

Greater New York Metro InterGroup December meeting minutes — IG Meeting — 12/12/24 — WSO #09033

Call to Order @6:45PM and Open with the Serenity Prayer.

Tradition 12 Reading — Marlene read the tradition and Rebecca B. spoke on it.

“Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all these Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.”

Concept 12 Reading — Andy P read and spoke on it.

“The spiritual foundation for OA service ensures that:

- a. No OA committee or service body shall ever become the seat of perilous wealth or power;
- b. Sufficient operating funds plus an ample reserve, shall be OA's prudent financial principle;
- c. no OA member shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority;
- d. All important decisions shall be reached by discussion, vote and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity;
- e. No service action shall ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; and
- f. No OA service committee or service board shall ever perform any acts of government, and each shall always remain democratic in thought and action.”

Introductions

- Attendees introduced themselves
- We have a quorum
- Introduction of Kimberly C (Region 6 Chair) and Bob F (Region 6 Trustee Liaison)

Committee Reports —

- 12 Step Within & Special Events — Diane T discussed upcoming events.
 - Jo asked if the event was on Zoom
- Retreat Report — Millie -
 - Jo asked what the name of the retreat was an acronym for. Millie did not recall but she explained it is a spiritual thing
 - Kimberly asked what the topic of the retreat will be. Millie explained “keys to recovery and spirituality”
 - Andy asked about having 2 retreats and a discussion of chair terms
- Treasurer's Report — Andy P
 - Marlene shared that Andy has been appointed treasurer
 - Diana thanked Andy for taking on the job and voiced enthusiasm about the intergroups finances. She asked about moving our prudent reserve in a high yield account. Andy is looking into it.
 - Laura Ann asked how much the prudent reserve is and Andy told her it was ~9k. Diana mentioned if we moved it up to 10K we would likely get a better rate. Andy said he needs to put together a finance committee to work on this. There was a discussion of recruiting for the finance committee and reps spreading the word.
- PIPO — Marlene mentioned that Phil is chair and there was no news
- Revitalizing In-Person Meetings — Andy shared that committee work is being done. There is a survey and they are looking at it once more before sending it out. The survey will be shareable and it should be live in January (maybe on the 13th).

- Lee asked what the survey is about and Andy explained it was to find out about in person meetings.
- Diana asked if anyone had used the tenant rent funds lately and the answer is no.
- Laura Ann asked about the committee supporting the Brooklyn heights meeting and a plan was made for her to connect with Andy.

- **Pending Business**

- 7th Tradition (Venmo: @Greater NYMetroIG)
- Introduction of Dawn G — New Corresponding Secretary - not here but Marlene mentioned that she will be joining.
- Executive Board Vacancies — Vice Chair
 - Confirmation of Andy P as Treasurer.
- Chair Vacancies By-Laws, Publications/Web and Welcoming.
 - Marlene shared and encouraged folks to do service and explained how we got Dawn our new fellow by having reps mention needing service at a meeting.
- Kimberly and Bob intro and sharing about service and shared their contact info.
 - There was discussion of the forum Region 6 has each month and invited everyone.
 - Diana asked about the forum on January 26th.

New Business

- Insurance for retreat. Marlene asked for help and Diana and will connect with Marlene.
- Lynda S asked if there was an average term for intergroup reps to serve.
- Jo asked about working at WBSC and Diana explained.
- November minutes were approved (10 y, no opposed)
- Liz will share on Tradition 1 and Dawn will share on Concept 1.
- On **January 26, 2025 at 8PM (ET)** the Houston Sunday Speaker Mtg will screen the video that WSO made about Rozanne, our Founder.
- The next IG Meeting will be on **Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 6:45PM**. Orientation will begin at 6:30PM.
- Diana made a motion to change a bylaw to remove the welcoming committee as a standing committee. She recommended that it be an ad hoc committee. (This is notice and it will be pending business for next month).
 - Andy had comments that the committee was formed quite a while ago, not during Covid, and that it needs to be seconded. Jo seconded it. It will be added to the agenda next month.
- Bob added that OANYC has 66 registered meeting and some other stats on meetings and virtual meetings.
- Diana asked about why Region 6 having virtual events and Kimberly responded.
- Nancy asked about the WSBC, there was a discussion, and Andy discussed the requirements. Andy suggested that anyone who is interested email the board.

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 and strength greater than our and as we join hands, we find love and understanding beyond our wildest dreams.:

Respectfully submitted,
Liz D. Recording secretary