

**GREATER ANN ARBOR AREA INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2024**

In attendance: 15	Barbara S (Adrian)
Marcy (Co-Chair)	Margi (Jackson Saturday)
Cecilia (Co-Chair; Maumee Thursday)	Sheila (Jackson Monday)
Peg H. (Treasurer; AA Sunday)	Kristi (Secretary; Jackson Thursday)
Deb H. (Ann Arbor)	Jim (Toledo)
Sinah (Wixom)	Joan (Bowling Green)
Evelyn	Becky (Bowling Green)
Lisa (Toledo)	Julie (Bowling Green)

The meeting was held at the end of the in-person April Retreat in Chelsea. Cecilia opened the meeting at 5 PM with the Intergroup Mission Statement.

INTRODUCTIONS AND INPUT

- Attendees shared a take-away from the April Workshop/Retreat: Recovery in Community. Responses included:
 - Very interested to learn about the OA service structure: meetings, intergroup, region, world service
 - Importance of intergroup and of being active in intergroup; intergroup is worth fighting for
 - Importance of service
 - Met new friends and got phone numbers; meditating with feet up on the wall was new
 - Service structure and how each part helps the others was interesting
 - Felt included today!
 - Enjoyed hearing people sharing their stories; strength, hope, experience
 - Service keeps a person abstinent
 - No part of OA functions on its own; everything/everyone is an important part of OA as a whole
 - Don't have to want to be involved, just willing to be
 - Positive energy of this in-person OA event of 25 people
 - First in-person gathering of this size since before Covid
 - Nice to be with like-minded people
 - Enjoyed hearing stories about how service improves abstinence, program, recovery

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- March meeting minutes were linked to agenda.
- No questions/concerns.
- Motion by Peg. Second by Margi. Approved.

TREASURER'S / FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Treasury report was linked to agenda.
- No questions/concerns.
- Motion by Kristi. Second by Cecilia. Approved.

ONLINE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT - Website, Constant Contact, Facebook

- **Urgent need:** Pauline plans to step down from this role. She has done an outstanding job for A2OA for many years and we appreciate her! She has agreed to stay on to train a new person or persons. *This can be a single or shared position.* Contact Pauline at pauline.glaza@enhancedpublications.com for more information.

PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- **Urgent need** for additional members for this group with the goal of at least one person per region. Contact Marcy at dr_marcy@hotmail.com to join this amazing area of service.
- Grateful to Marcy and Peg for preparing the outreach kits that were distributed, one for each of the IG regions, to OAs to take back and use at OA Info Booth. Those who were given the kits are asked to share the information with local groups and to store the kit in a safe place until it is used.

- Tentative plan is for one in-person (today, April 20th) and one virtual workshop (this fall), with the possibility of less formal opportunities for in-reach at other times.
- An after-event survey will be going out to all who attended the April 20th Retreat.

OA SERVICE LIST COMMITTEE

- The list of speakers and sponsors was taken off the A2OA website and will be reposted once we have a way to manage and update the list.
- It was suggested that we add another category, *We Care List*, of people willing to take phone calls.
- **Urgent need** for someone to manage and update the list. *This could be a single person, partners, or even an entire meeting group.* Please contact Cecilia at Cecilia.sinc@gmail.com.

BYLAWS AND POLICY & PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

- Before we vote to change the frequency of intergroup meetings, the bylaws need to be amended. The bylaws currently state that meetings are held monthly. The proposed change to the section is:
“The time, frequency (i.e. monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly) and manner (i.e. in person, virtual, phone) of intergroup meetings will be determined by the intergroup.”
- Voting on this change will be done at the May meeting. If passed, we will also vote on changing the intergroup meetings from monthly to quarterly.
- Next areas of bylaws to be updated by Cecilia and Peg are Finance Committee Guidelines, Online Communications and Public Outreach.

REGION / WORLD SERVICE

- Region 5 Business Assembly Report – Cecilia reported that there were about 50 attendees at the March Region 5 Assembly.
 - Region 5 has absorbed part of the recently dissolved Region 2.
 - Cecilia is on the Sponsor/Sponsee Sub-committee. They are working on different ways to sponsor, thinking outside the box.
 - Goals were set for the upcoming year.

OFFICERS REPORT

- Nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Peg and Lynn are working on using Venmo as means of “passing the basket” for 7th Tradition donations. Glitch with Green Geeks still needs to be sorted out.
- Formation of new meetings: i.e. Men’s, Young Persons, LGBTQ, etc. Marcy reported that these groups are not asking for special meetings as their needs are being met with in-person and virtual meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Urgent Need** - Intergroup Co-Chair Position: We will be accepting nominations at the May meeting for the one co-chair position as Marcy will be completing her term in June. Voting will be at the June meeting. One year abstinence (personal definition) is required, and at least one year of prior intergroup experience is preferred. Contact Marcy at dr_marcy@hotmail.com or Cecilia at Cecilia.sinc@gmail.com for more information.

ON THE RADAR:

- Maintenance of the Service List area of the A2OA.org website.
- World Service Business Conference – May 7-11, 2024 in Albuquerque, NM. Cecilia to attend as rep.

CLOSING: Cecilia

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 20, from 8 to 9 pm. Look for the agenda and Zoom link in an email the week prior.