

ACA Oregon Intergroup

October 14, 2024

Attending: David, Ren, Jerry, Peter

Notes recorded by: Ren

Meeting started at 6:05pm

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

- New Thursday Meeting
- Speaker’s Meeting
- Halloween Dance
- Retreat Planning
- Website Updates

This Month

- September meeting minutes approved

Treasury Report

Intergroup Funds

- **\$2012.17 Reserve**
 - Income:
 - \$113.41 donation from Hurting to Healing
 - \$28.68 donation from Chapter 9 meeting
 - Some upcoming expenses for Field Day from David coming in the future

Retreat Funds

- **\$2724.24 Reserve**
 - No change from last month

Literature Funds

- **\$1671.00 Reserve**
- Close to making an order for literature. Not purchased yet

Treasury Report Approved

Meeting Report

- Monday - **True Selves**
 - Unsure if rent is paid, Treasurer is still absent
 - Unknown if donations for Intergroup have been submitted
 - Almost complete member turnover since spring
 - Agreed during business meeting to schedule literature meeting topics for the upcoming month
 - Will hopefully encourage more program discussion rather than venting
- Wednesday - **Gentleness, Humor, Love, and Respect**
 - 5 - 14 attendees a week
 - Newcomers attending, some returning
 - Rent payments caught up, treasury is more comfortable than it has been all year.
 - New treasurer and coin person
 - Needing a literature person
 - Discussing some script updates
- Thursday - **Rainbow Travelers**
 - Moving venues from Unity Spiritual Center to Multnomah Friends Meeting
 - Attendance, treasury and service still strong
- Thursday - **Treehouse Meeting**
 - 3-5 attendees a week
 - Newcomers attended during first week
 - New meeting - two meetings held so far
 - Meeting emphasis is on program literature
 - Monthly focus on ACA tradition
 - Meeting boundary stated in script
 - High meeting costs
 - \$10 per meeting until December
 - Usually \$30 per meeting
 - Looking for options to keep the meeting financially stable
 - Speaker Meeting auction
 - Will post meeting flier to ACAOregon.org
 - Get meeting registered with WSO
 - Ren will follow up with information on how to register the meeting
 - Need to acquire meeting literature
 - Intergroup will provide a Big Red Book once the meeting is registered with WSO
- Saturday - **Awareness, Courage, Action**
 - 30 - 40 attendance a week
 - Strong treasury
 - Rent: \$155
 - Newcomers are returning to meetings
 - Business meeting isn't structured, some matters may not be getting the attention they need
 - Haven't agreed on Intergroup/WSO meeting donations
 - 2-5 dogs in the meeting each week

Events

- **Speaker's Meeting**
 - 20 - 25 attendees for September Speaker's Meeting

- How to get more solid attendance and speakers?
 - AA Speaker's meetings are very well funded, attended, with a large raffle
 - ACA could hire bigger out of town speakers
 - Continue 'double-dipping' Speakers from the fellowship
 - Running low on new and willing Speakers
- **Event Planning Meeting**
 - Posted to website:
 - Event brainstorm list
 - Event planning guide
 - Volunteer outreach sent
 - No responses or messages sent to ACAOregon@gmail.com
- **Field Day**
 - September 14th, Wallace Park at 2pm
 - 40+ attendees
 - Activities: parachute, piñata, games
 - Lots of excitement in ACA inner children
- **Halloween Dance**
 - November 2nd, 6:30pm - 10:30pm at Peninsula Oddfellows dance hall
 - Donations made at the event will go to the venue
 - Use of facility is free, but we'd like to offer money as a sign on goodwill towards future event planning space usage
 - Want to offer \$200, will request funds from Intergroup if 7th tradition doesn't meet this goal
- **Nonviolent Communication / Anger Workshop**
 - No updates
 - Will ask her to make a workshop proposal to Intergroup
 - We will handle the venue, scheduling, and outreach
- **Retreat**
 - Ren will post survey results to ACAOregon.org
 - Will also reach out to volunteers about starting a retreat committee
 - Initial meeting will need scheduling
 - Will gather more volunteers from website posting
 - Spring or Fall Retreat
- **Thanksgiving Breakfast**
 - Shiloh Inn
 - David has been reaching out to other restaurants to host us, but hasn't had any luck yet
 - Will need a separate space reserved or set aside where the fellowship can sit together
 - Aiming to have the location more centrally located to Portland

Website

- Ren is updating website navigation, pages, information, and resources
- Would we like to archive old posts?
 - Includes events and other updates that get sent directly to subscribers
 - Archive posts over a year old

Meeting Closed at 7:02pm