

ACA Oregon Intergroup

November 13, 2023

Attending: Jerry, Ren, David

Notes recorded by: Ren

Meeting started at 6:07pm

Tradition Two Meditation

“Higher Power. I understand that you make your voice heard in a group conscience. I ask you to remind me that the life of my program and, therefore, my own recovery depends upon my willingness to put the group’s welfare above my own will . Where I disagree with the common view of my fellows in service, allow me to state my case honestly and respectfully. Allow me to listen to and consider the views of others. May I state my view and support all group decisions, including the ones I might disagree with. Your will, not mine, be done.”

Last Month

- Field Day
- Halloween Dance
- ORCA Conference
- Thanksgiving Breakfast
- Mini Golf
- Intergroup Poster
- Events Meeting Follow-up
- ACAOregon.org Calendar

This Month

October Meeting minutes approved

Treasury Report

- **\$1,606.84 Reserve**
 - Income:
 - \$43 Halloween Dance donations
 - \$100.96 donation from Hurting to Healing, Lake Oswego meeting
 - Blue Book Income
 - Expenditures:
 - \$200 to Dance with Joy Studios for “Let Your Inner Child Bloom” dance from May 2023

- \$200 to Dance with Joy Studios for October's Halloween Dance
- \$128 Field Day venue cost
- \$350 ORCA Table
- Do individual ACA groups have bank accounts?
 - Intergroup has a bank account because of our large balance
 - Individual meetings typically deal with cash only
 - Someone has to be the main account holder to maintain a bank account

Treasury Report Approved

Literature Report

- **\$1014 Reserve**
 - \$28 pending income transfer
 - Looking to purchase a coin order
 - Book stock still solid

Meeting Report

- Monday - **True Selves**
 - 15-30 weekly attendance
 - More than last month
 - Recovery groups are joining
 - Giving many newcomer coins and blue books
 - Previously open service positions have been filled
 - Rent is paid
 - Treasury mix up has been fixed
 - New treasurer is keeping better records
 - Have more in prudent reserve than previously thought
- Saturday - **Awareness, Courage, Action**
 - 15-25 weekly attendance
 - Slightly less people than usual
 - Attendance shift is expected for the winter months
 - Last month's rent is paid
 - Open service positions for Secretary and Treasurer
- Wednesday - **Gentleness, Humor, Love, and Respect**
 - 10-16 weekly attendance
 - Higher than last month
 - May have benefitted for attendance shifting from other meetings
 - Treasury on hand reserve still low
- Thursday - **Rainbow Travelers**
 - 6-8 weekly attendance
 - Ready to start paying back initial meeting expenses
 - Refining meeting script
 - Bringing in more experience ACA members waiting for LGBTQ+ focused meeting

Events

- Past Events:
 - **Oregon Counselors Association (ORCA) Fall Conference**
 - October 19 - 21
 - 12 volunteers
 - 3 no-shows
 - 9 people showed up
 - Pictures of table setup taken to use for reference for future years
 - Talked with conference organizers about scheduling a presentation for next year
 - Will be dependent on where next year's convention is held
 - Sold 3 workbooks
 - Good conversations with attendees
 - **Halloween Dance**
 - October 28, 6:30 - 10:30pm
 - Located in downstairs section of Dance with Joy Studios
 - Less attendance than expected
 - \$43 in donations
 - Used leftover extra drinks from Field Day
 - Everyone had fun
 - \$200 total cost for venue
- Upcoming Events:
 - **Thanksgiving Breakfast**
 - November 23, 9 - 11am at Shilo Inn near Airport
 - Flyer posted on website
 - Should we request RSVP for a head count for the venue?
 - It's unlikely we will get enough RSVP's for an accurate head count
 - **Mini Golf**
 - Lead by Mike and Mixie
 - David talked with Mixie about plans
 - She says it's on her radar
 - Considering holding it the Friday or Saturday after Thanksgiving

Hospitals & Institutions

- Rodney not present

New Business

- **Webmaster Duties**
 - Josh has fallen ill and is looking to pass along his webmaster responsibilities
 - Josh will need to contact Steven and ask if he's willing to step back into his old Webmaster service role

- If Steven is no longer able to take on this role, Josh will need to continue posting updates to the website in the interim
- Josh will need to post an opening of the webmaster service role and select someone else to handle the responsibility
- Josh will need to report to Intergroup who he has selected, and Intergroup will need to agree to elect them as Webmaster
 - It's still not known how Josh became Webmaster instead of Steven
 - Was Steven somehow pushed out of his Webmaster position?
- **Missing Books**
 - At the Wednesday meeting–Gentleness, Humor, Love and Respect–books have gone missing without accounted for sales
 - Is there something that can be done to better secure the meeting container and its contents?
 - What is the usual protocol when other meetings encounter these problems?
 - Missing books and other items happens sometimes
 - Locking up the meeting container is the only option, requiring a service member to always be in attendance at each meeting to unlock it
 - Inventory is possibly being mismanaged, incorrectly reported, or being taken on accident when service members aren't attending the meetings
- **Speakers Meeting**
 - November's scheduled Speakers Meeting is canceled
 - Committee couldn't find enough speakers
 - Hopefully they'll find enough for December, we don't want to lose this event
 - Brainstorm more outreach for speakers
 - Create a signup sheet
 - Speakers committee should have enough members to find a solution

Meeting Closed at 6:51pm