

## OA IG Meeting 9/19/20

Present via Zoom: Kyra, Curtis, Pat, Nancy, Deborah, Bobbie, Shannon, Beth, Casey on phone

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

**Chair:** Kyra has been trying to recruit for open positions; Jill Stephens has agreed to be Vice Chair, is interested in doing service by way of projects (e.g. a list of roles and responsibilities for jobs).

**Vice-Chair:** Jill Stephens not present (on call at her job)

**Secretary:** Laura nothing to report

**Treasurer:** Beth shows budget, made \$2000 donation to WSO, paid Zoom for a year; donations are down (only \$29 contributed in the past month). Curtis has some money from Monday to send in, as does Kira for Saturday. It would be great by end of the year for everyone to get donations in for the year. Curtis notes that donations aren't coming in. **CALL TO ACTION: report that donations are down; make sure there is a way for people to donate before the end of the year.** Beth reminds us **can still send a check to PO Box for the district: PO Box 4292, SRF 94913.** Curtis suggests mentioning specifically **how many meetings have been held virtually (27 as of this week);** Kyra has noticed donations come in after these announcements. Bobbie suggests an announcement such as: **This meeting's expenses are \_\_\_\_** and this is how many times we've been meeting virtually. Shannon needs help from Beth on setting up a Paypal link on the OAMarin website. It's unclear whether there is a fee associated with it.

**Outreach:** Deborah needs help getting on the line with the OA gmail account. Shannon will help her; she checks it on a weekly basis and says so far there haven't been any new outreach calls. Deborah explored the literature idea, but she doesn't have room in her house for it and doesn't know where and how it would be done. She's willing the literature up and move it but where? Kyra will make some suggestions off-line.

**Public Information:** Shannon says we're down from our peak in May in use of the website. Kyra asks her to connect with Beth to set up Paypal on the website, so that a group without another means to accept donations could offer that as an option. Shannon will report back on this

Region 2 (NA)

Twelfth Step Within

Women's Retreat

World Service (NA)

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

**New Book Study Group** – Bobbie C presents about the new book on Body Image. Bobbie and another woman want to start a woman only study group. Can they use the county Zoom account and put an announcement for the group on the OAMarin website? It would start in October, 4 meetings, then re-evaluate whether to continue. Casey asks if is queer friendly; it is. Beth says if it is a regular OA meeting and is open to all OA members, that it should be able to use our Zoom account. Curtis says that no matter what the focus, all have to be able to attend if is called an OA meeting. Deborah says the book has stories from both men and women; she questions if it's therefore fair to make it women only. Beth asks OA stance on special interest groups. Curtis says they can't exclude anyone, as that would be discriminatory. What about the women's retreat? This is a book study group, not a meeting. Bobbie was proposing to announce it in the event section of the website, that it wouldn't be a meeting. There is still the Zoom issue; Beth thinks if it's on our website and we're sponsoring it, it should be OK to use the Zoom link. Curtis says in future we may want a second Zoom account so anyone who wants to do a virtual meeting can. Bobbie proposes: I am organizing a book study for women; we will select 4 dates and times in October. May I use the Zoom account for those sessions and publish it in the OAMarin website? She will do a 7<sup>th</sup> tradition announcement, to contribute to the Intergroup.

### **Unanimous Yes.**

**IG Roles and Responsibilities** – Kyra K. announces Jill will take this on. We have a document that Ellen found in 2009 OA files and sent to Kyra. The first page is a summary of terms and could be updated. Kyra will share the document with Jill who will come up with something the IG can review and discuss. Nancy N said her prior Intergroup in San Mateo went through a review process on roles and recommended we reach out to them; Jill knows some folks on the San Mateo IG and will follow up on this. Curtis asks the date of current Bylaws; he has a 2011 copy, offers it if necessary. Kyra will look to see what she has. He says all the job definitions and requirements exist under 'Members' in the 2011 document.

Ongoing Business (9:45-9:55)

**CALL TO ACTION: IG reps should announce the IG service positions that are still open.** Laura suggested we need some more info about requirements; Shannon suggested some clear time commitment expectations would help too. Kyra will pass this on to Jill.

\*Region 2 (they get together twice a year, business meetings, in spring and fall. The people attending will usually take a service position on one of the committees; Casey expresses an interest and it's suggested she contact Jill, who has held the position before) \***Special Events** (Casey says that workshops on line are quite doable) \***World Service Rep** (there will be a virtual meeting next spring; there won't be a big trip this time) \***Young Person's Rep** (average age of OA members in Marin County is 40 something so an exception can be made to have someone over 35 be the rep). Shannon is willing to help out the Special Events and Young Person's rep. Bobbie says she could help with a workshop with young person speakers; Casey volunteers herself as a possible young person speaker!

Next Meeting: October 17th