



Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2009

Present: Miller – Chairperson
Lillian – Vice Chair
Ellen – Treasurer
Pamela – Secretary
Jacob – Public Information
Robin – Region 2 Rep
Mary – Rainbow Newsletter/Webmaster
Curtis – Monday AM Meeting Rep
Jody – Meeting Liaison
Kathy – Tuesday PM Meeting Rep

Absent:
Christy – Special Events
12th Step Within Needs Rep
World Service Needs Rep
Sunday PM Meeting Needs Rep
Monday PM Meeting Needs Rep
Thursday PM Meeting Needs Rep
Kim – Saturday AM Meeting Rep
Friday AM Meeting Needs Rep

Meeting opened at 9:15 am with the Serenity Prayer

Read 12 Traditions

Read 12 Concepts

Board Reports:

Chair – Miller stated that since she had to leave the meeting earlier today that Vice Chair Lillian should take over when she leaves. Jody said she had the group inventory.

Treasurer – Ellen gave the Treasurer's Report for two months – April and May. Opening balance as of April 1, 2009 was \$3,315.07 Income from a Day in OA was \$98.00. Phone expenses were \$27.18 and Rainbow printing expenses were 30.85; leaving a closing balance on April 30, 2009 of \$3,355.04.



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Opening balance as of May 1, 2009 was \$3,355.04. Income was \$0.00. Phone expenses were \$27.30; leaving a closing balance on May 31, 2009 of \$3,327.74.

Ellen also presented the mail: a flier from Sacramento and information about a retreat. She gave this information to Mary for the Web site.

Secretary – Pam resigned her position because she is not abstinent. She said she didn't get sober in AA to learn not to lie, only to become a liar in OA. She is leaving the fellowship and trying FA in the future after her move to Florida. The group expressed appreciation for the job that Pam had done during her tenure. Kathy pointed out that in OA Intergroup's search for a new secretary, which must begin immediately, we shouldn't ask newbies to be secretary. Miller said her continued service should be restricted to today and one month more. Pam's last meeting will be the July one. Pam also read the minutes from the May meeting. Corrections were offered and accepted.

Special Events – Christy was not present. Mary reported on the event being held at the Lucas Valley Church on June 27th. The church had offered its larger auditorium meeting space free of charge, but a donation that is a percentage of the take will be given instead. Mary needed set up and cleaning up assistance. Kim is getting the speakers and the wording for the program. Mary did a great flier, which she showed the group. She was congratulated for a great design job. Jacob said it was good that the church agreed to have the event there because the JCC facilities are \$700 to rent. He and Robin had offered to contact the JCC. Robin, Lillian and Kathy offered to set up for Mary and Miller offered to break down the room. Robin suggested that future events be held further north.

Region 2 – Robin had nothing to report except that she is in the process of getting emails of the members of her Young People's committee. She asked that a segment of New Business be reserved for a question about crosstalk. Miller clarified that it is a Young People's Committee of Intergroup that Robin is talking about. There's a convention for the general membership in Ontario, CA this month.

Meeting Liaison – Jody showed the group her manual that includes the Intergroup Inventory. The inventory is divided into three parts. There was a discussion about how to use it. She will bring it to each meeting. She said she would bring a table of contents to the group next meeting.

Miller and Ellen departed at 9:50 and Lillian took over as Vice Chair.

Rainbow/WebMistress – Mary presented new printouts of the Rainbow. She will revise it as needed. It's no



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longer a quarterly thing. There's a recovery story on the back. Lillian wondered about putting the steps on the Rainbow. There's not enough room. Someone suggestion a couple of steps each month, but that wouldn't work either. The literature has these things. Discussion about 12 steps in newsletter.

Public Information – Jacob placed the approved copy on Craigslist to attract new members. Mary did a layout for a 3 x 5 card to be printed. It was totally approved. We will print 200 to start. Jody would like to use these cards at doctors' offices. Kathy offered to do a mailing. Robin offered a list of doctors that she already owns.

Group Rep Meeting Status Reports:

Monday 9:30 am – Curtis said everything's fine, remarking that the previous meeting's sharing was so real, so deep and very meaningful.

Monday 6:00 pm – There is no Monday PM Rep. Robin volunteered that the meeting needs a secretary.

Tuesday 7:15 pm – Kathy said the group is fine, just peachy.

Thursday 7:30 pm – Lillian said it was fun. There were about a dozen people the previous Thursday; they usually have from 8 to 18 and a couple of new people. They lost their literature, but found it again.

Friday 9:30 am – needs a rep. Jodi and Mary usually attend. The meeting was noisy with kids. Will try to see if they need to move. It's a writing meeting and needs to be quiet. It needs a rep, but until there is one, Jacob and Jodi will alternate. Member named Andrew will be asked for the summer.

Saturday 10:45 am – Kim was absent.

Sunday 6:00 pm – There is no Sunday meeting rep.

Retreat Liaison Report – No one was present for the meeting. The meeting for lunch time today was cancelled, but Robin said please ask groups for contributions for gift baskets, which goes to money for scholarships. The end of June is the end of the discount to attend. There will be a silent auction too. Members of the retreat committee are Sharon, Ellen, Kelly, Judy, Susan, Lillian and Robin.

World Service – this position is still open.

12th Step Within – this position is still open.

Old Business – The Intergroup Inventory.



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Question: Have we ever taken an IG service board inventory? Answer: No, but we're doing it now.

Question: What is the purpose of our IG service board? Answer: To conduct the business of Marin OA, stimulate new ideas and reaching out to the community. Mary added Retaining new members and asked the question why do people leave? It's a bigger issue of retention in OA.

Question: Do we have a statement of purpose or by-laws? Yes. Pam and Miller have computer copies. Pam will send a copy to Mary for the Web site.

New Business –

Robin said that crosstalk at a meeting in San Francisco and the Saturday AM meeting in Marin were deplorable. Someone said that it was the responsibility of the secretary to do something about that. It was suggested that retention of members and crosstalk be part of the New Business at the next meeting. Lillian also wondered whether we need to take up so much time to read the minutes at every meeting.

Next meeting is July 11, 2009 at 9:15 am

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 with the Closing Prayer.