

## OA INTERGROUP MINUTES 5/15/21

**Present:** Jim, Laura, Curtis, Kyra, Ellen, Shannon, Jill, Elysze, Beth R, Bobbie C

### **Committee Board/Committee Reports**

**Chair:** Kyra announced that the Sat meeting voted last week to have their IG report on the fourth Saturday of the month. She has had no success getting a treasurer; today is Beth's last day as Treasurer. **Vice-Chair:** Jill has put on hold the committee job descriptions until we decide whether we're going to join another IG or maintain our own.

**Secretary:** Laura has nothing to report

**Treasurer:** Beth shares the financials with us. Donations are up to 40% of our budget prediction. She will mail the payment for PO Box expense for the next year today. We're staying where we thought we would be in terms of our budget. We have more money in our account than we must; we could let it ride or we could decide to do something about it. Our Zoom account comes up for renewal in July. Beth updated our debit card info and changed the email address on our debit card account to oamarin.org instead of her personal email. Zoom will automatically renew unless someone changes it. Ellen asks how Beth will hand off the electronic files – Beth says they're on a thumb drive to be given to whomever takes over. Is there a way to transfer the Zoom information? Could it be on paper so it's not lost? Shannon says she's been updating information about Zoom. Shannon will ask Mary to forward the oamarin.org email to her account for now so we don't miss anything while awaiting a new treasurer. **Other info about the hand-off:** there is a combination for the PO box (Ellen has it). We'll need the checkbook information. Beth has a key to the Unitarian church to hand off. She will probably be around in June to do the hand-off. Rosie or Kylie are both on the account; Beth is just a signatory. She doesn't have to be there for someone to get on the account. Rosie can do that. Very few checks get written. Most things are handled with the debit card. Whatever we decide to do about the insurance will require a check. Kyra says she's available in mid-June to meet with Beth for the hand-off. If Beth is not around by then and Kyra is still away, Beth will meet with Curtis to hand off.

**Outreach:** Deborah not present but nothing to report. The SF chair said they have a great outreach person and she thinks it would benefit both fellowships to do outreach together.

**Public Information:** Shannon just updated verbiage on the website, including the new hybrid meeting in Napa.

**Twelfth Step Within:** Marcy not present; Kyra will check with her about continued attendance at IG meetings.

**Women's Retreat:** Ellen says the committee decided not to move forward with the retreat the day before the site decided not to host any retreats in 2021. 2022 will be the next retreat.

### **New Business**

**Adding Responsibility Pledge to IG Agenda –** Nancy N. not present, so bumped this until next time

**Requirements for IG Board Positions –** Kyra shares the San Mateo guidelines (revised last year) side by side with ours from 2010. We discussed whether to add anything from San Mateo. Jill says we were wanting to complete the one point about abstinence requirements for our Board positions after our meeting last month. This was the motivation for bringing the discussion up this time. Curtis looked at the Sacramento By-Laws which say nothing about abstinence, just 'working the program.' He suggests we wait to discuss this issue further until we decide whether or not to join another IG, as they will have their guidelines, and we may need to negotiate with them. Kyra says the merging may or may not happen, and if it does, it could take some time. She is concerned that if we put this on hold, it could get lost. If we don't want to deal with this issue now, we could simply accept the verbiage currently in our By-Laws (6 months abstinence requirement for all positions except 1 year for World Service Rep) and have it put right with the current Board job positions on the website. Laura suggests we do this. Ellen would be more comfortable with a year's abstinence for the Treasurer and perhaps the Chair as well. Jim suggests since we're having trouble getting a Treasurer that adding more requirements is problematic. He does agree that there be an active participation requirement of a year (and this is already in our By-Laws). After discussion, we agreed to have Shannon put the requirements that currently exist in our Marin standing By-laws in a prominent place on the website. We are not making any changes at this time.

**Re-instating Liability Insurance –** Bobbie presented the position of the Napa Tues 7pm meeting which is hybrid. Liability insurance is not yet required by the church but she wants to be in accordance with traditions as a responsible tenant of the facility where the in-person meeting is currently meeting. She moves to reinstate the

liability insurance for this meeting. Jill seconds the motion. Curtis says we only have liability because certain venues said we had to have it. Bobbie says if something were to happen at the meeting, they want to be protected. Beth says there is no liability to cover Covid, only slip and fall, and general liability. She thinks it's a good thing to have it. She notes that anyone can get hurt and if they can't pay for themselves, they could come after the IG. It's a small amount to have this security. She also says other meetings are beginning to open up for in-person meeting. We can lower our costs because we only need general not professional liability. Our previous cost for insurance was \$1200 for both, and it's the professional that was more expensive. Bobbie proposes amending her motion to suggest we ask for the fee for one meeting and what would be the possibilities for scaling up as needed. Beth suggests this is unnecessary work and complication, that we should just pay the whole insurance. Beth makes a friendly amendment to reinstate our full insurance. Bobbie accepts the amendment and Jill seconds it. Unanimous vote to accept the motion. Beth sent a copy of the insurance application to Kyra and she will contact our agent on Monday. If it's scalable and easy to do that, she will do it that way. Curtis suggests there may be some meetings (like the Thursday evening childhood trauma meeting) that will never be in person, so we need to get an accurate count of in-person meetings potentially needing coverage. Bobbie asks Kyra to check with the agent that in-person events are covered by our insurance. Beth says our insurance does have wording about events. There may have to be riders for particular events. Ellen wants to make sure the retreat is covered for when it happens. Curtis suggests that larger IGs may do better with insurance rates. Bobbie will come to our next meeting to report on how the hybrid meeting is going.

Status of Intergroup Consolidation Question – Kyra talked with Karen G of Sonoma IG, who's open to our merging with them. She made the suggestion that an alternative would be to share Region 2 and WS reps. Region 2 has a committee that can support IGs that are struggling. Kyra and Karen emailed Wendy Jacobson who is the Region 2 chair and asked her to guide us through the process. Kyra will report back to us on this. Kyra talked with Trish from SF IG. There is a very robust IG. Trish also suggested going to Region 2 for help and sharing Outreach efforts, in particular the possibility of sharing Outreach with all of Northern CA. She's interested in being in on the conversation with Karen and Nancy. Trish didn't seem immediately open to the possibility of consolidating with us. Discussion: Bobbie would be happy to join these conversations. Her experience with SF is they have a robust World Service commitment, and she'd support sharing this position with them and perhaps other positions with Sonoma. Kyra will get back to us after further exploration.

Tracking IG Correspondence – Deborah S. not present, this topic tabled  
We thanked Beth for her service before closing the meeting.

#### **Ongoing Business**

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

**Next Meeting: June 19, 2021**