

ACA Oregon Intergroup

January 13, 2024

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

- Retreat Committee Funds
- Thanksgiving Breakfast
- Speaker’s Meeting
- Zoo Lights
- Mt. Scott Roller Skating and Swimming
- ACA Webmaster

This Month

December Meeting minutes approved

Treasury Report

- **\$1788.04 Reserve**
 - Income:
 - Donation from Hurting to Healing: \$141.20
 - Expenses:
 - Breaking the Bonds book printing purchase
 - Upcoming donation from True Selves

Treasury Report Approved

Retreat Committee

Retreat funds balance has been Venmo'd to David

- **\$2724.24 Balance**
 - Total placed in Savings account in ACA Intergroup bank account
- Ask for interest and offer opportunities for fellowship to start a retreat planning committee to local meetings

Literature Report

- **\$228 Reserve**
 - Almost out of Yellow Step-Study and 'The Loving Parent Guidebook' Workbooks
 - Some Big Red Books left
 - **\$1197.32** book purchase made
 - Includes Intergroup discount
- Book order meeting sales:
 - Highest: Monday (True Selves) & Saturday (Awareness, Courage, Action) meetings
 - Lowest: Wednesday (GHL&R) & Sunday (Fellow Travelers) meetings
 - Wednesday Lake Oswego meetings order literature online

Meeting Report

- Monday - **True Selves**
 - 20-30 weekly attendance
 - Core group of attendees
 - Giving out lots of newcomer coins
 - They're coming back
 - Some turnover
 - Pretty sure rent is paid
 - Books are being sold
 - Meeting going smoothly
- Wednesday - **Gentleness, Humor, Love, and Respect**
 - 9-20 weekly attendance
 - Higher rate of attendance after the holiday season
 - 7th tradition and reserve still low
 - Rent not yet paid
 - New literature person
- Thursday - **Rainbow Travelers**
 - 4-11 weekly attendance
 - Core group forming
 - Bringing in newcomers
 - New Treasurer
 - Will provide literature in the future
- Saturday - **Awareness, Courage, Action**

- 2 weeks in a row after holiday season 35 person attendance
- Most attendees are regulars or returning to in person meetings from online
- Rent probably paid
- Making book sales
- Service openings for: Secretary and Treasurer

Events

- Upcoming Events:
 - **Speaker's Meeting**
 - Canceled for the month of January
 - Mike is working on outreach for speakers to hold the event in February
 - Will continue to look for speakers for future events
 - How can we continue to find speakers without running dry like we did these past months?
 - Hold meetings in the community responsible for volunteers to speak during assigned months of the year
 - 8-9 meetings in the Portland area
 - Meetings outside of Portland
 - Zoom meetings
 - Broaden the requirements for speaking
 - Open to members with 3 months of experience
 - There was a previous expectation that speaker's needed 6 months of program time
 - Gives more hope for newcomers
 - How do we get the word out to meetings?
 - Have intergroup reps attend meetings?
 - Do we ask for reps from local meetings?
 - Make announcements to spread the word at Speaker's meetings?
 - Agree to a strategy in the future and stick to it to see how it works
 - **Game Night**
 - A fellow traveler is interested in hosting a regular ACA Game Night
 - **Love Yourself Dance**
 - Haven't yet reached out to Dance with Joy studios about reserving the venue
 - Will reach out to check about open dates in February
 - David feels discouraged about the Halloween Dance attendance
 - No glitter
 - Event budget:
 - Venue: \$200
 - Decorations: \$150
 - **Total: \$350**
 - Funding approved
 - **ACA Getaway**
 - April 4 - 7, 2024

- Ocean Park, WA
- Preparing for 20-25 attendees
- Not yet posted on website
 - Ruth will be the contact for flier creation
- **Event Planning Meeting**
 - Will likely hold another Event Planning Meeting
 - Clearer messaging around planning accountability
 - Planning will be for TENTATIVE event ideas
 - ACA Event Coordinator
 - Provide sign-up sheet:
 - Name(s)
 - Contact information (phone #, email)
 - Required to show up to Intergroup meeting prior to event for funding, approval, and flier postings
- **Event Committee/Coordinator**
 - Could help organize the work with event planners and contacts

ACA Webmaster

- Josh can no longer complete webmaster responsibilities
 - Kailyn isn't able to manage these tasks for Josh
 - Stephen cannot step in as webmaster in his absence
 - One of these people needs to pass on the access and service role
- How did this come to be?
 - A person working on the planning for the April Getaway reached out to both Josh and Stephen to post a flier on ACAOregon.org and both people said they weren't updating the website anymore
- What's needed?
 - Login for the ACAOregon.org Wordpress account
 - Login for the ACAOregon@gmail.com Google account
 - David will ask Kailyn
 - David and/or Ren will follow up with Stephen if Kailyn can't provide access
- In the meantime...
 - Once we have access, Ren can manage website updates until a new webmaster is found
 - The email and website needs to be kept an eye on and responded to when fellow travelers have questions
 - Intergroup will discuss looking for a new webmaster in the future once the needed logins are obtained

Meeting Closed at 6:50pm