

ACA Oregon Intergroup

December 9, 2024

Attending: David, Ren, Jerry

Notes recorded by: Ren

Meeting started at 6:10pm

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

- Speaker’s Meeting
- Feelings and Needs Workshop
- Thanksgiving Breakfast
- Retreat Planning Meeting
- ACA Service

This Month

- \$68.83 expense was for refreshments for the Halloween Dance
- November Meeting Minutes Approved

Treasury Report

Intergroup Funds

- **\$2116.09 Reserve**
 - Income:
 - \$120.00 donation from True Selves
 - \$41.27 donation from Hurting to Healing
 - Upcoming Expenses:
 - \$175 event cost for Feelings and Needs workshop

Retreat Funds

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

Literature Funds

- **\$717.00 Reserve**
 - Book order made for \$1570
 - Upcoming order for 200 Breaking the Bonds/Blue Book printing (\$1.50/ea)

- David will order 100 copies of A New Hope and see how well they sell at meetings

Treasury Report Approved

Meeting Report

- Monday - **True Selves**
 - 20~ attendees a week
 - Rent is paid through December
 - Election for service positions in January
 - Secretary position filled
 - Treasury position still open
 - Donation made to Intergroup for \$120
 - Business Meeting agreed on scheduling topic calendar
 - Currently scheduled for upcoming three months
 - Inspiration for format suggested by Steve; from Step of the month fellowship concepts
- Wednesday - **Gentleness, Humor, Love, and Respect**
 - 9 - 13 attendees a week
 - More newcomers each month, some stay
 - Rent is being paid
 - Openings for service roles
 - Script updates have been approved
- Thursday - **Rainbow Travelers**
 - ~15 attendees a week
 - Good attendance numbers even on Thanksgiving
 - Active fellowship and outreach participation
 - Gatherings regularly hosted within meeting group
 - Crafting custom coins
 - Would like more participation in Intergroup
- Saturday - **Awareness, Courage, Action**
 - 40+ weekly attendees
 - Some newcomers coming this month
 - Strong treasury
 - Update: monthly rent: \$155
 - Made recent Intergroup donation
 - Monthly business meeting is still unstructured and lacking participation and discussion
 - Recently changed closing prayer to ACA Serenity Prayer
 - Approved and decided with group conscience
 - No discussion on matter, but still approved
 - Secretary hasn't been attending meetings
 - Weekly meeting leader runs business meeting

Events

- **Speaker's Meeting**
 - Caroling at the end of December Speaker's Meeting
 - Different structure than usual two Speaker format
 - Last minute speaker change

- Still going strong
- \$100 rent for meeting being paid
- **Feelings and Needs Workshop**
 - Scheduled for January 25, 2 - 4pm, Alano Club Loft
 - Alano Club rent: \$75
 - Estimated \$100 for supplies
 - Details approved with Phoenix and Intergroup
- **Thanksgiving Breakfast**
 - ~20 attendees
 - Elmer's Restaurant worked well
 - Will send a thank you note to the Manager
 - Loved our waiter, can't remember his name
- **Pittock Mansion Tour**
 - December 14th
 - Likely won't be posting any flyers, being spread via word of mouth
- **Storytime for Inner Children**
 - December 14th, 3pm, True Colors Recovery Center (Recovery for LGBTQ+ community)
 - Read Aloud with stories of self-love, healing and queerness for Adult Children and actual children
- **Love Yourself Dance**
 - Saturday, February 8
 - Peninsula Oddfellows Lounge, NE Portland
 - No cost for venue, a donation will be made
 - \$250 estimated event cost for refreshments, decorations, supplies
 - Cost approved
 - Want others involved in the process
 - Intentions for the event:
 - Love Yourself Notes
 - Letter written to yourself, to be mailed at random to you during the year
 - Valentines Bags for all attendees
 - Bring for everyone
 - Crafting at event (no glitter!)
- **Event Planning Meeting**
 - March or April
 - Get people signed up to do events for the year
 - Publicize it more, get more participation
- **Retreat**
 - Retreat Survey results summary posted to ACAOregon.org on 12/6
 - Email sent to volunteers on 12/9 to schedule first committee meeting for January
 - Retreat Committee needs to be formed from these volunteers
 - Once committee is formed, a location can be investigated
 - Guy is interested in searching for Retreat venues (Discussing: Twin Rocks, Hood River, Kiwanis Club)
 - Ideas for Retreat can be brainstormed
 - Timeline and dates can be scheduled
 - Amy G and David have some info from previously planned Retreats to help the committee

- David and Ren want to help get the process started but don't want to lead or serve major committee roles

Website

- Majority of website traffic is on the Meeting listing page and new Events pages when they're posted and emailed to subscribers
- Ren is considering making an info flyer for the website to pass on to meetings

Other Business

- Guy wants to help coordinate starting study groups for 12-Step and Loving Parent Guidebook workbooks
 - Connect people
 - Post about when new groups are starting
 - He'll step away when groups are formed

Meeting Closed at 6:55 pm