

Silicon Valley Intergroup

April 7, 2020

7:15-8:15 PM

Call in #: 605-472-5305, Access code: 317753#, Cafeteria

Opening: Serenity Prayer, Statement of Purpose, Step of the Month, Tradition of the Month, Concept of the Month, Voting Policy, and Introductions

Members Present: 16

Approval of Minutes: 3/4/20 minutes approved.

Chair: Salle

Treasurer: Bruce. Treasurer's report approved.

Secretary: Julie

Public Information: Francine. April 11 workshop sold out! Assistants lined up to help monitor.

Working with two outside contacts (churches) to do Zoom meetings with PowerPoint.

Need more PI committee members to help carry the message. Also need storage space for literature and other items.

Region 2: Terry, Courtney, Gabriel.

Intergroup bylaws were approved!

Spring Assembly April 3, 4, 2020. Cancelled.

R2 Convention July 10, 11, 12, 2020, Oakland. **Not cancelled** as of now. R2 must wait until cancellation is mandated by ongoing safe-at-home policies to avoid large financial penalties. We received a message from R2 convention committee requesting donations for clothing boutiques and the silent auction fundraising activities at the convention. It will be possible to deliver items before noon at the convention.

World Service: Pattie, Terri. WSBC 4/20-25/2020 in Albuquerque, NM. Cancelled. Working on a video for voting on key agenda items to be voted.

Serenity Retreat in Santa Cruz cancelled, registered attendees can shift to next year.

Website: Linda L. Busy keeping up to date with new information, especially regarding Zoom meetings. Two people suggested creating a website landing page to highlight key events (on hold).

Temporary Sponsorship: Stephanie. Six people requested sponsors and were matched up.

Activities: Need an enthusiastic member to take over.

Workshop Series: Julie (IG liaison). April 11 workshop is full! 100 registered attendees. Approved proposal for June 13 Workshop, Preventing and Recovering from Relapse.

November Holiday Dance: Cancelled, organizer resigned

12 Step Within: On 4/12, remember to make outreach calls to people we have not seen for a while.

Newsletter: Bob L. no report

Mail: Barbara (ongoing). Mail operation as usual.

Newcomers: Frank. No report

Email newsletter: Jessica R (ongoing). New members added to the list, now 166. Send information to Jessica for posting; she can't do the research!

To get updates and reminders about upcoming events, sign up at www.bit.ly/OASVemail (note capital letters). Be sure to check your spam folder if you find that you are NOT receiving it after you have signed up. We are using Mail Chimp to send emails out, and it sometimes goes to spam.

Group Introductions: Natalie. Susana, looking to support the Spanish meetings.

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Open Service Positions: 1. IG Vice Chair, 6 months abstinence, learn the position and substitute during Chair absences. Please attend an Intergroup meeting to express interest. 2. Activities, serve as mentor and IG liaison for members wanting to hold special events. 3. Young People. 4. Speaker List. 5. Anorexic/Bulimic. 6. 12-Step Within. To express interest or learn more, attend an Intergroup meeting on the first Tuesday of the month, 7:15 pm, Mission Oaks Hospital, 15891 Los Gatos-Almaden Road, Los Gatos 95032.

New business: The following topics were raised and briefly discussed

Financial Support: Discussed the financial health of meetings after the quarantine. Options for people to make 7th tradition donations? Need to identify meetings that are at risk of losing their space; IG can provide some financial help, but method, etc. not yet determined. Sub-committee discussing off line and contacting meetings.

Technical Support: Natalie provided some information regarding Zoom accounts; can upgrade for a month to boost attendance for the workshops (pro account); expanding would require more monitors during the meeting.

Zoom Account: Is there a way for OA to have one Zoom account to cover all the meetings. Should IG reimburse members who are using their personal accounts? Quick consensus is that IG (or specific meetings?) should reimburse members using their personal and/or professional accounts.

Closing: "I put my hand in yours..."

Next Meeting: May 5, 2020