

approved meeting minutes July 2024 IG

Meeting — July 11, 2024

- Call to order: 6:45PM
- Serenity Prayer + Open Statement from Chair
 - Marlene introduced herself and explained how the positions on board the have been updated. Marlene had been elected vice chair in June and since there was no chair she stepped into the role.

Tradition 7 Reading — (Jeff C)

“Every OA group ought to be fully self-supporting declining outside contributions.”

- Jeff talked about OA on how we don't rely on a boss, we pitch in where we can.

Concept 7 Reading — (Jo)

The Charter & Bylaws of the Gen'l Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage & conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.

- Andy read for Jo- something other than what is written here- Andy said: Bylaws are in two parts- one supports the board of trustees and the other guides the world service business conference.
- Introductions
- We have a quorum to conduct business
- Announcement that we will vote on the June minutes approval following pending business
- Active Committee reports (full reports are in the documents- notes will be given on the ad lib reports and any comments)
 - Retreat- Millie (Millie also gave the 12 Step within report- it is in the report document) proposed retreat in September Mon-Wed 23-25th in Garrison NY, near Peekskill at Franciscan Friars of the Atonement. You can get to it by MetroNorth and Uber. 85 single rooms with meeting areas and breakout rooms. Tasks have been

assigned to committee members. They are making flyers. Diana asked about the guarantee which is 10. What kind of a deposit have they asked for Diana wanted to know and we don't know yet. There was a discussion of the budget and whether there is a cut off date for registration. Kate asked where it is - Marlene pointed out that if it works on a weekday next time we can do it on a weekend.

- Marlene spoke for PIPO- Phil will continue to chair this committee but he wants to rotate out. 12-7 pm he will be tabling (?) at the Black Veg fest
- Marlene read Diane T's report. She is going to be the 12 Step within chair and the special events chair. Marlene said fellows can ask questions and we will pass them to Diane. No questions were asked.

- Call for Service to fill the open board and committee chair positions — Vice-Chair, Treasurer, By Laws, Web Committee, Publications Chair, Outreach Chair (?)
Jeff S was the bylaws chair and now we need the bylaws chair
 - Marlene and other fellows talked about all the open positions. We need a web chair and outreach chairs. We also talked about open board positions.

Pending Business

- 7th Tradition (Venmo: @GreaterNYMetroIG)
- June Minute Approval- shared and no comments, the minutes are approved
- Questions/Concerns about the new slate?

New Business

- What direction would we like to go in w/InterGroup? What would YOU like to see happening this coming year?

- Liz asked about the idea of supporting in person meetings and said a fellow had written to IG about it. There was discussion of whether the intergroup should focus on in person meetings.
 - Diane- Diana discussed special funding from intergroup to start in person meetings. She also suggested in person panels
 - Kate- She has received funds and started meetings and there are struggles and she is interested in sharing ideas on how to get the word out about in person meetings.
 - Flor- Maybe doing more creative ways of formatting or expressing things to keep from it being repetitive and maybe other ideas
 - Robbie asked for a way to report back to her meeting and we talked about getting the meeting minutes out quickly, getting them on the website and how the highlights reel works.
- ## Volunteers for Service & Announcements
- Select volunteers to read & share on Tradition 8 & Concept 8 at August's IG Mtg. to be held on August 8, 2024 — 6:45PM (ET) Liz will share on Tradition 8 and Jeff C will share on Concept 8
 - Select Google Voice volunteers- we did not ask for them and we really don't need them because The service needs review.
 - Last plea for Officers & Committee Chairs. Marlene asked people to get in touch with her by phone or email.
 - Chaya announced it that there is a new meeting in Crown Heights 8-9 at 306 Albany Avenue that needs support
 - Andy pointed out that there are requirements for holding a service position and we waive some but not the abstinence requirements
 - Mel shared that other intergroups are looking for service. There is a zoom serenity day based out of the triangle of north carolina intergroup's 12 step within.

They focus on service and the joy of doing service and we are all invited.

- Marlene welcomed Susan G who seems to have just joined the meeting.

Close (by 8:30PM) Marlene invited us to close the meeting with a moment of silence and then invited us to unmute and say the OA promise.

The OA Promise: I put my hand in yours and together we can do what we could never do alone. No longer is there a sense of hopelessness, no longer must we each depend upon our own unsteady willpower. We are all together now, reaching out our hands for power & strength greater than ours, and as we join hands, we find love and understanding beyond our wildest dreams.

- Closed at ~7:47

Respectfully submitted by Liz D., Recording Secretary