

## OA SAN DIEGO INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES – July 1, 2022

### Highlights to Read at Meetings

- At the August 6<sup>th</sup> IG meeting, IG reps will vote on whether to have an OAsis after our lease expires (January 31, 2023). There will be further discussion at the August IG meeting, after which the IG reps will vote in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order procedures. If the vote is Yes, then further conversation will be needed re: location, how large a space, acceptable rent, etc. Everyone is welcome to attend, but only IG reps can vote so make sure your meeting has an active IG rep.
- The Board positions of Public Information/Professional Outreach (PIPO) and 12<sup>th</sup> Step Within Chair are VACANT. Contact Kathy ([chair@oasandiego.org](mailto:chair@oasandiego.org))
- Meeting contact persons, secretaries, hosts, and co-hosts are asked to send their names, email addresses, and phone numbers to Lisa H. at [Info@oasandiego.org](mailto:Info@oasandiego.org) so she can keep the information current on our website. New IG reps should also send their email addresses to Lisa H. to be included on the mailing list to receive IG meeting minutes and reminders.
- There will be an in-person Urban Retreat on Sept. 23-24, 2022, at the Baha'i Center, San Diego. No need to pre-register. Just show up! The leader will be Jerry J.
- ReachOut Editor Joan is seeking content for the ReachOut. The date of the monthly IG meeting is the deadline for submission for the next month's ReachOut. Send your articles to [reachout@oasandiego.org](mailto:reachout@oasandiego.org).
- The Zoom training schedule is posted on our website (<https://oasandiego.org/zoom>). Please register in advance. Host and co-hosts should be on computers, not mobile devices.
- The newcomer's pamphlet "Where do I Start" is now available as a free download on the OA.org document library under the category "New to OA" for newcomers. It is also available on a link on our own website: <https://oasandiego.org>
- Alice C. was elected to serve as Literature Chair, succeeding Beverly R. Thanks to Beverly for her service.
- Next Intergroup Meeting: Saturday, August 6, 2022, at 2 pm PT

## FULL MINUTES

Kathy opened the meeting at 2:00 pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Maureen discussed the Sixth Concept of Service.

Board Members (and their positions) present: Kathy H. (Chair); Keren S. (Vice-Chair); Gina E. (Secretary); Maureen C. (Treasurer); Ellen L. (Webmaster); Beverly R. (Literature); Rachel K. (Young People's Chair); Lisa H. (Internal Information). Lou B. (Retreat Chair) was excused.

Intergroup Reps (and meetings they represent) – Lessie (Mon. noon); Jennifer G. (Mon. 4 pm 11<sup>th</sup> Step Writing); Mary Jane (Mon. 7 pm); Susie JH (Tues. 6:30 am); Hope B. (Tues. 9am Escondido); Anita S. (Wed. 9 am); Marilyn C. (Wed. 5 pm); Naomi (Thurs. 11 am); Elyesse (Thurs. noon “Principles”); Deborah (Thurs. 4 pm Chula Vista); Joyce S. (Thurs. 6 pm); La Rue (Friday noon Big Book); Sharon (Fri. 10 am Vista); Silvia R. (Fri. 7 pm); Stephanie M. (Sat. 7 AM); Susie H. (Sat. Maintainers); Lisa M. (Sat. 9:30 am); Kathleen (Sat. 10:30 Step Study); Katherine (Sat. 6:30 pm); Kym A. (Sun. 9 am); Dave B. (Men's Zoom); Ella (Sun. 6:15 pm).

Also present: ReachOut Editor Joan K., WSO Delegates Jessica and Jeri A., R2 Rep Jerry J., Visitors Charles, Alice C., JB.

## REPORTS

### Chair's Report:

– The Board positions of Public Information/Professional Outreach (PI/PO) and 12<sup>th</sup> Step Within Chair are VACANT. If interested, contact Kathy at [chair@oasandiego.org](mailto:chair@oasandiego.org).

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### World Service Business Conference Report:

– Jessica reported on some of her experience at the hybrid WSBC in April. There were 218 voting delegates, and 21 countries were represented. Among other things, it was voted to include the OA Pledge (“For this we are responsible...”) on all World Service literature and locally produced literature. A motion to repay the money received by OA.org through the Covid-related PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) – although the U.S. government forgave repayment – was defeated. Jessica was on the Unity with Diversity Committee this year. More details are on her written report. Her email address is [mwsodelegate1@oasandiego.org](mailto:mwsodelegate1@oasandiego.org).

### Treasurer's Report:

– For June 2022, total monthly donations were \$2,428.29. Total expenses for the same period were \$3,029.45. Net revenue was (negative) \$601.16.

### Webmaster's Report:

– The Zoom training schedule is posted on our website <https://oasandiego.org/zoom>. Please register in advance. Host and co-hosts should be on computers, not mobile devices.

– You can download the free newcomer's pamphlet "Where do I Start" from a link on <https://oasandiego.org>. Also, you can find member shares (audio), new Young People pages, the new Anorexia/Bulimia page, and a link to download virtual tokens. Soon, podcasts will also be found there. Please send stories, news items, etc., to [webmaster@oasandiego.org](mailto:webmaster@oasandiego.org)

### Retreat Chair's Report:

– In absence of Lou B., Kathy reported that the 2022 Urban Retreat will be on Sept. 23-24 at the Baha'i Center, San Diego 92111. No advance registration – just show up! The leader is Jerry J. OA literature will be sold at the Retreat. For more details go to <https://oasandiego.org>.

### Literature:

– Beverly is surrendering the position of Literature Chair. Alice C. volunteered for the position, and, with no other nominees, she was unanimously elected to serve as Literature Chair. Thanks to Beverly for her service.

– Lisa H. (Internal Information) will be managing keys, not the Literature Chair.

– At today's Board meeting it was decided that we will liquidate the literature we have in stock (and other items) before we vacate the Oasis. Literature will be for sale at the Urban Retreat, and the Literature Chair can sell literature at in-person meetings or for curbside pick-up, otherwise members can buy literature online as before. After the Urban Retreat and nearer to our moving date, literature will be sold at deep discount or given to newcomers and others.

– The newcomer's pamphlet "Where do I Start" is now available as a free download on the OA.org document library. It is also available on a link on our own website <https://oasandiego.org>.

### Internal Information:

– Lisa H. reported that there are now 4 in-person meetings at the Oasis, as well as several more at other locations in San Diego County. To start a new meeting at the Oasis, contact Lisa H. – [info@oasandiego.org](mailto:info@oasandiego.org).

– Lisa H. asked IG reps to remind new contact persons, as well as secretaries, hosts and co-hosts, to send their names and phone numbers to [Info@oasandiego.org](mailto:Info@oasandiego.org) so she can keep their information current on

our website. Only contact persons' phone numbers are posted online, and all private information is protected by security measures.

Reach Out Editor:

– Joan is seeking content for the Reach Out (articles, poems, jokes, cartoons, thoughts for the day, etc.). She can publish photos, if there are no people shown (anonymity concerns). The date of the monthly IG meeting is the deadline for submission for the next month's Reach Out. Send articles to [reachout@oasandiego.org](mailto:reachout@oasandiego.org).

Young People's Report: no updates

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Future of our OAsis: Do we want to have an OAsis space (meetings and office) after our lease expires on January 31, 2023? There will be further comments and discussion at the August 6<sup>th</sup> IG meeting, after which the IG reps will vote in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order procedures. If the answer is Yes, then further conversation will be needed re: location, how large a space, acceptable rent, etc. If the Fellowship wants a new OAsis, a Lease Committee will be formed to start looking in earnest.

Keren and Maureen answered questions, heard comments, and led group discussion. The viewpoints expressed by IG reps and others included, in no particular order: (1) we have approximately \$50K in our checking account and a CD, to cover our average monthly shortfall of \$900 at our current rent, (2) the generous donations that funded our prudent reserve were not earmarked for any specific purpose, (3) if we don't need our prudent reserve to supplement rent expenses, we could donate it to WSO and R2 or designate it for other ways of carrying the message, (4) meeting rents have never covered the cost of an OAsis, (5) if we use our prudent reserve to meet monthly expenses, are we really "self-supporting"? (6) North County meetings seem to be less interested in keeping an OAsis because of the cost of gas and driving distance involved, (7) some people don't have internet access and need in-person meetings, (8) not having an OAsis doesn't mean we won't have in-person meetings, as meetings can find other locations, e.g., churches, community centers, libraries, Alano Clubs, etc., (9) Zoom is here to stay; are enough people willing to do service in person?

The updated Fact Sheet will be again distributed to IG reps, is posted in the Reach Out and can be found on the front page of <https://oasandiego.org> to help individual groups vote their conscience. If there are further questions and/or comments, contact Kathy, Keren or Maureen; their contact info is in the Fact Sheet.

The meeting was adjourned with the Serenity Prayer at 3:10 pm.

The next Intergroup Meeting will be on Saturday, August 6, 2022, at 2 pm on Zoom.

Minutes submitted by Gina E., Secretary