

## OA SAN DIEGO INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES – August 6, 2022

### HIGHLIGHTS

- At the September 3<sup>rd</sup> IG meeting, IG reps will vote whether to close our Oasis after our lease expires (January 31, 2023) or keep it open until February 2024, when the building will be demolished. The meeting falls on Labor Day Weekend. Intergroup reps who can't be at the September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, please send a substitute rep for the purpose of voting, so your meeting will be represented.
- The Board positions of Public Information/Professional Outreach (PIPO) and 12<sup>th</sup> Step Within Chair are VACANT. Contact Kathy at [chair@oasandiego.org](mailto:chair@oasandiego.org).
- Meeting contact persons, secretaries, hosts, co-hosts, and Intergroup reps are asked to send their names, email addresses, and phone numbers to Lisa at [info@oasandiego.org](mailto:info@oasandiego.org) so she can keep the information current on our website.
- The in-person Urban Retreat is on Sept. 23-24, 2022 at the Baha'i Center, San Diego. MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED. No need to pre-register. Just show up.
- Ellen needs help with Zoom training in the areas of tech and conversation leaders. Also, she needs a backup Webmaster because she will be away for one month this autumn. If you can help, contact her at [webmaster@oasandiego.org](mailto:webmaster@oasandiego.org).
- It is now possible to record audio (not video) of Speakers' pitches, with the recording to be turned off before open sharing begins. For info, contact Ellen at [webmaster@oasandiego.org](mailto:webmaster@oasandiego.org).
- There will be a Sponsorship Workshop on August 20 (3-5 pm) on Zoom. Topics include how to sponsor, how to find a sponsor, how to be a sponsee, how to change sponsors, etc.
- Rachel read the current version of the OA Unity With Diversity Policy, after which Keren introduced 5 Breakout Groups and topics for their discussion, followed by comments on the questions discussed.

Excerpt from OA's Unity with Diversity Policy: "As we extend the heart and hand of the OA Fellowship to those who still suffer, let us be mindful of OA's Unity with Diversity Policy, which respects our differences, yet unites us in the solution to our common problem. Whatever problem you may have with food, you are welcome at this meeting, regardless of race, creed, nationality, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, or any other attribute."

This suggested meeting format from OA.org includes the statement above. You can see how it fits into everything else we try to include [here](#).

The full Unity with Diversity Policy as adopted by World Service in 2021 is [here](#).

**Next Intergroup Meeting:** Saturday, September 3, 2022, at 2 pm PT.

## FULL MINUTES

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

Ellen discussed the Seventh Concept of Service.

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

Intergroup Reps (and meetings they represent) – Lessie (Mon. noon); Fabi (Mon. 9 am); Jennifer G. (Mon. 4 pm 11<sup>th</sup> Step Writing); Mary Jane (Mon. 7 pm); Hope B. (Tues. 9am Escondido); Anita S. (Wed. 9 am); Marilyn C. (Wed. 5 pm); Lola (Wed. 6 pm); Diane (Thurs. noon @St. Paul's); Naomi?? (Thurs. 11 am); Elyesse (Thurs. noon "Principles"); Dona Mary D. (Vista, Thurs.) (7:30 ? pm); Sharon (Fri. 10 am Vista); La Rue (Friday noon Big Book); Lisa M. (Sat. 9:30 am Encinitas); Stacie S. (Sat. 8:30 am Maintainers); Kathleen (Sat. 10:30 Step Study); Kathy M. (Sat. 100 Pounders 6:30 pm); Barbara S. (Sun. 9 am); Kris B. (Sun. 6 pm LGBTQ); Kym A. (Sun. Abstinence Step Study).

Also present: ReachOut Editor Joan K.; WSO Delegate Jeri A.; Visitors Ayawnda, Loretta, Ginger G., Pam V., Kathy W.

### 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).
- We will be voting on the future of the Oasis at the September 3<sup>rd</sup> IG meeting, which falls on Labor Day Weekend. Intergroup reps who can't be at the September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, please send a substitute IG rep for the purpose of voting, so your meeting will be represented.
- From now on, Ellen will be managing keys to the Oasis (door, literature closet and office).

### Treasurer's Report: (given by Kathy in Maureen's absence)

- For July 2022, total monthly donations were \$2,723.43. Total expenses for the same period were \$2,932.70. Net revenue was (negative) \$209.27.

### Secretary's Report

- New IG reps should send their email addresses to [info@oasandiego.org](mailto:info@oasandiego.org) to receive IG meeting minutes and reminders.

### Webmaster's Report:

- The Zoom training schedule is posted on our website <https://oasandiego.org>. Please register in advance. Host and co-hosts should be on computers, not mobile devices. Let Ellen know if you'd like training on specific topics.
- Ellen needs help with Zoom training in the areas of tech and conversation leaders.
- Ellen needs a backup Webmaster because she will be away for one month this autumn. If you want to help, please contact her at [webmaster@oasandiego.org](mailto:webmaster@oasandiego.org).
- The free newcomer's pamphlet “Where do I Start” can be downloaded from our website.
- The BlueSky Timer can now be turned on from a website and so it is easier to use.
- It is now possible to record audio (not video) of Speakers' pitches, with the recording to be turned off before open sharing begins. For info, contact Ellen at [webmaster@oasandiego.org](mailto:webmaster@oasandiego.org).
- There will be a Sponsorship Workshop on August 20 (3-5 pm) on Zoom. Topics will include how to sponsor, how to find a sponsor, how to be a sponsee, how to change sponsors, etc.
- New contact persons, secretaries, hosts and co-hosts should send their names, email addresses and phone numbers to Lisa ([info@oasandiego.org](mailto:info@oasandiego.org)) so she can update the information on our website. (Note: only contact persons' phone numbers are posted online, and all private information is protected by security measures.)

### Retreat Chair's Report:

- The 2022 Urban Retreat is on Sept. 23-24 at the Baha'i Center, San Diego 92111. Masks will be required. No advance registration – just show up! OA literature will be sold. For details go to <https://oasandiego.org>.

### Literature:

- Alice reported that there were no literature sales for July. Sales for August to date were \$8. Literature will be sold at the upcoming Urban Retreat. Alice needs help transporting literature from the Oasis to the Baha'i Center (Barbara S. volunteered).

### Internal Information: (given by Kathy in Lisa's absence)

- 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 [info@oasandiego.org](mailto:info@oasandiego.org).

### Young People's Report:

- No new Young People's report

Vice-Chair – Keren S.

– For members not going to the Urban Retreat, Region 2's Diversity Workshop is on September 24, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Space is limited.

– **OAsis Update** – The OAsis building will not be demolished in February 2023 as previously reported. It will not be demolished until February 2024. So, there is an option for us to keep the OAsis through January 2024, hopefully at a negotiated lower rent. Therefore, the vote on whether to keep the OAsis has been postponed until the September 3<sup>rd</sup> IG meeting. A YES vote means that we keep the OAsis through January 2024; a NO vote means that we vacate the premises when our lease expires in January 2023.

– Rachel read the current version of the Unity with Diversity Pledge and shared her personal thoughts on that statement.

– Keren introduced a **Breakout Groups** discussion on OA's Unity with Diversity Pledge. She suggested the following questions: (1) What strikes you about the Pledge? (2) Have you heard it at the meetings you attend? And (3) What, if anything, is your meeting doing to acknowledge the need to feel safe at meetings and to honor diversity at your meeting? There were 5 separate breakout groups, with 10-12 minutes allotted for discussion of the above questions.

– When everyone returned to the main meeting, the breakout groups reported on some of their discussions. Comments included (1) OA's Diversity statement is embedded in the suggested meeting format found at OA.org; individual meetings can decide whether they want to include this statement (or their own version of this statement) in their own format. (2) There is a Unity with Diversity pamphlet (available at the bookstore on OA.org) to help meetings take their own inventories; and (3) Diversity issues can be a topic for your group's business meeting, or meetings could have a "comment box" for members to express their opinions and feelings anonymously.

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

The next Intergroup Meeting will be on Saturday, September 3, 2022, at 2 pm on Zoom.

Minutes submitted by Gina E., Secretary