

ACA Oregon Intergroup

December 11, 2023

Attending: Ren, David, Jerry

Notes recorded by: Ren

Meeting started at 6:05 pm

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

- ORCA Conference
- Halloween Dance
- Thanksgiving Breakfast
- Mini Golf
- Webmaster for ACAOregon.org
- ACA Meeting Missing Books
- Speaker’s Meeting

This Month

November Meeting minutes approved

Treasury Report

- **\$1626.84 Reserve**
 - Income:
 - Blue Book Income
 - Monday Meeting donation
 - Upcoming \$120 meeting donation

Treasury Report Approved

Meeting Report

- Monday - **True Selves**
 - 15-30 weekly attendance
 - A lot of attendees with sign off attendance forms that are returning
 - Lots of newcomers
 - Rent is paid
 - Treasury reporting issues should now be resolved
 - Main group attendance people are shifting
- Wednesday - **Gentleness, Humor, Love, and Respect**
 - 6-18 weekly attendance
 - On hand reserve still low, prudent reserve is \$260
 - Low sales of books
- Thursday - **Rainbow Travelers**
 - 5-10 weekly attendance
 - Strong 7th tradition for size
 - Beginning to pay back initial meeting start expenses
 - Refining meeting script and narrowing the meeting focus
 - New members coming each week
 - Brought in attendees from Salem this month
- Saturday - **Awareness, Courage, Action**
 - 15-20 weekly attendance
 - November rent is paid
 - Transitioning roles for Secretary and Treasurer to other people with separate service positions
 - Roles are still open

Retreat Committee

Committee leader returning Retreat funds to Intergroup

- ~\$2000 Balance
 - Will refund persons who paid for the upcoming Retreat in advance
- There is general interest in a Retreat in the future, but there is no one who has stepped forward to initiate planning
 - David will help with planning when other members volunteer to lead the preparations
 - Ask and offer the opportunity to start Retreat planning to the Oregon ACA community at meetings
- Initial Retreat funds were provided by Intergroup
 - We don't want to return this money to the Intergroup general fund
 - David will create a bank account to set aside this money when people initiate the planning process for the retreat again

Retreat Planning Considerations

- Washington starts planning their retreat to be held in the Spring and Fall

- Cheaper location costs for an event hosting in the Spring or Fall
 - What's an estimate for the venue costs?
- Hard to plan a retreat to occur in the Summer since there are many competing events in the season
 - Begin planning in January for a Retreat occurring in November
- Potential Locations
 - Tacoma, WA
 - Corbett, OR
 - Columbia River Gorge
 - Kiwanis Club (Mt. Hood)
 - Twin Rocks
 - Managed by Quakers
 - The greater community is disapproving the LGBT+ community
 - Local people are welcoming, but the philosophy may deter LGBT+ ACA members from attending
 - Scenic Location not necessary
 - Can request quotations from venues before committing to a location
- Around 50 - 75 attendees
 - Costs ~\$200 per person
 - Sponsorship available and included in overall pricing for the community
 - 50% of people request financial assistance
- What happens at a Retreat?
 - Workshops led by the community
 - Catering at venue included
 - Limited on-site lodging depending on venue
 - Shared rooming
 - Extra costs for separate rooms
 - Need space and planning included for workshops and free time

Literature Report

- **\$1248 Reserve**
 - Next book and coin order will cost ~\$900
 - Tend to order stock for the upcoming two months
 - Sales for books are steady

Events

- Past Events:
 - **Thanksgiving Breakfast**
 - 15 attendees
 - Went good!
- Upcoming Events:
 - **Speaker's Meeting**
 - Event is canceled again for December

- Someone has volunteered to look for more speakers for these meetings in January
 - Asking people outside of the Speaker's Meeting committee
 - Will consider asking members outside of the Portland area
 - There are ACA members who haven't done a Speaker's meeting yet. The fellowship has not been exhausted yet
- Considering hosting more panels with different topics to speak on
- Jill won't be hosting the auction anymore
- **Zoo Lights**
 - David announced intentions to host this at a few meetings to gauge interest
 - Tickets for the event will need to be purchased in advance
 - Will need some setup and coordination to go as a group
- **ACA Getaway**
 - April 4 - 7, 2024
 - Ocean Park, WA
 - Flier will be posted on the website in February
 - Preparing for 20-25 attendees
- **Roller Skating and Swimming**
 - Planned to be held at Mt. Scott Community Center
 - Venue is currently closed for renovations until 2025
- Reminder to not announce ACA events we don't know information about at our meetings

ACA Webmaster

- David talked with Kaylenn about Josh's Webmaster Duties
 - She's considering temporarily handling his responsibilities
- Ren responded to Josh asking him to reach out to Steven to take back his old service role, or to post info about the service role availability on the website
- Keep reaching out to Josh when ACAOregon.org updates are needed

Meeting Closed at 6:50pm