

Greater Ann Arbor Overeaters Anonymous Intergroup Minutes

May 16, 2020

Present: Lynn, Peg, Cecilia, Diane A, Steve, Pauline, Kim

Agenda: Secretary Report, Treasurer's Report, Literature Report, POC Report, Online Communications Report, By-Laws report

Secretary Report – Peg – (accepted)

Treasurer's Report – Lynn (accepted)

Gmail for Lynn coming soon

Will by setting up Venmo or Paypal for tradition 7 deposits. Exploring what sharges there are for us with each of these venue uses. Can still send a check to the PO Box.

Literature Chair Report – Diane (accepted) we are still on our own ordering materials. Costs on oa.org are cheaper than other venues.

Old Business

Cecelia has purchased Zoom membership for IG per last meeting vote. She has participated in Zoom training workshop.

Bylaws Committee – Diane

(5C) Bylaws held by Region 5 is from 2005. 2015 was not entered. Our revisions must be presented to our meetings membership for a vote. Will post on our website. Changes we are making are procedural to represent what we are doing already. Thank you for all your work, Diane!

(see attached Proposals)

Communications- Pauline

(5D) There will be a Virtual Workshop presented on the 2nd Sunday of the month by our Virtual Region. Pauline will post on our website.

New Business

Co-Chair position. Steve is nominated (passed) Welcome, Steve!

We have a full Board!!

Pauline - Look at our website. She is looking for help. Too much for one person (newsletter, website, information to members during this time, calendar)

We are looking to better share the workload "Carry the message" on electronics.

Cecilia – We are looking at a mixture of face to face meetings and Zoom or telephone meetings to continue.

Kim – we will need a special media Manager (down the road)

MEETING CLOSED – Cecilia

Serenity Prayer.

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Reads: The IG secretary shall notify Representative Groups of their IR’s absence

Proposal: Delete Section 4 of Article III

Rationale: It is the responsibility of the Represented Group to hold accountable the IR’s attendance at IG meetings as outlined in Article III – Section 3:

Section 3 – Intergroup Representatives

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- B.) Intergroup Representatives should be selected for willingness to serve, commitment to the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA, length of time in Program and length of service.
- C.) The primary responsibility of the IR, or alternate, is to represent their group at all meetings of the Intergroup, to act as a liaison between this Intergroup and their group, to see that all communications pertaining to Intergroup are made available and, where requested, read aloud to the group.

#2 - Article III – Members – Section 5: Membership voice and no vote may be:

Reads: A.) Any Employee

B.) Any member of the Fellowship who is not a duly elected representative or alternate

Proposal: Delete Section 5, A & B of Article III

Rationale: A.) IG does not have paid employees. IG pays for the technical services managing the IG website; however, that individual does not attend IG meetings, nor has a voice in matters concerning IG business.

B.) Members who are visitors to an IG meeting is addressed in Article III Section 1 B. 1.): B.) Individual Meetings’ IG Representatives: 1(IR) per Meeting or Meeting Alternate.

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