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Intergroup Meeting Minutes

Saturday, April 2, 2022 -- 2:00 pm (PT)

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- The discussion of whether to renew the lease at the OAsis when it expires next January is postponed for a month or two whilee negotiations are proceeding with the property managers. The board will share everything that transpires with the Intergroup Reps.
- The OAsis is available for in-person and/or hybrid meetings. To start a new in-person or hybrid meeting, please send an email to Lisa H. at Info@oasandiego.org.
- The Board has passed a motion to donate, out of monthly donations, 30% to Region 2 and 10% to World Service.
- Zoom training continues. The schedule is on our website https://oasandiego.org.
- The Blue Sky Timer is available for use at meetings. See https://oasandiego.org for more information, or contact Ellen L., webmaster@oasandiego.org
- Reminder People can manage what mailing lists they are on by using the "subscribe" option on https://oasandiego.org, or the "Update Profile" link on our e-mailings.
- The 2022 Retreat at San Luis Rey Mission is on April 22-24. It will be in person only. Complete information and instructions are found at https://oasandiego.org

Next Intergroup Meeting: Saturday, May 7, 2022, at 2 pm PT

Board Members (and their positions) present were: Kathy H. (Chair); Keren S. (Vice-Chair); Gina E. (Secretary); Maureen C. (Treasurer); Ellen L. (Webmaster); Beverly (Literature); Rachel K. (Young People's Chair); Lisa H. (Internal Information); AJ (PI/PO). Retreat Chair Lou B. was excused. Intergroup Reps (and meetings they represent) – Ayawnda (Mon. 9 am For Today); Anita S. (Wed. 9 am); Jennifer G. (Mon. 4 pm 11th Step Writing); Susie (Tues. 6:30 am For Today); Clare B. (Tues. 7 pm Night Snackers); Beck (Wed. 5 pm Big Book); Naomi (Thurs. 11 am Steps/Traditions); Thurs. noon Speaker & Sharing; Deborah (Thurs.4 pm Chula Vista Literature OA 12&12); Sharon M. (Fri. 10 am Vista Participation); Alice C. (Friday noon Big Book); Jeff N. (Fri. 7 pm Abstinence); Estelle M. (Sat. 7 am Sharing/Meditation); Kathy M. (Sat. 6:30 pm Overcomers); Susie H. (Sat. Maintainers); Sally C. (Sat. 9:30 am); Kathleen (Sat. 10:30 am Step Study; Kris B. (Sun. 6 pm LGBTQ); Hope B. (Tues. 9 am)

Also present: R2 Reps Jerry J., Keren S; WSO Delegate Jeri A.; Visitors Pam V., Ginger G. **Chair's Report:** Discussion on whether to renew the lease at the OAsis when it expires next January is postponed for a month or two while negotiations are proceeding with the property managers. The board will share everything that transpires with the Intergroup Reps.

Treasurer's Report: For the month of March 2022, total monthly donations were \$2,791.18. Total expenses for the same period were \$3,110.37; net revenue was (negative) \$319.19. The Board has passed a motion to donate, out of monthly donations, 30% to Region 2 and 10% to World Service. We have sufficient money in our checking account and a large prudent reserve. Maureen will have more to report about our prudent reserve next month.

Webmaster's Report:

- More Zoom training is coming. The schedule in on our website. A beginning Host class is scheduled for Monday, April 4.
- The Blue Sky Timer is being used more, but there are still more meetings that could use it.
 Learn how to use it on our website https://oasandiego.org, or Ellen
 (Webmaster@OAsandiego.org) will teach you one-to-one.
- Ellen screenshared the new "Our Members Share" web page on https://oasandiego.org. It contains items from our ReachOut, as well as audio (not video) recordings. Members can submit their writings or audios, and Ellen will do one-on-one audios with members on request.
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Retreat Update: The 2022 Serenity Retreat at San Luis Rey Mission is on April 22-24, in-person only. It looks like it will sell out so register soon at https://oasandiego.org.

Literature Report: Beverly sent in \$218 for literature sales to Robin. Corrine is selling literature at the Monday noon in-person meeting. You can purchase literature from the OAsis inventory, from the bookstore at OA.org, or Beverly can arrange to meet you at the OAsis. Using literature is a good way for sponsors to work with sponsees and, if members are not ready to sponsor, then work with a temporary sponsor or as co-sponsors to learn and grow in recovery together. Please announce at your meetings the importance of literature as one of our valuable tools in Recovery.

Internal Information: Lisa H. reported that our Intergroup currently has 39 meetings, including 5 in-person and 3 hybrids. Three meetings had Zoom "bombers" last month, but the incidents were handled well and the meetings were able to carry on. Lisa also reported that the OAsis is available for new meetings. If interested in starting one, please contact her.

NEW BUSINESS: Keren conducted an election to install Ellen L. as a Region 2 Rep. Ellen explained a bit about R2, its relation to the other service arms of OA, and why she wishes to serve as an R2 Rep. There were no other nominees. Ellen was elected unanimously.

Jerry J. and Ellen L. reported on their attendance at the hybrid Region 2 Assembly. Jerry was one of 2 speakers. Assembly packets are available online on the R2 website. There was a new business motion to change "diversity committee" to "diversity community. R2 is looking for a new trustee to send to World Service. If you are interested or you want a copy of Jerry's report, contact him. Ellen reported also that the top issues identified by the R2 survey (which we participated in at the March Intergroup meeting) are not enough sponsors, not enough people doing service, how to reach newcomers, and how to protect from Zoom bombers.

- Keren led a conversation on the topic of "outreach to newcomers." The following questions were considered by IG Reps and Board members in breakout groups of 6 members each: (1) Where/how did you find OA? (2) How do people get connected with OA today? (3) How can we attract and keep people who have never heard of OA?
- Some ideas shared by members following the breakout sessions were:
- Optimize our website so OA comes up in internet searches
- Put things out in print (so long as no names are used) (there may be some money for this in the budget)
- In addition to doctors and therapists, also reach out to dietitians and gym trainers
- develop newcomers' speaker meetings

Kathy assured Intergroup that the conversation will continue with the Board, and we will utilize these ideas in the next couple of months.

The meeting was adjourned with the Serenity Prayer at 3:05 pm.

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