

ACA Oregon Intergroup

January 13, 2025

Attending: David, Ren, Jerry, Katie, Peter, Guy, Mixie

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

- Compassionate Communication Workshop
- Thanksgiving Breakfast
- Love Yourself Dance
- Event Planning Meeting
- Retreat Planning
- Workbook Coordinator

This Month

- December Meeting Minutes Approved

Treasury Report

Intergroup Funds

- **\$2429.89 Reserve**
 - Income:
 - District 9 meeting donation
 - Hurting to Healing meeting donation
 - Grants Pass meeting donation: \$360

Retreat Funds

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

Literature Funds

- **\$432.00 Reserve**
 - Book order made for A New Hope Handbook: \$630
 - WSO has decided to increase their literature prices
 - BRB: \$23

- Other printed workbooks: \$3+ from original prices
- A New Hope: \$12
- With Intergroup's current purchasing discount (30% off), we can continue to offer literature at their previous price points

Treasury Report Approved

Meeting Report

- Monday - **True Selves**
 - 20~ attendees a week
 - Rent is paid
 - Elections for service positions at January business meeting:
 - New Secretary
 - New Treasurer
 - Setting aside a meeting stipend to purchase books and coins
 - ~\$600 in 7th tradition funds
 - Deciding as a group what will be done with these funds
- Wednesday - **Gentleness, Humor, Love, and Respect**
 - 11 - 13 attendees a week
 - Rent is being paid
 - Service positions still open
 - Offering 'A New Hope' as literature to sell at meeting
- Wednesday - **Hurting to Healing**
 - ~20 attendees a week
 - Strong meeting
 - Strong treasury
- Thursday - **Rainbow Travelers**
 - ~15 attendees a week
 - Elections for service positions at upcoming February business meeting
 - Meeting crafting custom attendance coins
 - Meeting is figuring out donations to Intergroup and WSO
 - Outreach calls and fellowship are active
 - Step groups forming within meeting
- Thursday - **Treehouse Meeting**
 - 6-10 attendees
 - Lots of newcomers
 - Signed a lease with the venue for a \$20 cost per meeting
 - January rent paid
 - Working toward a \$200 prudent reserve
 - Hoping to fill open service positions
 - Phone list person filled
- Saturday - **Awareness, Courage, Action**
 - 40+ weekly attendees
 - Approaching the attendance the meeting used to see prior to COVID-19
 - Drawbacks is not everyone at the meeting has the opportunity to speak
 - Some newcomers attending
 - Strong treasury

- Just stocked 'A New Hope' for sale at meeting
- Business meeting being held after meeting rather than during meeting
 - More discussion during business meeting
 - Meeting secretary has not been in attendance
- Sunday - **A New Hope**
 - Focus for the meeting is A New Hope Handbook
 - Held the third meeting
 - First meeting: 5 attendance
 - Second meeting: 15 attendance
 - Third meeting: 10 attendance
 - Childcare is offered at Church nursery
- **Discussion:** How do meetings handle their excess 7th tradition meeting funds?
 - Donations made of agreed upon amounts from extra funds
 - 60% of donation goes to Intergroup
 - 40% of donation goes to World Service Organization
 - Different meetings donate at different time frames: monthly, quarterly, as needed
 - Outlined in ACA BRB p. 609
 - Three month's of meeting's rent set aside for prudent reserve

Events

- **Speaker's Meeting**
 - Still in need of a Speaker's Meeting committee to make broader decisions besides maintenance
 - Mike W is main contact, Kerry supports the meeting and makes flyers
- **Compassionate Communication Workshop**
 - Scheduled for January 25, 2 - 4pm, Alano Club Loft
 - Asking attendees to bring a paper and pencil, but some supplies will be provided
 - Will be looking for volunteers to participate during some interactive portions of the workshop
- **Love Yourself Dance**
 - Saturday, February 8
 - Peninsula Oddfellows Lounge, NE Portland
 - Letters to self - Amy G
 - Crafting materials - Caroline
 - Music playlist - Mike W.
 - Affirmation circle
 - Need to compile a list of affirmations
 - BRB p.329
 - Loving Parent Guidebook
- **Event Planning Meeting**
 - Will be scheduled for March or April
 - Saturday 2-4 in the Alano Club Loft after the noon ACA meeting
- **Getaway**
 - Save the date: April 3 - 6
 - Ocean Park, WA
 - Registration isn't available yet
 - 23 people went to November Getaway
 - Held two meetings a day

- **Retreat**
 - Email and follow-up reminder sent to Retreat volunteers from May 2024 Retreat Interest Survey
 - Lacking responses to schedule a committee meeting
 - Ren will select a date in February for a first Retreat Committee Meeting, make a flyer, and distribute and post to website
 - Will host on ZOOM so fellowship outside the Portland area can participate if interested

Other Business

- **Intergroup Service Elections**
 - Positions:
 - Intergroup chairperson
 - Vice chairperson
 - Recording Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Intergroup Representatives (2 allotted for each meeting)
 - Event Coordinator?
 - Not an official position, can be made if there's a need for it
 - Events are planned and held by members of the ACA fellowship
 - Retreat Coordinator?
 - A Retreat committee needs to be formed first
 - An Intergroup representative can be assigned from the Retreat committee if there's a need for it
 - Other service positions can be created
 - Elections can be held at the February Intergroup Meeting
- **Workbook Coordinator**
 - Holding meetings for 'A New Hope' handbook in Lake Oswego on Sundays
 - Starting another 'A New Hope' meeting at the Alano Club on Mondays in February
 - Will connect fellow travelers with these meetings and the rest of the fellowship to help coordinate the start of workbook study groups.
 - Guy elected and unanimously approved for the position
 - Discussion: should we elect a Sponsorship Coordinator to connect fellow travelers to a sponsor?
 - Some think ACA doesn't do a sponsorship format, preferring a fellow travelers model
 - Some think members should find a sponsor they connect with rather than assigning a sponsor to someone
 - Some think there aren't enough available sponsors
 - Some don't like the hierarchy relationship between a sponsor and sponsee
- **World Service Organization Quarterly Meetings**
 - February 1st, 9am - 1pm EST
 - Would we like to elect a delegate to attend?
 - Not a lot of interest at this time

Meeting Closed at 6:55 pm