get back to us.

Face-to-Face Meeting at UUMarin – We will discuss this next month more fully. They're just starting to gear up at the church; Kyra will send the report from the church to Laura and she'll send it out with minutes.

Ongoing Business (9:45-9:55)

IG service positions open – we'll have further conversation about service positions at the next meeting.

*Region 2 *Special Events *World Service Rep *Young Person's Rep

Next Meeting: December 19th