

GREATER KC INTERGROUP OF OA

Minutes for February 25, 2017

Jim opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer at 10:45. He congratulated the group of 14 for the largest attendance in many months.

Attending—Jim (Chair), Amanda (Vice-Chair, IR Unity OP, Wednesday 6:00), John (Treasurer), Elizabeth (Secretary *pro tempore*, IR Keystone, Saturday 9:30), Tim (Past Chair and IR Immanuel, Thursday 7:00 and Sunday 3:00), Rebecca B (IR Briarcliff, Monday 6:30), Christine (IR Olathe, Monday 5:30), Martha B. (Atonement OP, Monday 6:00), Deb K (IR North Kansas City Hospital, Saturday 1:00), Monica (IR Maryville, Monday 5:30, Saturday 9:00), Carol (IR Redeemer, Tuesday 12:30), Charlotte (IR Unity OP, Thursday, 11:30), Beverly (World Service Rep). *Note: IR = Intergroup Representative.*

Minutes of the January meeting were previously approved via e-mail.

Treasurer's report: Read and approved. Income 0. Expenses 122.06. Current check book balance \$5547.63. Details are on the website, kansascityoa.org.

Group reports: Christine (IR Olathe, Monday 5:30): 4 strong members, who are currently working on the Super Saturday for March 18 along with members from the Atonement OP meeting.

Monica (IR Maryville, Monday 5:30, Saturday 9:00): 8 members in the area, but never all at the same meeting. Average age is 77. Meeting may be closing. The meeting is listed in the local paper.

Martha B. (Atonement OP, Monday 6:00): attendance has returned to 20-25, use a variety of formats.

Rebecca B (IR Briarcliff, Monday 6:30): great meeting with about 12 members.

Carol (IR Redeemer, Tuesday, 12:30): Steady.

Elizabeth (Central Methodist, Wednesday noon): about 8 attendees. Some members from the closed Grandview group are coming.

Amanda, Unity OP, Wednesday 6:00: 20-25 attendees. Newcomers are sticking around.

Charlotte (IR Unity OP, Thursday, 11:30): 6-12 attendees.

Tim (Immanuel, Thursday 7:00 and Sunday 3:00): strong meeting with 4-8 attendees. Church sexton visited to introduce himself.

Elizabeth (Unity Temple, Plaza, 8:00 am): 3-6 attendees.

Elizabeth, (Keystone, Saturday 9:30): 16 – 25 attendees. Strong meeting.

Deb K (North Kansas City Hospital, Saturday 1:00): about 12 attendees. Meeting is listed in hospital bulletin. Format: listen to OA podcast for 20 minutes, break, then discuss. The podcast is accessed on an I-pod, which the group purchased for that purpose, or on a member's cell phone. www.oalaig.org is the website from which the speakers are selected.

Region 4: Linda P requested \$250 to attend the Spring Assembly in Wichita (April 21, 22) and \$600 to attend the Fall Assembly in Valley City, ND (Oct 6,7). \$350 is currently budgeted for Region 4 expenses, however, we have not had to send reps out of the city for recent meetings. The motion to approve the request for \$850 for the two meetings was made by Beverly and seconded by Amanda. It passed unanimously.

Jim said he had attended a Region 4 meeting by telephone. Volunteers are needed to write 3-4 articles for the quarterly newsletter. Amanda was appointed to co-ordinate a committee composed of herself, Christine, Rebecca and John.

World Service Office: Beverly presented 4 proposed agenda items for the WSO conference. The group first voted on whether to recommend the item for the agenda and all were approved. We then voted on whether to support the item:

1. Board of Trustees to evaluate alternative methods of decision-making (other than Roberts Rules of Order): support.
2. Special fund for translation, especially for international groups: support.
3. Remove "religious groups" from the list of recipients of WSO's funds should OA terminate. The statement of the recipients of the funds of a dissolved organization is a requirement of being a not-for-profit organization. As currently listed the groups who would receive the funds are "charitable, religious, educational and scientific". It was the consensus of the group that the appropriate recipients of OA's funds (in the unlikely dissolution of WSO) should be other 12-step groups: support.
4. WSO business meeting should be every other year rather than annually: After a discussion of the relative value of meetings in general, the expense of sending our rep annually and the rep skills which are developed only with experience: do not support.

Other items under consideration:

Add "mindfulness" as the 10th tool. It was the consensus that "mindfulness" is part of "plan of action" and Step 11, so its addition is not needed.

Compel all groups to include in their script the OA Preamble, all 12 Steps, all 12 Traditions and the statement about the 7th Tradition. This provision was vigorously opposed as being overly controlling, noting that Tradition 4 states that all groups should be autonomous.

Establish the third week in August as Sponsorship Day. The group opposed this plan for the same reasons as the preceding proposal.

Committee reports:

Public Information (PI): Jim ordered the PI packet from WSO. It includes posters with which can be used in public places. Carol recommended these posters and said she tears off a few of the tabs to encourage use. The packet also included CDs with Public Service Announcements (PSAs) for use on radio. Barb P, who had professional experience with PSAs, said she would offer advice. There was also a PI manual. Beverly said that a new edition is being worked on.

A committee needs to be formed. This item was **tabled** until the next meeting.

Old Business:

At our last meeting, Kristen, who is away this month, was interested in working on a daily posting or e-mail distribution of items from Voices of Recovery (blue reader), however, there may be copyright issues. **Tabled** until Kristen's return.

Super Saturday: Christine said Super Saturday will be March 18, registration at 12:30, meeting 1:00 – 4:00. The focus will be Step 2: Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity. There will be several speakers (she would like to recruit one more) and several activities. Location: Atonement Lutheran Church, 9948 Metcalf, Overland Park.

Posters were distributed and will be available on the website by Monday.

New Business: None.

The meeting was closed at 12:00 with the Third Step Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth

Secretary, *Pro Tempore*

Please take these messages back to your groups:

1. Super Saturday, March 18. New literature will be available.
2. www.oalaig.org is the website from which the speakers may be selected for personal listening or for group discussions.
3. Several members are needed to write short articles for the Region 4 newsletter. Contact Amanda if interested.
4. Flyers advertising meetings are available for public use. Contact Jim.