

OA IG Minutes 4/17/21

Present: Jim, Laura, Curtis, Kyra, Deborah, Jill, Ellen, Ron

Committee Board/Committee Reports

Chair: Kyra has been searching for candidates for the vacant positions, without success. She proposes the possibility of us merging with Sonoma or San Francisco Intergroups to fortify our fellowship. She believes the difficulty with getting people to serve has to do with more than the Pandemic, as we have had difficulty filling positions for some time, due perhaps to not having a lot of new members. She asks for our input, and we'll discuss further at next meeting. Curtis acknowledges that we're a small fellowship and he likes the idea. Deborah likes the idea but wishes it weren't necessary. She likes the idea, as does Curtis, of a 'Northern' alliance. Kyra is going to talk to both SF and Sonoma, but she too likes the idea of fortifying the fellowships which are less robust than SF. Jill reminds us that Napa and Sonoma are already affiliated. Kyra notes that the problem of getting folks to step up to service has been worsened by Covid but that it has existed for a long time. We can break off again if things change and Marin comes back stronger. Curtis sees a potential change in terms of diversifying the way meetings are offered, e.g. Zoom **and** in place. Deborah notes that this idea is all in the interests of supporting the continuation of a healthy OA being available to those who need it.

Vice-Chair: Jill is still working on job descriptions of the committee heads and has been communicating with people for feedback. The Napa meeting will be meeting Tuesdays in person; they're going to have a Zoom set-up for the meeting as well and see how it works. It's a tiny meeting with some young tech-savvy members. She will let Shannon know to post this new information on the website. Jim clarifies that the Napa group is under our IG and notes we will have to address the Insurance question. Curtis says it would depend on whether the church requires it; Jill will check but she thinks they do require insurance. Curtis says the Mon and Fri meetings aren't ready to meet in person but the church is holding our place.

Secretary: Laura acknowledges Shannon's work in keeping the website updated. Kyra will call for a business meeting at the next 10:15 Saturday meeting to propose changing the script so that the IG report comes the week after the IG meeting and not immediately following the meeting. The question of merging with another fellowship **won't** be presented to the groups until we have a more specific proposal to offer to the meetings. That is likely to happen in another month.

Treasurer: not present. Kyra will talk with Beth and send us anything she has to report.

Outreach: Deborah has been passing on flyers. She'd like to have them posted on the website, but she and Shannon haven't been able to connect for the training to do that. Kyra notes that we pay Mary H a fee to do things like this. Deborah asks for her contact information to be in touch with her about this possibility. Deborah isn't comfortable doing Public Relations. She got a letter from a bunch of groups about reaching out to professionals in the area, like NAMI and other groups. She is willing to be a part of it but doesn't have the skills to make it look professional. We agree that this is a time to pause on reaching out. She got a call about someone want HOW meetings and was able to help them. There are these meetings in the South Bay and mid-Peninsula.

Public Information: Shannon not present, but has agreed to post Board position requirements when they are ready.

Twelfth Step Within: Marcy not present

Women's Retreat: Ellen reports that Judi will reach out to their contact person at the camp to see about availability; the committee hasn't decided if they went to go ahead.

New Business

Adding Responsibility Pledge to IG Agenda – Nancy N. is not present so we'll skip this item until next month.

IG Positions: Qualifications to be on the IG Board – Jill reports that she looked at the mid-Peninsula model and the Marin By-laws from 2011. Kyra asks if we need to make a change to what we have in the requirements from 2011. Deborah and Curtis think not, so long as we know what they are. Jill says the WSC does want us to update regularly. Laura notes that we may agree they are fine as is. That's our update. Ellen questions if the committee head requirements need to be changed; Jill says we don't have those descriptions yet, which is why she's reaching out to other fellowships to get this information. Jill moves that's we keep the same requirements for the Board positions as Marin already has, adding job descriptions for the committees. Laura suggests we postpone a

vote until we have those job descriptions as well. Kyra and Jill will confer about what she's proposing and Kyra will put it on the screen next meeting so that we can all see the requirements and descriptions in front of us when we vote.

Tracking IG Correspondence – Deborah asks what it means to track intergroup correspondence; Jill suggests it's referring to the mail box. Deborah wonders if that's something she's supposed to do. Curtis says the Treasurer already picks up the mail because they have to pick up checks that may come in. Deborah takes the emails that come in, which is the main way correspondence comes in currently. Curtis suggests that the old system of sending out flyers via the mail may not be happening any more. Kyra suggests that if this mail person job doesn't seem like a right fit for her job currently, we can vote to delete it next month when we address the committee head descriptions. Curtis says we really need to discuss what we want these positions to be currently in order to get clear about descriptions of the committee head roles. We'll finalize this next meeting.

Ongoing Business

Open IG service positions – Region 2, Treasurer, Special Events, World Service Rep, Young Person's Rep,
Zoom Coordinator

Next Meeting: May 15, 2021