

# ACA Oregon Intergroup

May 11, 2024

Attending: Ruth, David, Ren, Mike, Caroline, Guy, Katie

Notes recorded by: Ren

Meeting started at 2:15 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

- Event Planning Meeting
- ACA Campout
- Field Day
- ACA Retreat Interest
- ACA Webmaster
- Retreat Interest Survey

## This Month

- April meeting minutes approved
- Shorter meeting held prior to Event Planning Meeting

## Treasury Report

- **\$1480.24 Reserve**
  - Income:
    - Breaking the Bonds blue book sales
    - Meeting donation (\$9)
- **\$2724.24 Retreat Funds**
  - No change from last month

Treasury Report Approved

## Literature Report

- **\$1015 Reserve**
- Will soon make an order for more books

## Meeting Report

- Skipped this month

## Events

- Speaker's Meeting
  - May: Dana & Phoenix

## Webmaster

- No significant updates
- Jerry from the Chapter 9 Meeting reached out with meeting information that needs to be added to our meeting lists

## ACA Retreat Survey

- [ACAOregon.org/RetreatSurvey](http://ACAOregon.org/RetreatSurvey)
  - Accepted submissions from 3/17 - 5/9
- Updated Summary Document
  - 40 Submissions, 37 interested in retreat, 24 volunteers
  - Venue preference:
    - Columbia River Gorge (Hood River, OR): 28
    - Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp (Government Camp, OR): 20
    - Twin Rocks (Rockaway Beach, OR): 27
    - Corbett, OR: 12
    - Tacoma, WA: 1
  - Other suggestions: Manuka Retreat Center, Makenzie River Area, Ocean Park, WA
- Will need to follow up with volunteers to create a Retreat Committee
  - Results of survey can be used as a reference as direction for future planning
  - Message those who offered contact information:
    - If you have put your contact info into the survey, we will reach out to you shortly
    - Ren will work on a draft and bring to next month's Intergroup meeting for approval

### Discussion:

- History of ACA Oregon Retreats:
  - Washington's ACA community had been hosting two Retreats a year and needed assistance to continue hosting Retreats at their pace

- Oregon ACA was asked to hold one of the yearly Washington ACA Retreats at Pilgrim Firs in Tacoma, Washington
- This venue ended up being too expensive, so it was held at Twin Rocks, OR instead
- One of these retreats became ACA Oregon's Retreat, the other Washington ACA Retreat is now held in Seabeck, WA
- From 2016 - 2017, Oregon Retreat was held at Twin Rocks, OR
- From 2018 - 2019, Oregon Retreat was held at Mt. Hood
- Retreat has not been held since 2019 due to COVID-19 restrictions and change in fellowship members
- Retreat Funds were created by charging attendees an additional fee to go towards scholarships for other ACA members, and towards planning future ACA Retreats
- Why can't we combine the Retreats and Getaways?
  - Retreats and Getaways are different
    - Retreats are focused on workshops, classes, and active recovery
      - Are busy and require a lot of work to plan
    - Getaways are focused on fellowship and relaxation
  - Multiple people in the Retreat survey asked for the Retreats and Getaways to be combined
- Previous Retreat funds were given to Intergroup to manage by the previous Retreat Treasurer
  - Want to avoid making a decision on allocating funds for the Retreat until a Retreat committee is formed

## ACA Getaway

- Getaway committee is requesting funding to reserve the venue for the April 2025 Getaway for \$1200
  - Venue at Ocean Park, WA now requires a 25% deposit to hold the date a year in advance
  - Ruth has already paid for the deposit and wants to be reimbursed
- How are current Getaways funded?
  - Attendees charged at cost (\$216 for a three night stay)
  - Want to make the price equitable for all members
  - What other funding avenues could be investigated?
    - June Speaker's Meeting Silent Auction
    - Charge more for Getaway
- Requesting funding from Retreat funds that aren't being used
  - Pulling funding from the Retreat reserve could create even further barriers to hosting a retreat in the future
- Getaway attendance is currently capped at 25 people
  - Could be increased if there was enough interest
  - Will look into increasing the attendance cap
  - Almost didn't make the 20 minimum person attendance for April 2024

*Meeting Closed at 3:10 pm*