

Silicon Valley Intergroup

July 6, 2021

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Join Overeaters Anonymous Silicon Valley Zoom Meeting

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

Members Present: ~

Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved.

Chair: Salle.

Vice Chair:

Treasurer: Bruce G:

	total balance
Starting Cash	\$ 7,659.39
7 th Traditions	\$ 2,483.35 (\$1175.03/group, \$520/retreats, \$288.32/workshop, \$500/individuals)
Expenses	\$ 2,475.00 (\$50.00/Workshop +100, \$81.00/Sales Tax, \$1,758/WSO, \$586.00/Reg 2)
Ending Balance	\$ 7,967.74

Voted to reimburse member for payment to Sure Exposure for June and July.

Voted to pay Sure Exposure for ongoing website maintenance. Need a volunteer web master!

Secretary: Julie (absent, minutes via recording)

New members: None

Public Information:

Francine. 2nd newcomer night (7/28). 39 Pros and 46 newcomers registered resulting from 2 emails. Need abstinent member support for breakout newcomer groups.

Request to Lynn K. for R2 funding. Lynn sent form. No money forthcoming for July 28, but will try for Sept 28 event. Possibly \$2K; may try a Linked-In ad.

Attempted to claim a Google business listing as an Organization/Association. Waiting for the postcard. Could take up to 6 weeks (inconsistent with past experience). Will send a support ticket to Google.

Google analytics for the website: (1651 unique new visitors! Most from US, but also China and Europe). Most clicks on the Home page, followed by the meetings page, 12 steps, OA prayers, podcasts, find meetings and events, in order of popularity.) Some hacking attempts.

Suggest move link to the newsletter to a permanent new page on the website (still send out via MailChimp). Stop listing meetings in the newsletter (would boost home page visits and increase search-engine rankings). [Sec: Did not vote on a decision, but seems like everyone agreed. Carey and Francine to consult on the changes.]

Get podcasts onto YouTube. Francine working on guidelines for titles, descriptors, and tags to ensure consistency and accessibility via search. Use multiple channels (speaker, workshop, special events), which will help bring people to our website. On the website, use a new plug-in, Smash Balloon, with some user features and allow special logos for various types of podcasts. Have a PowerPoint template to use for events.

Region 2: Terry, Courtney. Trustee stepped down, looking for a replacement. Election in the Fall. Beth from R6 is helping with R2. Need a new R2 rep as Terri is timing out in the Fall; can extend service; take a year off to take a position with R2 and WSO.

World Service: Terry. Convention in Florida in August. Still trying to get financial statement; maybe in September.

Need a second WSO Delegate. Patty can resume serving in 2022

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Serenity Retreat: Rick V., chair. No report. OASV retreat opens for registrations on August 1, 2021:
<https://oasv.org/oasv-retreat/>

Website: Looking for a web master!

Temporary Sponsorship: TBD. Contact person needed

Activities: Gabriel

New: Possible summer OA picnic in a park, starting in mid-August. 1 – 2 hours. Possible group activity; Willow Glen. Gabriel to contact Courtney. Maybe Willow Street Park, off Meridian Ave. [Sec: is it the same as the Willow st 1320 Frank Bramhall Park that Gabriel posted in the chat panel?

DISCONTINUED: Friday Fun and Fellowship dance parties <http://bit.ly/OASV-DanceParty>

Workshop Series: (Coordinator TBD).

CANCELLED: September 11 and 18: Creating a 4th Step Mandala (two parts).

October 9: New workshop proposed (Melissa): The Successful Habits and Practices for Long-term Abstinence. Three panelists, share what they do (tools, practices, etc.). Do it once a quarter with panelists from various locations. Positive feedback.

December 11: Working the 10th Step.

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

Courage Lines: suspended.

Mail: Mernoosh. P.O. Box paid. Donations only; sending mail to Bruce.

Newcomers: Frank. 2 new-to-OA; 2 calls to the voice mail

Email newsletter: Carey. Carey will coordinate with Francine about moving links. Merging Mail Chimp lists.

If you aren't getting the email newsletter (with meeting updates, workshop and event announcements), sign up at www.bit.ly/OASVemail (Note capital letters.)

Group Introductions: If time allows

Open Service Positions: To express interest or learn more, attend an Intergroup meeting on the first Tuesday of the month, 7:15 pm. The next meeting, on August 3, will be via Zoom. See Francine's doc for description.

- Vice Chair
- R2 Representative
- Temporary Sponsorship Matching. Respond to telephone requests for temporary sponsors and find someone to match individual requests.
- Website Master. Communicate requested changes to the website to the website service (Sure Exposure) provider. Track provider's time commitment and prioritize updates.
- Speaker List.
- Anorexic/Bulimic. Young People. (Vestige from the past)
- Workshop coordinator.

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- Promotions/Marketing Coordinator. Help carry the message about Workshops and other activities through various methods and media.

12-Step Within. Reminder to make OA Outreach calls on September 12th. Terry is seeking input on questions for a general survey about 12 Step Within for next month.

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Public Information: Newcomer nights.

Attracting service volunteers: Job descriptions.

New Business: Need help with July 28 event; need abstinent breakout room facilitators.

New Website: Released, operational, indexed, 130 pages indexed. Go to the website and read blogs, etc.

Tabled Topic: Use Google Grants to non-profit organizations for public service announcements. Must have website to qualify. Google business listing: but OA websites aren't listed correctly. Must be an existing Google industry category, such as Associations and Organizations. Some anonymity issues: review feature can be turned off, but then lose search ranking. Read Francine's document on this issue. Example: AA East Bay claimed their business listing; listed Diverter hotline number; turned off questions and reviews because of anonymity.

Financial Support: Intergroup contributions can be sent via PayPal to oasvworkshops@gmail.com.

Take to meetings: Open service positions. <https://oasv.org/open-service-positions/>

Announce the need for 7th Tradition donations.

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

Next Meeting: August 3, 2021, 7:15pm

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