

Silicon Valley Intergroup

September 7, 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:** ~9

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes approved.

**Chair:** Salle.

**Vice Chair:**

**Treasurer:** Bruce G:

	total balance
Starting Cash	\$ 8,375.75
7 <sup>th</sup> Traditions	\$ 930.65 (\$25.00/group, \$815.65/PayPal)
Expenses	\$ 700.00 (\$300 Literature, \$400 Website)
Ending Balance	\$ 8,606.40

**Secretary:** Julie

**New members:** Faith, representing 2 90-day minutes.

**Public Information:**

Francine. 2<sup>nd</sup> newcomer night (absent)

Request to Lynn K. for R2 funding.

Google business listing

Google analytics for the website:

Suggest move link to the newsletter to a permanent new page on the website (still send out via MailChimp).

Get podcasts onto YouTube.

**Region 2:** Terry, Courtney. Terri's last meeting

**World Service:** Terry. Convention in Florida in August (cancelled due to COVID)

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

**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 researching locations

**New:** Possible summer OA picnic in a park, investigating

**Workshop Series:** (Coordinator TBD).

~~CANCELLED: September 11 and 18: Creating a 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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Julie clarified the relationship between the workshops and the Sat. morning meeting. Sat meeting will put the changes to the workshops on the meeting Steering Committee agenda

December 11: Working the 10<sup>th</sup> Step.

**12 Step Within:** On 8/12, remember to make outreach calls to people we have not seen for a while. Terry is seeking input on questions for a general survey about 12 Step Within for next month.

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**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](http://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 Sept 7, 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.
- Workshop coordinator
- Promotions/Marketing Coordinator. Help carry the message about Workshops and other activities through various methods and media.

**Public Information:** Newcomer nights.

**Attracting service volunteers:** Job descriptions.

**New Business:**

1. Reimburse the Spanish speaking meeting for bringing Spanish literature from Mexico to the Bay Area. (Anything but the Big Book) Spanish translated OA literature is printed in Mexico, so it has to come from Mexico. (Shipping costs from Mexico are prohibitive). Spanish meeting has grown a lot with members from parts of the US. Want to buy 5 copies of each book. Motion: Reimburse Spanish-speaking group up

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to \$300.00 for purchase and transport of OA literature and extra cost of baggage from Mexico to the US. (motion passed).

**2.** Celia: Seeking information regarding a meeting that will remain on line. A small group of people from OASV. Should the meeting consider joining the Virtual IG? Is there a dual IG membership? Patti will talk with Celia.

**3.** The noon Palo Alto (mid-peninsula) meeting is meeting face-face. Faith's meetings are exploring hybrid options.

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

**Tabled Topic: (old)** 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](mailto:oasvworkshops@gmail.com).

**Take to meetings:**

- Open service positions. <https://oasv.org/open-service-positions/>
- Announce the need for 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition donations.
- Announce the 10/9 Workshop at your meetings:

Mark your calendars for a new workshop on Saturday, October 9 at the 10:00 Saturday morning meeting: The Successful Habits and Practices for Long-term Abstinence. Three panelists, share what they do (tools, practices, etc.) followed by 30 minutes of Q&A and 30 minutes of open sharing. See the flyer at

<https://oasv.org/upcoming-oasv-workshops/>

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

**Next Meeting:** October 5, 2021, 7:15pm

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