

LOS ANGELES INTERGROUP OF OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

DELEGATES MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 20, 2016

OPENING PRAYER: SERENITY PRAYER

12 TRADITIONS: Kathleen

SPEAKER ON SERVICE: Natalie

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathleen F., Michelle F., Caroline H., Deanna J., Roberta L., Joanie M., Joe M., Bill W.

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Carla M., Terri R.

ROLL CALL: Bahati, Deva A., Jayne A., Julie A., Rod A., Darra B., Candace C., Natalie F., Deanna G., Rosalinda G., Linda H., Vida I., Abigail K., Rosemarie L., Amanda M., Jessica M., Lauri M., Norman M., Shanetta M., Kathy N., Victor Q.

MINUTES: Accepted as amended.

NEW DELEGATES: Candace, Julie

OFFICERS REPORTS:

CHAIR: ROBERTA L.

As explained at the December meeting, we were contacted by the Attorney General of California to let us know that our not-for-profit status was suspended due to unfiled tax returns. And, it turns out that our corporation status is also at risk. Rod is doing the work pro-bono and is working to get all the California and IRS documents caught up and filed. But, a law firm was engaged to help rectify the situation with the IRS. The law firm charged more than we were expecting, but via negotiations, the fees were cut in half.

Roberta received an email from the San Fernando Valley Intergroup asking if we wanted to be a part of the women's expo (May 21-22 and October 15-16) with them and possibly with other intergroups. We did this two years ago, but it was quite expensive. We want to know if the delegates feel we should have a presence there. Rod thought that we should participate in both of them. Vida was a part of the South Bay Intergroup last year and they participated and thought it was a good experience. In the previous one we were at, various fellows took shifts to man the booth. Joe, the new public outreach, would manage. Roberta asked to take a consensus as to whether we should reach out to other intergroups to join us in the Women's Expos.

Roberta: Motion to have LAIG participate in the expo and contact other intergroups to participate in Women's Expo - carried.

Joomla, the provider we use for our website has been having a lot of hacking problems on other sites on their platform. OALAIG site has not, been hacked. According to our website admin,

moving the site to Wordpress would make it more secure and easier to use. It would cost about \$500 to convert the site to Wordpress. Our site admin would do a custom site that would still be responsive across all devices. Deanna G. mentioned that \$500 is very inexpensive for building a website. Kathleen mentioned that she knows people who use Wordpress and are happy with it.

Roberta: Motion to pay the \$500 to convert the website to wordpress was carried.

Is there interest in forming a By-Laws Committee to review our corporate by-laws to review Meg's suggestions. Michelle F. would like to look at the letter from Meg before making a decision.

There is a new Spanish meeting starting that Roberta passed out flyers for members to take to their meetings.

VICE CHAIR: JOANIE M.

Joanie wanted to share things on the website that she thought would be helpful. You can translate the webpage into any language. Many people around the world use it to access our podcasts. People can access the current 12 Stepper on it, as well as, various intergroup forms like the meeting info update form. There are intergroup by-laws, delegates' responsibilities and information for newcomers. If you meet a newcomer who needs more info, please send them to the website. Nick asked if we post the delegates meeting agenda on the website. Delegates who couldn't come to a meeting could get the announcements from there. We're working on filling in more info on the website to keep it up-to-date.

There is an R2 assembly in April. Tom and Joe are representing LAIG. This coming fall in October, the R2 assembly will be in Costa Mesa. In June, there's a R2 convention, which fellows are welcome to go to, but attendance is not funded by the intergroup.

Joanie and Jeff M. are going to attend the World Service meeting from May 2 to 7. World Service has a big convention every five years. It will be this year in Boston from September 1-3rd. All are encouraged to attend. World Service Conventions are a great boost to program.

SECRETARY: CAROLINE H.

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: BILL W.

Total income for December was \$3,540.96. Total expenses for December were \$3,952.68. Net income was -\$411.72.

Rosalinda asked about seeing how much our balance actually is when accounting for the Birthday Party income so we would see how much money was actually left in the bank. Caroline mentioned remembering hearing about it as a delegate, but that it was not easily organizable to include on the 12 Stepper. Rod mentioned that we covered the solvency issue with the footnote that says that the monthly deficits are offset. Joanie mentioned that the Board decided that it is not possible to easily include that information on the 12 Stepper.

We have a prudent reserve account, a general account and a birthday party account. Roberta asked why we have more than one. Rod explained that the Chairperson of that BDPC is allowed to incur expenses along a specific line. Michelle K. said that the Birthday Party Fund uses seed money from the account. Once the Birthday Party accounting is finalized, all but \$10,000 is moved to the main OALAIG account. Victor mentioned that the bank accounts evolved into multiple accounts over time and as with in personal life, he has many accounts and you look at the total to know your balance. He thinks that most people don't necessarily think that balance is the most important thing for the board to focus on producing regularly, so people interested in that info can contact the board to find out more. Michelle also mentioned that the Birthday Party Fund is still not finalized, as some expenses haven't been sent in yet. Victor mentioned that the Birthday Party accounting used to take six months, but has gotten much faster. Roberta said that the board agrees and will work on organizing that information regarding the total balance, but it will take time.

ADP is being used for our payroll and will handle employment taxes, payroll taxes and the related items we need done for that.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BIRTHDAY PARTY - 2016: MICHELLE F.

Michelle received an invoice for around \$1,000 and is expecting a couple more around \$200, so the estimate of income should be \$1,200 less than previously reported.

Evaluations came in with people discussing the room temperatures, the food served and other items that the committee is reviewing.

It's not too early to be of service. Positions will be sent out to members to volunteer for.

SPECIAL EVENTS: TERRI R.

None.

COMMUNICATIONS: DEANNA J.

Two Monday meetings have changed times and are indicated in the 12 Stepper. If you celebrated a birthday, please send it in to candles@oalaig.org. If you have feedback, please email Deanna.

PUBLIC OUTREACH: JOE M.

Joe will be forming a committee and is interested in doing panels with professionals. Previously, he has participated in panels at addiction departments discussing their experience and those events went well. He'd like to look into organizing and participating events like that for OALAIG

He'll be working on our participation at the Women's Expos.

Please email him on things that are lacking and what sort of things they'd like to see OALAIG relate to professionals.

YOUNG PEOPLE: CARLA M.

None.

WORKSHOP/FELLOWSHIP: KATHLEEN F.

There will be a sponsorship workshop on Saturday March 26. Information is on the 12 Stepper's cover. It will be held in the Multipurpose room at the Veterans Memorial Center. It's targeted at people who are new sponsors and would like to learn about sponsoring and also for experienced sponsors who would like to share their experience. Also, it's for people looking for sponsors.

Terri, the Special Events chair, and Kathleen along with Michelle are working on a day-long retreat in September at the Mary and Joseph Center in Palos Verdes. The focus of the retreat is still to be determined. Kathleen feels it's helpful to step up your program by going to a long, immersive experience. Kathleen is looking for help from people interested in volunteering.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Joanie mentioned that at the last Delegate's meeting, a fellow asked about having a larger room with tables. Every third Saturday, there would be a larger room, although, not the same room. The cost would have to be researched, though. Jessica thinks that might be difficult for new delegates coming in. She liked the idea of providing clipboards either by the group or by the individual. Jayne mentioned taking out the tables and let people who want to use them. Deva agrees that switching rooms would be confusing. Nick agrees that putting the tables in the middle for the room would be a great solution. People who come early could put their chairs around the tables.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lauri mentioned when she was speaker getter for a meeting, she got the OALAIG speaker list, but many people had moved away and weren't available. She thinks the name should be updated by calling people. Roberta said as Vice Chair, last year, she updated it, but it becomes obsolete very fast. Joanie mentioned that it's her job to do that. She hasn't gotten to it, yet, although it's been on her mind. Joanie has people contact her for speakers all the time and she gets them info. So, people can email Joanie, vicechair@oalaig.org to get speakers. Amanda mentioned that it might be good to ask people to email vicechair@oalaig.org if they want to be on the speakers list. Nick asked if there could be an electronic way to add oneself to the speaker list. Roberta will ask the webmaster.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

CLOSING PRAYER: 3RD STEP PRAYER

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

Caroline H.