

Minutes from the February 22 meeting of the GKCAI

I. Call the Meeting to Order/Opening Prayer

II. Roll Call/Introductions

III. Approval of January minutes

Our new system to approve minutes by email was adopted; therefore the January minutes were approved prior to the meeting. In upcoming months, IRs are asked to suggest corrections after receiving the rough draft of the minutes, and to vote yea/nay after receiving the final copy. As long as there is a majority of “yea” votes received from all those who received the final copy, the minutes will be considered approved.

IV. Treasurer’s Report – there was no discussion; report was approved.

V. Chair Report

- **R4 Conf call:** John participated in the January Region IV conference call for all IG chairs. The discussion centered around the Region IV convention in Minnesota in June – this is a recovery event for everyone. Also discussed was the upcoming spring assembly – this is a business event for Region IV reps, for which we have two attending. In addition, the conference call consisted of each IG checking in with a report about what kinds of thing their IGs were doing; John shared our successes with new meetings, new IRs, and active Super Saturdays.
- **Kansas Day theme/speaker :** KS day is a recovery event in September sponsored by our IG, the Sunflower IG, and the Mid-Continent (Wichita) IG. Our role this year is to be in charge of the program. Rebecca read the responsibilities for this role. *Motion was made to accept the theme of “A Power Greater Than Me: Spiritual Recovery in OA;” the motion passed unanimously.* We will keep the same format, which consists of 6 speakers – two from each IG, as well as a luncheon speaker from our IG. Khristie will be the luncheon speaker. John agreed to be the point person for KS Day this year, and Charlotte volunteered to help as well.
Action: Jim and Mary Jo will each find another speaker from our area. John will forward the theme to the Registration chair.

VI. Group reports

Great news! We have two new reps, including one from a new meeting that has not previously had a representative to Intergroup. Welcome Christine from Monday Northgate and Kim from Sunday Raytown!

- Wanda – Monday Independence 10 am: getting various newcomers. Averaging 10 attendees. Would like to have support of other members, particularly due to the number of newcomers coming.

- Michelle – Monday Atonement 6 pm: meeting has changed its format to reading only two pages of the Big Book; the members share about those two pages, or whatever they wish to share about. If newcomers are present, they read from the book of OA members' stories until 6:30 p.m. and then begin sharing. Michelle commented that the group members seem to be sharing more deeply than when they were reading for the whole hour. 20-30 attending.
- Carmain – Friday Liberty 6:30 pm: 10 or attending; format is a different piece of literature each week of the month. They have ended the monthly newcomer meeting that had been held prior to the regular meeting, as there was not enough participation
- Jen S. – Sunday Community Christian 3 pm: the group hosted Super Saturday last weekend, which had a very good attendance and was well-received.
- Mary Jo – Saturday North KC Hospital 1:00: CD speaker meeting, which participants love. 12ish attending.
- Diane – Thursday Unity 11:30: Anywhere from 4-10 attendees; lots of newcomers, as they seem to appreciate the daytime meeting.
- Charlotte – Saturday Keystone 9:30: thriving meeting. 20+ attending.
- Kim T. – Sunday Raytown 3:30 pm: this is currently a Big Book study. Currently the address in our webpage is 65th and Elm, which can't be put in a GPS or Map program. *Action: Kim will email Jim the exact address to put on our website meeting list.*
- Christine B. – Monday Northgate 6:30 pm: she is a new rep and new to IG; will report next month.

VII. Committee reports

A. Retreat

- i. **Retreat guidelines** – Amy presented the amended guidelines for the fall retreat. The retreat guidelines committee met to incorporate feedback from all IG members, and completed their work of coming up with a document. She was very clear that this was a working document – not static – and could be updated each year as we use it and find things that need to be changed. Currently, there are three areas that IG as a whole group will need to discuss further at future meetings:

1. II.A.4 – how the retreat coordinator reports progress to IG
2. VI.C - guidelines for moving the retreat to another location
3. III – Costs

Accepting that these three areas need further discussion, it was determined that they would not impede the approval of the document as is, since it is a working document to be updated annually.

However, there were concerns presented that this document might feel too binding, and the coordinator might feel like IG was micro-managing. It was reiterated that this document contains guidelines, not

directives. Also there helpful suggestions from past coordinators that might not have been thought of. Others said they would welcome this kind of document to help them, if they were to be a retreat coordinator. We need to get it in the hands of the next retreat coordinator ASAP. *A motion was made to approve the guidelines as a working document and have IG discuss the above items as a future meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.*

Rebecca and Jen presented their proposal for the Costs section (Section III), handing out copies of it to members.

Action: Members will read the Costs section of the guidelines and be prepared to discuss next month.

NOTE: This committee has done its work and is no longer active.

- ii. **Getting a retreat coordinator** – all IRs are requested to take copies of the guidelines to their meetings and began recruiting for a coordinator for the fall retreat. This position needs to be finalized at the March IG meeting. Members should email the IG officers if they have the name of someone interested. Charlotte has agreed to consider co-chairing the retreat, if needed.

Action: recruit retreat coordinator, email names to IG officers.

B. Sponsorship

- i. **new wording regarding Finding a Sponsor:** Rebecca handed out a proposed message to send to all meetings. This message offers suggestions for new wording in group formats to replace “to find a sponsor, look for someone who has what you want and ask how he or she is achieving it.” She reiterated what IG had discussed – that this is only a suggestion for any group who determines they would like to make a change in their format. A minor change was made in the wording. It was suggested that, since this is the wording in the format suggested by WSO, we inform WSO about the possible need for a change in the format they have created. This is considered a separate issue and will be discussed at a future meeting. *A motion was made to approve the message and send it out to our members. 11 in favor, 2 opposed.*
Action: Rebecca will make the suggested change and send this out to members.
- ii. **new date for Sponsor Support meeting** – this meeting will be moved to the 2nd Tuesday night of the month, at 7 pm, still at Keystone Church. It previously was Saturday at 10:45 a.m.

C. By-laws committee - postponed

- D. **Super Saturday May 24th** – IG is sponsoring this Super Saturday. It will be on sponsorship, with a tentative theme of “Sponsoring Using the 12 Steps.”

Action: email Rebecca about helping out with this event.

VIII. Unfinished Business

- A. **Workshop with Meg M. of Region IV** – we discussed having a workshop for IG put on by our Region IV chairperson Meg M. Discussion included whether our IG needs this. There was a suggestion to have it on I.D.E.A. day; however, that should be an event focused on Abstinence. Also, the workshop by Meg would be limited to those who attend IG meetings and/or are interested in service at the IG level. Others felt this was a good idea, as we have lots of new people involved, and it's easy for things to fall through the cracks. There was common ground that we have come a long way in being more organized and are getting a lot accomplished; however this might be the perfect time to get some outside support as we may experience more growing pains. Overall, there was interest, but also questions/concerns. We determined that we would want something in writing to get an idea of what it would look like before we agree to do it. *A motion was made to move forward with looking into this; 12 in favor, 1 opposed. Action: John will get something written from Meg as to what this workshop would entail.*
- B. **Further discussion of Recruiting IG reps by visiting mtgs:** postponed
- C. **Finalize WSBC votes/agenda** – Sandra gave a report updating us on the details of her trip to the WSO business conference the end of April. Each delegate is asked to serve on a committee; she will be on the Finance committee. In addition, there was a slate of issues that needed a vote from our IG as to whether they should be put on the agenda for this conference. In addition to 20+ smaller issues, she reported the results from the two issues we felt would be of most concern to our groups and asked their feedback on. Our IG voted NO as to the question of surveying OA regarding a name change (4 groups in favor, 1 no decision, and 6 opposed). Our IG voted YES as to the question of changing the pronoun “Him” to “God” (6 in favor, 1 no decision, and 4 opposed).
- D. **Define costs for Region reps** – *a motion was made that we approve funds for our region rep and our alternate region rep to each have a single room at the spring business assembly. There were 12 in favor, 1 opposed; the motion carried.*
- E. **Phone answering responsibilities** – Amy has resigned from this responsibility. Mary Jo offered to do it in the immediate future. We discussed having various members take this responsibility, perhaps a month at a time. Charlotte has offered to coordinate this on an ongoing basis, and will maintain a calendar of who is checking and returning calls each month. Her name and email will be posted on the website for anyone interested in helping with this service. Anyone interested from our groups should email Charlotte (charpoomini@hotmail.com). *A (complex 😊) motion was made that all IRs talk to their groups about this service opportunity, Charlotte will be the coordinator, her name/email will be posted on the web, interested parties should email Charlotte, the person checking and returning phone calls should be abstinent, and will do this service*

for one month at a time. The motion was approved unanimously. Action: IRs announce this service opportunity to their groups.

IX. **New Business**

Studying 12 Concepts of Service and OA Service Manual: John had several copies of the pamphlets “12 Concepts of Service” and “OA Service Manual.” He requested that we purchase these and read them as we can. *There was a motion made that IG pay for these for anyone serving on IG; it was seconded and all were in favor.* There was some discussion that these could be used in conjunction with Meg from Region IV doing a workshop. *There was a motion made and seconded that all should study these pamphlets, be informed about what’s in them, and follow them in our IG service.* The discussion centered around whether this was prohibitive to people being reps if they had to know what all was in the pamphlets; some said it was premature to vote to make people read this, as we had just gotten them; a comment was made that we shouldn’t require this of volunteers but can request it; another comment that these pamphlets were utilized at Super Saturday, so some of the interest in pursuing these came from that event. *The motion was amended people take the pamphlets and read them; the motion carried with 11 in favor and 2 opposed.*

X. **Closing the Meeting**

Reminders:

1. Please remember to report back to your group the business discussed at our meeting.
2. When secretary sends rough draft of minutes, please look over and suggest any necessary corrections.
3. Suggest new business for next meeting via email to the Chair