

Marin OA Intergroup Meeting – January 16, 2021

Present: Jim (Wed/Mon pm), Ron (Mon am), Elysze (Sat am), Kyra (Chair), Curtis (Fri am), Laura (Secretary), Deborah (Tues am), Marcy, Ellen (Fri eve, Women's Retreat), Shannon, Casey. Absent: Beth R, Casey (Napa IG), Jill, Nancy

- Committee Board/Committee Reports
 - **Chair:** reports for Jill on re-writing job descriptions and abstinence requirements for Board positions. Is in process. Deborah handed off literature in the County collected from Marin in-person meetings to Kyra, who is storing it in her garage.
 - **Vice-Chair:** absent; Kyra reports for her above
 - **Secretary:** asks for emails of new reps
 - **Treasurer:** Absent; Kyra reporting for Beth reminds us World Service is low on funds. Kyra is recruiting for this position, asks for suggestions; Curtis asks to send more money to WSO now, not wait until next month. This got postponed until next month.
 - **Outreach:** someone from San Diego asked for a speaker's list, which we seem not to have; Deborah would like to create one. This was put on the agenda for next month. Deborah got a questionnaire from World Service for IG's and service boards to fill out, has sent it out to us. See Discussion below under New Business.
 - **Public Information:** Shannon has been managing the website, updates speaker recordings. She suggests we could start compiling a speakers list from these recordings. She adds changes, postings, and the minutes to the website, can track website use stats. Kyra notes we also have a Web Master whom we pay, who is not part of the IG.
 - **Twelfth Step Within:** the meetings are small but wonderful. Marcy describes them: geared to the soft, nurturing side of addiction, welcomes all people but particularly those in relapse or who have relapsed; it has a speaker every week.
 - **Women's Retreat:** Over 15 years has gotten cancelled twice, including in 2020, is scheduled for Oct 1-3 of 2021, but it may not actually happen depending on conditions in the fall.

- New Business

- Insurance Coverage – our insurance covers “bad advice” in addition to liability. This insurance covers all our meetings. Ellen will look into whether the Women’s Retreat uses this insurance too. Beth talked to the insurance agent and he suggested we cancel and contact him when we need it again; he also said we don’t need the professional advice part of the coverage. This suggests we will pay less in future for coverage. We **vote** to cancel insurance coverage at this time. **Call to Action:** We investigated insurance for the meetings and decided there was not justification to continue it at this time (since we are not meeting in an actual space). IG’s should ask their groups if anyone feels their meeting does need the insurance and report back (presumably before we move on cancellation).
- PayPal Update – Donate button is on the website. There is a fee for each donation the way it’s set up. It would require an intergroup treasurer that’s open to having a personal Paypal account in order to avoid this fee. **Call to Action:** It’s possible to set up an automatic recurring contribution on this button. These donations do not go to individual meetings but to the IG, which then distributes them to World Service, Region 2, and meetings as needed.
- World Service: request for suggestions. What was sent out to us by Deborah was a request to vote on the next World Service agenda, based on what others have already suggested might be topics for discussion. Kyra asks if we’re willing to have an earlier meeting to address this. We **vote** to meet on Feb 13th to discuss this and to have an additional meeting the following week if we need more time. All IG reps are expected to look over the material Deborah sent and be prepared to express their opinion.
- Ongoing Business
 - Open IG service positions – Region 2, Treasurer, Special Events, World Service Rep, Young Person’s Rep, Zoom Manager for all of OA Marin

Next IG Meeting – Saturday, February 13, 2021