

Marin OA Intergroup Meeting Minutes – December 21, 2019

Call to Action:

Reps take to meetings:

- 1) Announcement: The 23rd Annual Women's 12 step Retreat will be held April 23-26, 2020 at River's Bend Retreat Center in Philo, CA. The cost is \$385.
- 2) Request: Please request that the Newcomers Meeting rep at each meeting ask newcomers how they heard about us, so that we can track that information and use it to most effectively get the word about OA out.
- 3) Announcement: the next Marin Women's Retreat is scheduled for October 2-4, 2020 at Enchanted Hills Camp in Napa. On-line registration opens in March 2020.
Announcement: any meeting or person making a contribution please get the monies to Beth R. by the end of the year.
- 4) Announcement: Marin IG has openings on the committee in the areas of event coordination, public information, world service, and young person's representative. All positions have a 6 month abstinence requirement. If you are interested in any of these positions, or simply curious about Marin IG you are invited to attend the next Marin IG meeting on January 18, 2020.

Present: Kyra K., Cherri K-B, Beth R., Natalie M., Natalie G., Bobbie C., Ellen N., Marcy D., Keeley W., Rosie K., Donna F., Patty S., Deborah ?

Committee Reports:

Outreach Report by Natalie M.:

The 23rd Annual Women's 12 Step Retreat will be held April 23-26, 2020 at River's Bend Retreat Center in Philo, CA. The cost is \$385. Agreed this announcement will be included in a call to action for reps to announce at their respective meetings.

Natalie M. is stepping down from this position at the end of this term of service. Brief discussion of rolling this position into another, such as Public Information, or Webmaster.

Public Information Report by Bobbie C.:

A classified ad for OA Marin meetings will run in January in the Pacific Sun.

A flyer service has been engaged to post flyers for OA Marin meetings at various locations in Marin such as coffee shops, grocery store bulletin boards, etc. Bobbie requested a call to action reminding each meeting's Newcomers Meeting rep to ask newcomers how they heard about us, so that we can track that information and determine what strategies are most successful at getting the word out.

Region 2 – no report:

Jill S. gave the IG Chair, Kyra K., bookmarks advertising the next Region 2 conference for distribution at meetings.

Marin Women's Retreat report by Ellen N.:

Ellen provided a final written report to IG on the 2019 Marin Women's Retreat. The next Marin Women's Retreat is scheduled for October 2-4, 2020 at Enchanted Hills Camp in Napa. On-line registration will open in March.

12 Step Within report by Marci D.:

Marci attended the San Francisco 12th Step Within. She plans to organize a half day creative event in the Spring of 2020.

Website report by Keeley W.:

We have upgraded to premium service. As a result, we will have more website support. Mary is more available for activities such as uploading meeting minutes and speaker audio files, and website maintenance.

Currently we have only one e-mail (oamarincounty@gmail.com) but with the premium service we are allowed more. The consensus of the group is that we would like to have additional e-mails, ideally one for each service position, but especially that of treasurer, chair, and public outreach. Keeley will research how many e-mails we can have and report back.

World Service report by Rosie K.:

We are not sending anyone to world service business conference this year.

This year is the 60th anniversary of OA.

The OA worldwide convention will be held in Orlando, Florida in August 2020.

Rosie shared some media links with IG:

OA World Service has produced an advertisement video which is available on the OA Official Facebook site. <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1222073457880183>.

Natalie G. made a motion to embed the video into our OA Marin website if possible. The motion was seconded by Deborah and the motion passed unanimously. Rosie will send the video to Mary. The webmaster may be able to embed the video into our website, however at present the only way to view the video is through OA's Facebook page.

Information not presented at the December 21, 2019 meeting but subsequently e-mailed by Rosie to the secretary (Donna) for inclusion in the minutes.

Also, for possible inclusion on our website: <https://oa.org/files/mp4/OA-1.mp4>.

Two more media items similar to these will be produced and posted from WSO between now and February.

WSO publishes a quarterly newsletter "A Step Ahead." The fourth quarter issue can be found <https://oa.org/a-step-ahead-fourth-quarter-2019-issue/>, but also just go to [OA.org](https://oa.org) > What's New.

The monthly WSO Bulletin may be found at [OA.org](https://oa.org) > News Bulletin Signup. They have to email you back as a layer of anonymity, etc.

WSO has suggested a service position at groups called the Downloader or something similar. Basically someone who downloads and copies items like the "A Step Ahead" for their meetings. It might be something that we want to pursue as a suggestion from the IG in early 2020. It's a

very simple service that many might want to do, and can replace the Lifeline person now that the publication is going away.

Treasurer's Report by Beth R.:

As of today we have spent \$2000 over our income to date. This has required us to dip into our reserves (though not our prudent reserves) to cover costs. (see attached)

For the January 2020 IG meeting Beth will present an "end of year fiscal report" and a budget for next year.

Beth reiterated that it is critical to get an e-mail for the Treasurer as soon as possible to facilitate an easy transfer between individuals serving as Treasurer from service period to service period.

Vote-in of Intergroup Service Positions:

Treasurer - Beth R. will continue serving as Treasurer for the next service period of 2 years.

Region 2 Rep – Jill will continue in this position.

12 Step Within – Marci will continue in this position.

Elections:

IG Chair – outgoing Chair, Kyra K, nominated Rosie K. Beth R. seconded the motion and Rosie K. was elected unanimously.

Vice-Chair – Outgoing Vice-Chair, Cherri K-B., nominated Kyra K., (name not recorded) seconded the motion and Kyra K. was elected unanimously. Kyra proposed rolling the Meeting Liason position into the Vice-Chair position. Tabled for further discussion.

Secretary – temporary Secretary, Donna, nominated Natalie G. Bobbie C. seconded the motion and Natalie G. was elected unanimously.

Positions currently unfilled:

Event Coordinator Rep

Public Information Rep

World Service Rep

Young Person's Rep