

Meeting is called to order at 6:45pm and we begin with the serenity prayer. Andrea F. reads and reviews the 7th Tradition. Barbara S. reads and reviews the 7<sup>th</sup> Concept.

Reps go around the room and introduce themselves.

There were:

- 3 new IG members
- 19 attendees at peak
- 15 voting members
- 4 board members

A quorum is established.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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1. **Chair's Report/Kate N:** No report this month
2. **Vice Chair's Report/Lauren L:** No report this month
3. **Treasury & Finance Report/JP:** Erin reviewed the Treasurer's Report.
4. **Corresponding Secretary Report/Mollie:** Scott volunteers to do Google Voice service for the first half of August. Andrea volunteers for the last 2 weeks of August.
5. **Archives Committee Report/Adam W:** No report this month
6. **By-Laws Committee Report/Rebecca B:** No report this month
7. **Retreat Committee: Andrea F (*From Elizabeth*):**

45 people attended and many were newcomers! The committee tried new programming this year. It was a smaller retreat than usual but we should still make a small profit.

Andrea emailed the committee to begin the planning of the next retreat which will take place on Jan 20-22<sup>nd</sup> at the Guest House. Andrea found the majority of attendees seemed to enjoy staying at the Guest House for future retreats.

8. **Twelfth Step Within Committee Report/Ellen M:** None submitted
9. **Web Committee/Benzion (*from Devyn*):** Benzion reviewed Devyn's Web Committee Report as well as the Website Design Report. Benzion will slowly take over the responsibilities of managing the website with Devyn's help. They are currently working on a solution with a contact form forwarding issue.
10. **Special Events Committee Report/OPEN:** Lauren gives a farewell and announces her available support for the incoming Special Events Chair.
11. **Outreach Committee Report/OPEN:** Marcia has literature (pamphlets and cards) from previous events and will provide them whenever needed.
12. **Publications Committee Report/OPEN:** Kate announced that the list of officers on the Meeting List needs to be updated by Ansley.

## PENDING BUSINESS

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#1: Erin reminded the group that \$500 for Intergroup marketing materials was allotted in the current budget. Lauren explains the idea of the marketing materials. Lauren re-commits to doing the research of the possible materials. Barbara S. announces that there is old marketing content that can be forwarded to Lauren.

## NEW BUSINESS

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#1: A newcomer asked for a description of the open chair responsibilities. When Mollie sends out the highlights reel, she will include a brief description of each open committee chair position.

Andrea F. reads the descriptions of each committee with open chair positions.

#2. Diana G. would like to apply for General Service Trustee to work with the WSBC. She needs our vote in order to move forward.

**Andy moves that we support Diana's application as General Service Trustee of World Service.**

Lauren L seconds the motion.

Andrea explains that this position is on the WS board and is in charge of running the business side of OA (as opposed to programming).

It is clarified that this is not a paid position, but travel expenses are covered. Because they are not professionals, they are not paid.

It is clarified that the board of world service put aside personalities and focuses on being of service.

**The motion carries.**

#3. The Metro Memo was voted to be printed quarterly as of last year. The Metro Memo has since been let go and there is not a current printed or online version.

Kate gives a description of the Metro Memo.

Marcia explains the Newsletter and the Newsflash were going well years ago and those lists still exist.

Erin shared that the reason the Metro Memo does not currently exist is because the interest in the Metro Memo has been little to none.

Benzion suggests not promoting the Metro Memo as the open committee position, but separately as a person responsible for putting out the Metro Memo.

Barbara suggests we use the Memos from the Archives to build upon.

Marcia suggests we go out to the meetings and ask for a volunteer to create a single Metro Memo (as opposed to a year-long commitment).

April and Jen W. agree to collaborate to create the first of these Metro Memos with the potential to continue the work throughout the year.

Benzion suggests there may be a way to automatically send out the updated Metro Memos to those emails address who are signed up.

Andy reminds the group that Kate has the right to appoint Committee Chairs.

April and Jen W. will connect with Devyn and Benzion to set up their personal emails with [publications@oanyc.org](mailto:publications@oanyc.org). Use this email address when submitting content for the Metro Memo.

#4. Lauren created fliers to be passed out at meetings since the fliers encouraging people to email their responses was not successful. This is a different modality to attain this feedback. People can write and hand back to their Intergroup Rep or they can take a picture and forward to [faithfellowshipgrace@gmail.com](mailto:faithfellowshipgrace@gmail.com). Kate and Lauren explain how Intergroup can help groups directly. Andy also reminds that Intergroup does the things (retreats, publications and events) that individual groups are not able to do. This can be used as a brainstorm at a business mtg.

#5. Andrea picked up mini fliers from World Service for us to post around the city with local meeting information to be written in.

#6. Andy volunteers to review the 8<sup>th</sup> Tradition at the next Intergroup meeting and Marcia volunteers to review the 8<sup>th</sup> concept.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#1. Marcia is suggesting offering a bus for those traveling to the World Service Convention in Boston. In previous years, the Intergroup paid for a bus from Westchester to Ottawa for World Service. Andy suggests there is not enough time to get the word out and transportation to Boston is much easier than getting to Ottawa.

The group did not support the funding of a bus to Boston.

## WRAPPING UP

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Meeting closes at 8:26pm with the OA pledge and the serenity prayer.