

Silicon Valley Intergroup

March 1, 2022

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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: 11

Approval of February Minutes: Approved as written

Chair: Salle

Vice Chair:

Treasurer: Bruce G:

Starting Cash	\$11,077.51
Group Donations	\$ 150.00 (\$150 group)
Expenses	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 11,227.51

Public Information/Outreach: Lead for this committee still needed.

Region 2: Terry had no report.

World Service: No report. R2 Convention is in Burlingame so Terry will attend in person. All are welcome to attend virtually (and possibly in person)

Website: Open, actively looking for someone willing to learn WordPress and be assistant webmaster to back up Francine.

Temporary Sponsorship: The position of chair is still open. This person should attend multiple meetings and get to know people with long-term abstinence. A few people reached out to Christine via request posted on the Google group.

Activities: Gabriel is working on a Fun Night in early May.

Newcomer Report (includes January and February information, sent by Frank after the meeting):

February:

Google Voicemail Messages: 3 messages received: 2 from newcomers where Frank responded within about an hour, 1 from someone having trouble trying to get into the 10th Step Workshop- did not get back to her until after the workshop was over

Email to NewtoOA@oasv.org: No non-spam emails were received this month.

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January:

Google Voicemail Messages: Only 1 message was received from a family member of a former OA member named Bruce who died the week before. They said that Bruce often talked about how he loved the OA program and the OA members. Frank didn't remember Bruce but found 2 voicemail messages from him back in 2011 concluding that apparently he did know him. From the voicemail messages, it seemed he was active in the Palo Alto OA meetings. The phone number for Bruce was 408-666-3609.

Email to NewtoOA@oasv.org: No non-spam emails were received this month.

Email List: We need a lead for this committee (Thank you for your service, Carey!)

Mail: Mernoosh reported that price of PO Box has been raised from \$130 per year to \$166 per year.

12 Step Within: Reminder to make OA Outreach calls on Saturday, March 12th

OLD BUSINESS

1. **10th Step Workshop:** Frank reported. There were 102 signed on at one point during the workshop. Donations were distinctly higher to OASV leading up to the week of the workshop. The following is from a report Frank forwarded after the meeting.

We received \$186 in 26 donations of \$10 or less (11 x \$10, 1 x \$6, 14 x \$5) in the week before the workshop. This list excluded any recurring donations or large one-time donations, and it is very unusual to receive that many small donations in one week. Six of those 26 donations did explicitly mention that it was for the Step 10 Workshop, but Frank suspects that all of them were for the workshop based on the dates of the donations.

We probably would have had significantly more people join, but apparently, a number of people had difficulty getting the Zoom information from the Eventbrite emails. Someone I know told Frank they had a problem using Eventbrite to get into the meeting but was able to finally figure it out and get in a few minutes late. Francine got 9 text messages from people having problems getting in, and she replied with the Zoom information so they probably did get in--but there may have been more people trying to get in who did not contact Francine. Frank also received a text message from someone emphasizing that Eventbrite is not user friendly at all so this might be worth taking into consideration for future event planning.

Francine submitted a good deal of information as well about the merits of continuing with Eventbrite. I am including only a brief excerpt as this sounds like a discussion for new business in the agenda vs. the previous meeting's minutes.

Excerpt from Francine: "Eventbrite is a wonderful, free platform that has gathered for us more than 600 email addresses. That is not insignificant!"

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Having heard many complaints since we began offering workshops from people who "lost" or "misplaced" the Zoom event data, I developed a practice of sending Zoom meeting information 1 week prior, 5 days prior, 2 days prior, 2 hours prior, 10 minutes prior, and 15 minutes after the event is slated to begin. Amazingly, people still complain that they "didn't receive the information regarding this event," because they either deleted the email, or could not retrieve it from their list of emails. Clearly, this is not an issue with Eventbrite. I suspect the real problem is with the low level of technical understanding."

- 2. Printing Finances on Website:** Terry brought up that she was aware that in the past it had been stated that statements with figures should be shredded and not be put where anyone can view them. She also said that she viewed other Intergroup websites and very few made mention of specific financial information. WSO doesn't print their financial information out and nor does R2. Motion made to have report summaries that include specific financial information written in the Minutes in detail with the understanding that those would eventually be published to the oasv website. This passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. What to do about Workshops at Saturday Meeting:** There is no workshop liaison. Julie has workshops prepared and can offer them up to Intergroup to do something with though she herself is not able to partake in deciding what to do with them.
- 2. Discussion about How to Put on a Workshop about Sponsorship:** Gina brought up her interest in the topic along with willingness to research and contribute to an effort specifically for a workshop addressing this topic. She was pointed to oa.org, oasv.org among other places for templates, ideas and even prepared workshops to use as examples.
- 3. Region 2 Assembly (Terry):** March 25 and 26. Free for anyone to view on Friday night and Saturday (visitors and representatives).

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 April 5, will be via Zoom.

- Vice Chair
- R2 Representative
- Temporary Sponsorship Matching: Respond to telephone requests for temporary sponsors and find someone to match individual requests. Sponsor list at meeting level.
- 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.
- Workshop coordinator

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- Promotions/Marketing Coordinator. Help carry the message about Workshops and other activities through various methods and media.
- PI/PO chair will be open; Francine stepping down. Content about the position on the website.

Attracting service volunteers: Job descriptions on the website.

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

Next Meeting: April 5, 2022 7:15 PM