



Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2008

Present:

Kathy – Chairperson
Ellen – Treasurer
Pamela – Secretary, acting Monday PM Meeting Rep
Miller – Rainbow Newsletter/Web site
Christy – Special Events and Tuesday PM Meeting Rep
Jacob – 12th Step Within
Robin – Wednesday PM Rep
Tawna – Friday AM Meeting Rep
Curtis – Monday AM Meeting Rep
Alice – Sunday PM Meeting Rep
Kim, Mary, Jody and Lillian

Absent:

Ashley – Vice Chair
Robin – Wednesday PM Meeting Rep
IG Reps – Saturday AM Meeting Rep
Monday PM Meeting Rep

Meeting opened at 9:15 am with the Serenity Prayer

Read 12 Traditions

Read 12 Concepts

Pamela read the minutes for the November 8th meeting. Revisions were offered and accepted.

Curtis addressed the group to clarify his 10/30/2008 email suggestion about the minutes. He was not suggesting that the corrections be made online, but only that the minutes be submitted to Intergroup members via email. Pam replied that she had already begun to send the minutes to everyone after she had finished typing them up.

Alice said she was not the Monday night meeting Rep, but instead is the Sunday night meeting Rep.

Kathy announced her term was up as Chair of Marin Intergroup. She said she originally thought that the position was overwhelming, but realized that she could be imperfect and still handle the job, which pulled her into Marin County and Intergroup. Service also gets us all to meetings. Curtis asked for slate of candidates. Kathy replied that there wasn't one. Ellen referred to the Bylaws and reviewed the rules of rotation of service positions. She told us that the Chairman is supposed to rotate in odd years, the Vice Chair in even years, the Secretary in odd, but Pam just started in an even year; Treasurer (Ellen) is even year. Ellen has served since June 2.5 years ago. Kathy said we can only follow this rotation the best we can, that things happen, people move away, etc. Miller has 3 months more as the Rainbow and Web site editor. Ellen announced that she would



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be willing to hold on and let her service expire in another year, in January 2010.

Ellen stated that Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer all are supposed to be working the steps, attending a regular group for one year and have experience as an Intergroup Rep.

Jody nominated Miller to replace Kathy as Chairperson. Miller accepted and group approved. Now Intergroup needs a Rainbow/Web site coordinator. Jacob and Curtis offered to help, but don't use Dreamweaver software. Mary was nominated by Miller to fulfill the Rainbow and Web site position. Mary is a Web designer by vocation, so the group was thrilled and approved her nomination.

Ellen nominated Jody to fill the Meeting Liaison position. Pam offered Jody her help as she had held that position for a while. The group approved Jody.

Kathy clarified what Michelle had done as Public Information, including directing the group to help address fliers to psychologists, put the 12 & 12 into local libraries and disseminated the flier for posting in appropriate places. She also pointed out that the more outreach we can do the better. Jacob volunteered to switch positions from 12th Step Within, which seemed taken care of for a while, to Public Information. The group approved him in the new position.

At Kathy's request, Kim spoke about what the Region 2 position entails: 2 meetings, one in Northern California and one in Southern California. These trips are both paid. The Region 2 Rep helps Intergroup at the Regional level, participates in discussions of how funds are used, conducts meeting outreach, and chooses a task force in which to work. Task Forces include Public Information, Bylaws and Intergroup committees. Kim worked on the Young Peoples' Committee. There is committee work that must be done throughout the year. But the Region 2 position itself is not a high activity position. The most important role is to take information back to the Intergroup. Requirements for participation on the Intergroup Level are 1 year in OA, actively working the steps and 1 year abstinence. The Bylaws are online regarding the Region 2 requirements. The meetings normally take place in March for Northern California at a changing location and in October for the Ontario, (Southern) Ca location.

The WSO (World Service) position is also still open, as it has been for some time now. This position impacts the Intergroup budget since it pays for a trip to New Mexico for a week (May 5-10, 2009). Ellen had mentioned at the previous meeting that Susan might like to take the position and will speak with her again about it. There is a January 4th deadline to submit the name of the person to OA's NM headquarters.



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Board Reports:

Vice Chair – Ashley not present.

Treasurer – Ellen gave the November financial report. Opening balance as of November 1, 2008 was \$2,777.50. Income was \$212.00. Phone expenses were \$25.42 leaving a closing balance on November 31, 2008 of \$2,964.08.

Ellen also presented mail:

1. A letter from World Service re: Region 2 Trustee. They are looking for people to serve by representing their Intergroup Areas. This is a big commitment; the term is May 2009 – May 2010. The deadline to name a trustee is December 29th. Susan was our trustee; it is a big job. The trustees attend trustee meetings and travel within the Region.
2. A notice from Unity Intergroup East Bay regarding Thankathons. Dec. 25 and January 1 at Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley, at Colby & Ashley.
3. The new San Diego flier
4. The Sacramento flier about the next convention for Region 2 – this one is for recovery with speakers from June 26-28.

Secretary – Pam had no report.

Day in OA – Christy reported on her recent event and thanked the group for their support. The room looked nice; there were 4 great speakers. She collected \$78 in donations; paid \$50 rent to the Church and a \$5 donation for a total of \$55; she also took in \$6 for bottled water, which had been contributed.

Christy also presented her flier for the Spring Day in OA event, which the group loved. Christy suggested a possible raffle at the Spring event to raise money for a Day in the Sunshine in June, which would be held in a private area at the Samuel P. Taylor Park. The meeting would be held under Redwood trees and might include a walk or hike. She said this change of venue will provide something fun and different.

She also had another idea – an Art Project Day in OA, which would require buying supplies. It was suggested that supplies could be donated.

Tawna asked if limiting the Spring Day to Steps 1-3 would limit attendance, to which Kathy replied that people with years of sobriety redo the steps all the time. Jody said she loves outdoors, but is concerned about being in the open for fear of her anonymity being lost. Kim had had a similar experience at a Day in OA event in San Francisco. The flier will be sent out to the Sonoma County Intergroup as well as the other Intergroups, for which Kim supplied mailing labels. The flier was approved with one correction.



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Rainbow/Web Site – Miller announced that the Spring Into Abstinence Event is already in the Rainbow. She gave her expenses to Ellen. It was agreed that since Miller is now the Chairperson, Mary will start with the position immediately. It was noted that the Bethany Methodist Church (San Francisco) OA meetings were moving to a different church where there is more parking. Miller said that the Web site is being updated periodically.

Group Rep Meeting Status Reports:

Monday 9:30 am – Curtis said the group was attracting serious turnouts and is doing great.

Monday 6:00 pm – Pam said the group is attracting more than it used to.

Tuesday 7:15 pm – Kathy said the group is great.

Wednesday 7:30 pm – Robin was absent so Lillian said that new people are cycling in and out and that the next Wednesday would not be ideal since the church is holding a big holiday event.

Friday 9:30 am – Tawna reported that the meeting is going really well.

Saturday 10:45 am – Patricia, the new Rep was absent once again and Pam said she had emailed her to determine whether she'd take on the Public Information position and that Patricia never replied. Saturday is doing fine. Apparently, Saturday still needs a Rep.

Sunday 6:00 pm – Alice said that the meeting is dynamite and that people are eager to share.

Old Business –

Jacob announced that the 12th Step Within materials were now ready to be posted to the Web site and that he was going to transfer into the Public Information position.

Mary suggested that an email list be developed in order to email meeting changes to OA members.

Pamela read her next draft of the suggested explanation of Crosstalk, to be distributed to all the groups when it is finalized. She noted that the last line was inappropriate. The group agreed and finalized the explanation with that revision. She will present it again at the next meeting with that final revision. Kathy explained how it would be distributed to meetings.

Ellen presented a second draft of the budget figures for the rest of 2008 and 2009. She had added the 2008 actuals and mentioned that the Web site hosting might be changing. Jacob said that he could lose some of the \$200 budgeted for Public Information. Christy said we might need a park permit fee for that Day in OA. Pam asked if Days in OA had to bring in income. Ellen said they should pay for themselves. Christy felt that she needed \$50 each event, and a \$50 prudent reserve. A \$200 budget for 2009 was approved.



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The balance of the budget discussion was tabled until the next meeting, with an adjustment up for Day in OA events and down for Public Information.

It was brought up that there aren't many telephone calls to our Intergroup Information people, but that one of the people wanted to resign from the responsibility. Miller volunteered to handle it, but then Curtis volunteered to take it since he felt that Miller is already doing too much.

Next meeting is January 10, 2009 at 9:15 am

Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 with Rosanne's prayer.