

Intergroup Minutes  
July 9, 2011

Present: Jacob, Kelly, Ellen G, Cynthia, Curtis, Ruth, Bonnie, Kim, Maiya

Meeting began with the Serenity Prayer, and the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts.  
Minutes from June were not yet available for approval.

New and Ongoing Business:

Marin IG Telephone Line: Jacob was able to ascertain that we could keep our telephone number, and will obtain a definitive answer from Vonage about the ability to maintain the AT&T White Pages listing (in perpetuity?). It was generally agreed that we would proceed with caution and make sure of the facts before we make any changes, even if it takes some time.

Next Half Day in OA Event: Ellen presented ideas for the next half day in OA: suggested topic "Abstinence as though your life depends on it"; the timing of the event, possible dates and conflicts with other local area events were discussed. Ellen will confirm availability for October 15 with the Lucas Valley Church. Ellen presented information about the desire of the Sonoma County Intergroup to co-host another event. Topics, locations, dates, timing, and possible conflicts were discussed. It was agreed that maintaining our mutually beneficial relationship with Sonoma is important, was voted 5/4 that if Sonoma is inflexible about a date other than November 5, we will still join them, and it was agreed that as always, Ellen has provided us ample opportunity for input and feedback, and as our exceptional Special Events Chair, the remaining decisions for these events will be at her discretion.

Fundraising event ideas were discussed for continuing Intergroup participation in Region 2 and World Service assemblies. The idea of a 12-Step Marathon in January was enthusiastically received. There was discussion regarding concerns raised at the meetings about the lack of abundance for additional "pass-the-basket" fundraising, and it was agreed that an educational approach to this situation might be most effective, and that the fundraising committee (via email with Jacob) will draft some language with information about the service that various Intergroup projects and assembly participation provides, explains how the "extra" money is spent, and which might include a suggestion for an appropriate addendum to the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition announcements at meetings.

Ellen G. reminded us that her service as Special Events Chair will be over the first of the year (as we are already discussing events for next January!), and Kim expressed a desire to take over that service position, and give up the Treasurer position in January. Ellen graciously declined a service position "swap" with Kim for Treasurer ☺, however, Curtis expressed a desire to take over the Treasurer position, but noted that we would need to address the issue of "perilous power", as he is also our World Service Chair.

Board Reports:

Chairperson: Jacob no new report

V. Chair: Kelly – no new report

Secretary: Kathy – absent

Treasurer: Kim - Treasurer's Report: Balance as of 7/9/11 - \$1,065.88; will combine Line Item 3) IFAP funding with Line Item 8) R2 Assemblies.

Special Events: Ellen – Discussion as noted above in Ongoing Business.

Region 2: Maiya – (R2 12<sup>th</sup>-Step Within Committee) Maiya asked that everyone including the meeting reps announce the 12<sup>th</sup> Step Within outreach effort on the 12<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Meeting Liaison: OPEN

Website: Mary - absent

Newsletter: Bea – Maiya reported that Bea is working on a new newsletter to be printed later this month and Ellen will forward Bea the confirmed upcoming events dates for inclusion.

Public Information: Cynthia - no new report

Retreat Liaison: Ellen absent – Flyers are out for the September 30<sup>th</sup> Retreat

World Service: Curtis – no new report

12<sup>th</sup> Step Within: Welcome Bonnie and thank you for your service. ☺ It's so exciting to have this important outreach position filled!

Group Rep Reports:

Sunday: no rep present, going well

Monday Morning: no rep, doing well – adding a third table!

Monday Evening: Ruth – meeting doing well - approximately 15

Tuesday Evening: no rep present, going well

Thursday Evening: no rep, small but going well

Friday Morning: no rep, going well

Saturday Morning: Michelle absent, going great

Old Business: Intergroup Inventory - no questions reviewed due to time constraints

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: August 13, 2011

Minutes submitted by Cynthia