

GREATER KC INTERGROUP OF OA

Minutes for September 29, 2018

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer at 10:45.

Attending—Jim (Chair), Andrea (Vice Chair), John (Treasurer), Elizabeth (Secretary), Barb P (WSO Rep), Cara (IR Wednesday, Indian Heights), Faith (IR Keystone, Saturday), Monica (IR Maryville), Kate (IR Indian Heights, 11:30 Thursday), Sarah (IR Grandview), Dave (IR Oak Grove). Linda P (Region 4 Rep) was absent.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved via e-mail.

Group reports— Sarah (Grandview) Saturday meeting is doing well with 6-8 attendees and some newcomers. The new Tuesday evening meeting had suffered over the summer, especially when the 2 founding members were on vacation. Cara (Wednesday Indian Heights) steady. Dave (Oak Grove) long-time meeting of 5-7 members. John (Thursday, 7:30 Atonement) 8-10 attendees. Elizabeth (Wednesday, Central Methodist) Marion resigned as the Intergroup Rep because she is overextended. Group is strong with 8-10 attendees, some newcomers; (Friday, Unity on the Plaza) group has grown from 3-4 to 6-8 regular attendees. Faith (Keystone, Saturday) strong meeting with 15-20 attendees; (Immanuel Lutheran) Thursday had 4-6 attendees and Sunday has 8-10. Monica (Maryville) Monday night has 6 attendees. The Saturday meeting has been canceled due to the age and infirmity of 3 core members. Kate (Indian Heights, 11:30 Thursday) 7-8 attendees. Format varies by the week.

Treasurer's report: Read and approved. Income \$165. Expenses \$113.95. Current checkbook balance \$5332.77. Details are on the website, kansascityoa.org.

Committee Reports:

World Service Office: We need to make sure the information on the WSO website about our meetings is current. It is the job of the secretary of each group to make updates.

The Treasurer was directed to send our budgeted \$500 contribution to WSO.

Region 4: Barb spoke in Linda's absence. There are a number of Region 4 events, should they be listed on our website? After some discussion, it was decided that, as there is an existing link to the Region 4 website, there was no need to post those events directly on our website.

Our Region 4 Rep should make sure that Region 4 is notified about our events, especially the retreat, as this is often attended by outside OA members.

Super Saturday: November Super Saturday is on the 17th. The speaker whom Barb recommended is unable to attend, thus we need a group to sponsor.

Jim asked about using guidelines from St Louis, however, it was the feeling of the group that we have good guidelines posted on our website for any interested group to follow.

Kansas Day: Went well with 47 people attending. We had 2 local speakers. Next year we are responsible for registration.

Retreat: Retreat is October 19-21, using the 12 & 12 Workshop book. Only one person has registered thus far, but registrations usually come in closer to the deadline (mailed by Oct 10). Members were encouraged to take and distribute bookmarks advertising the retreat.

The Treasurer was directed to reserve the Sanctuary of Hope for the 2019 Retreat.

Old Business:

Last month Elizabeth proposed a change in the calendar, moving the first Super Saturday to early in January, as a way to renew commitment and to support newcomers. Rather than find a group, the Intergroup would sponsor this Super Saturday.

Andrea expressed concern that she has been overloaded with the planning of events.

As the likely incoming Chair was absent, the topic was tabled until October.

Also last month, Jim proposed that the production of bookmarks for each retreat become a tradition.

Barb made a motion, seconded by Monica that: the production of bookmarks be added to the assignment of the Retreat chairs. The bookmark format should follow a template, which will include our website address. The motion passed unanimously.

A question was raised about the appropriate number of bookmarks to order. This year we ordered 500. Following the Retreat, the remainders will be evaluated and future orders adjusted.

New Business:

Nominations for the Intergroup offices are as follows:

Chair – Linda P

Vice Chair – Jennie

Treasurer – Andrea

Secretary – Sarah

Andrea expressed some reservations about taking the Treasurer's position and will talk with Linda. The vote on the new officers will take place at the next meeting.

The meeting was closed at noon with the OA Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth

Secretary

Please take these messages back to your groups:

1. The Retreat is October 19-21. Last day to register for food and accommodations is Oct 10. Anyone who has not pre-registered, but wished to attend, may pay at the door.
2. Reminder: when there are changes in meeting location, time or contact, the meeting secretary should make those updates on the WSO website.