

Minutes January 25 Meeting of the KCAIG

I. Call the Meeting to Order/Opening Prayer

John called the meeting to order, and opened with the Serenity Prayer.

II. Roll Call/Introductions

In attendance: John C., Tim H., Rebecca T, Jim S., Sandra B., Amy I., Charlotte R., Diane W., Mary Jo A., Jen S., Wanda G., Carmain D., Linda V., and Michelle H. New rep Michelle H representing Monday Unity 6pm; new group being represented by Diane W., Thursday Unity 11:30 am.

III. Approval of Nov/Dec minutes

Minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting via email, and any necessary corrections made. *A motion was made to approve, seconded; motion carried unanimously.*

IV. Treasurer's Report

Jim clarified that "auto-debit" on the report refers to expenses paid automatically. *A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report, and seconded. The motion carried unanimously.*

*New item needing attention:

Amy raised the question about whether WSO delegates and Region IV reps are eligible to vote. Our by-laws do not address this. Per Amy, Region IV said our IG is autonomous in this matter. *Motion was made that our WSO delegate and Region IV rep and alternate should vote, and seconded.* After discussion, the motion was amended to include *all* delegates and *all* Region reps/alternates, and to update this in our by-laws. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Action: By-laws committee will add this to by-laws.

V. Group reports

- Michelle – Monday Atonement 6 pm: meeting is Big Book study; group having ongoing discussions about changes in format. 20-30 attending.
- Linda – Wednesday Unity 6 pm: Strong meeting; 6-7 newcomers over the last weeks; averaging 20 attendees.
- Carmain – Friday Liberty 6:30 pm: 6-10 attending.
- Jen S. – Sunday Community Christian 3 pm: steady attendance, lots of participation in preparations for upcoming Super Saturday.
- Mary Jo – Saturday North KC Hospital 1:00: CD speaker meeting, which participants love. 10-12 attending.
- Wanda – Monday Independence 10 am: everything about the same; getting various newcomers. Averaging 10 attendees.
- Diane – Thursday Unity 11:30: recently thought it might be dwindling, but is holding steady at 4-8 attendees; format is Voices of Recovery.
- Charlotte – Saturday Keystone 9:30: varied format – step, tradition, speaker meeting.

VI. Committee reports

- **February Super Saturday** is on track; everything set, looking forward to seeing us all there!
- **May Super Saturday** will be sponsored by IG with the topic of Sponsorship. Rebecca will head up the committee to plan this; Amy and Charlotte expressed interest in helping. NKCH is reserved for this; however, Diane put in a pitch to have it in a different location, mentioning that there has been a lot of interest around them being in different locations this year.

Action: Rebecca will head up Super Saturday committee, including Charlotte and Amy.

- **The Retreat Guidelines committee** presented a summary of what they devised as appropriate guidelines for those involved in putting on our fall retreat. The purpose of these guidelines was to outline expectations, suggestions, necessary timelines, etc. for the retreat coordinator. The summary is too lengthy to read and address at this meeting, but some of the important pieces to the committee were that
 - a) intergroup picks the chair, the chair directs the retreat.
 - b) this be a closed event.
 - c) the retreat chair not be a newcomer, but should be someone with experience in OA.

Amy proposed having a meeting of the current committee and any IG member interested in giving their input after reading the proposed guidelines; this meeting is set for Feb. 15th at 8 am at Keystone.

Action: Amy will head up a meeting for those interested in giving input Feb. 15th 8 am at Keystone.

VII. Unfinished Business

- a. **Suggest new wording for those looking for sponsors:** this entails IG compiling various suggestions for new wording that groups may want to use in their preambles when telling members how to find a sponsor.

Action: Rebecca will send email to IG members soliciting suggestions via email. Suggestions to be presented at February meeting.

- b. **Literature for new meetings:** Mary Jo requested that IG help out a new group, which hosts 2 new meetings, by purchasing literature. Her request was for \$61 to purchase a box of newcomer packets, 2 OA 12&12s, and 2 Big Books. There was a lot of discussion, including concerns that this is a break in Tradition, which claims that every group should be fully self-supporting. Also, that \$61 was too much money to give them. There was a question raised about what kind of support IG actually offers to groups. Others felt like this would be good PR for IG to help out this group, we do have the money, these are strong meetings (6-10 attending) even though they are so new. There was a suggestion to give them the money now, asking that they pay it back when they can. There was also discussion about them needing to send IRs to our meetings, particularly if they are wanting this kind of support. Mary Jo clarified that they are not asking, she is asking on her own that we help them out. There was a suggestion that there is too much dissension on this topic and we need to

postpone it, pray about it, talk to our members. *A motion was made to give the groups the \$61; it was seconded, and the motion carried with 9 in favor and 4 opposed.* It was suggested that this needs to be addressed more in-depth regarding future support of this kind for groups, and be documented in our by-laws.

- c. **Approving minutes and sending out to groups within one week of IG meeting:** this addresses a previous request by a member that minute from the meeting be sent out sooner so groups get notice of what was discussed at IG soon after the current meeting. *Action: Secretary will set a quicker deadline for changes to be made so minutes can approved and sent out sooner.*
- d. **Changing Treasurer to 2 yr. commitment:** currently this is a one-year commitment; Jim suggested that changing the person in this role every year is difficult, due to the many bank and post office details that need to be put in place by the new treasurer. A question was raised whether the 2 yr. commitment might deter someone from accepting the role; however, the determination was made that it was a good idea to make the change. *Motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. Action: This change will be put in our by-laws.*
- e. **Updating By-Laws:** our current by-laws have been approved, but were put together in a hurry to meet Region IV and WSO guidelines; they also were copied from St. Louis by-laws, and don't reflect our IG. A concern was raised that this is not needed, questioning how important the by-laws really are at an IG level. However, we do use them in decision making, and they help keep our group on track. *Motion was made to move this item to committee, seconded. 12 in favor, 1 opposed. Action: Rebecca will head up the committee, with Mary Jo and Sandra helping.*
- f. **Region IV chairman Meg Miller to come do IG support workshop:** postponed

VIII. New Business

- a. **Costs to cover for WSO delegate and Region IV reps:** Sandra will attend the WSO Business Conference from Tuesday thru Sunday (will not attend the Monday prior, since it is optional). She presented a report to the group with proposed costs. The amount for airfare, lodging, meals, and miscellaneous costs will be around \$1,300 for single room/\$900 double. This is in addition to \$99 already paid for the registration fee. *Motion was made to allot \$1,300 single/\$900 double, with the request that a double room be the first option if possible; motion was seconded, passed unanimously.*
Discussion about costs for Region IV reps was postponed.
- b. **WSO business conference items:** Sandra presented information about some of the items that are up for possible discussion at this business conference. She asked for a committee to go over the items, as our IG needs to vote on whether each item be put on the agenda. In addition, there are two "hot button" items that IRs need to take back to their groups for a vote. We determined that we would try to deal with these issues by email, since we have a lot of other committees working on other items.

Action: Sandra will prepare an email to IRs with necessary details about the two hot button items to discuss with their groups. She will also send a link to the other items that IG needs to vote on.

- c. **Ways of supporting new IG reps:** postponed
- d. **Going forward with P.I.:** postponed
- e. **Posting pictures on the website:** the discussion centered around concern that pictures might inadvertently show members' faces. We also discussed that the webmaster would have to format, crop, etc. to make pictures usable to post on our site, which would be a big task. *It was decided that for now we will not post pictures on the website.*
- f. **Growing new reps-maybe attend citywide mtgs:** postponed
- g. **Rotation of service on OA phone line:** Amy suggested that taking phone calls on the OA phone line could be passed around a month at a time. This would give more members an opportunity to benefit from this service. It was mentioned that this is an important responsibility that needs to be taken seriously; we need to make sure the calls are returned. Jim, our webmaster, shared how rewarding it is to return email requests that are sent to the website. Charlotte expressed an interest in helping with this service. *Action postponed.*
- h. **Region IV convention in June:** Rebecca passed out flyers. Asked that the color flyer be put in plastic sleeve that each group has been given in the past. Black and white flyers should be distributed and more copies can be made by groups.

IX. Closing the Meeting

- a. Reminders:
 - i. Please remember to report back to your group the business discussed at our meeting.
 - ii. When secretary sends rough draft of minutes, please look over and suggest any necessary corrections.
 - iii. Suggest new business for next meeting via email to the Chair
 - iv. OA Promise