

IG MEETING 8/15/20

Present: Marcy, Kyra, Curtis, Nancy N, Bobbie, Patricia, Ellen N, Beth R, Deborah, Laura B

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

Chair – Kyra has tried to determine who reps are, “semi-successful”; Jill stepping down as Region 2 Rep but wants to stay engaged (possible chair or vice-chair); interested in working on project as vice-chair: define roles and responsibilities and abstinence requirements of board positions. K asked Bobbie to join us today so could have a discussion about region 2 and distributions since Jill can’t be here

Vice-Chair (NA)

Secretary – Laura is new secretary

Treasurer – Beth shows budget to actual this month: we are behind in anticipated income (at 34% 2/3 of way through the year); expenses are 22% of anticipated; don’t know rent for IG (will we get credit? Will we be paying rent going forward?) Insurance due at end of year. When we pay insurance at the end of the year, it will be for 2021. We are \$568 ahead in a positive cash flow for year.

At PO box, Beth got letter from IRS saying our organization’s tax exempt status was revoked because we didn’t complete paperwork. Beth never got the paperwork, but will follow up. At present, we are not tax exempt.

Outreach: Deborah reports no calls

Public Information: Shannon can’t be here, is on the road.

Region 2: Bobbie shared on this topic. She was on planning committee for the convention and on fund-raising. Previous profit was \$9,000; low expenses this year due to virtual conference. Cleared \$27-\$30,000. Virtual events can pull from outside the region and have low costs – something to take into account when planning events in our area going forward. She still isn’t clear what Region 2 does and why they need money from the IG’s and meetings. A friend has told her World Service is suffering due to lack of literature sales, new 12/12 not selling on line. B reached out to Region 2 and IG for SF to see if any documentation about revenue at World Service, hasn’t heard back yet.

Twelfth Step Within: Marcy is curious that there is less interest in relapse recovery, would expect more given the current situation. Curtis suggests we find a way to expand our advertising for unusual meetings (like the childhood trauma and relapse). M says that even in SF relapse meetings don’t get much attention. Bobbie is going to ask what SF does to advertise and will liase with M about this. Curtis says our meetings are not listed on the World Service website. Kyra asked Curtis to inform Shannon of this, so that our meetings can be posted.

Retreat Chair: Ellen reports nothing about the retreat

New Business (9:25-9:45)

Region 2 Donation: Based on Bobbie’s report above and Curtis’s information from World Service, no one knows what’s going to happen or be needed.

World Service Donation: Literature sales seems to be the biggest area of deficit. A **new book** - Body Image, Relationships, and Sexuality: Personal Journeys to Recovery in Overeaters Anonymous - is not selling because of the current situation. In addition, the contributions are diminished, but WS has over 2 million accumulated over time. There could be long-term

consequences to the current situation, but we don't know that, and they aren't struggling now. Ellen contacted WS but didn't hear back.

DISCUSSION: Beth reports that we have 6,723.00 for distribution, maintaining our prudent reserve. Curtis thinks there are areas that we could invest in our own outreach. Curtis suggests we contribute \$2000 to WS and Deborah makes a motion to do this. **Unanimous decision** to donate \$2000 to WS. Beth says we have an additional \$4000 to donate; we've been holding on to these extra funds for years!

Ongoing Business (9:45-9:55)

IG service positions open **Call to Action:** let your meetings know that these positions are open. Kyra can be contacted for more information. What are the abstinence and job descriptions? WS Rep 1 year of abstinence, 2 years' participation above the meeting level; the others 6 months, ongoing attendance at weekly meeting

* Vice Chair (Jill is considering this position) *Special Events *Region 2 *World

Service Rep *Young Person's Rep

New Proposal: Deborah suggests possibility of an individual having books to sell from their home, so that delivery will be more timely to those wanting the books. Kyra asks if Deborah would be willing to be the distributor if the IG purchases the books; she says yes. Curtis suggests we harvest the books languishing in the churches around Marin. Deborah would be willing to do this. Deborah is willing to explore this option and report back.

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