

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

In attendance: 10	
Marcy (Co-Chair)	Cecilia (Co-Chair; Maumee Thursday)
Peg H. (Treasurer; AA Wednesday – using OA books, 1 st and 2 nd editions)	Kristi (Secretary; Jackson Thursday)
Connie (Lansing Tuesday – hybrid:in person/Google meet)	Pat Z. (Adrian Monday – hybrid with call ins from around US; August Saturday retreat being planned)
Jessi (AA Sunday – relapse prevention; read, write and share format)	Mary (Adrian)
Jill (AA Monday)	Martha (AA Thursday)

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, Concept of OA Service #5 and the Intergroup Mission Statement.

INTRODUCTIONS AND INPUT

- Attendees shared thoughts about the proposed change to frequency of Intergroup meetings from 10 meetings to 4 (quarterly) meetings per year. Comments included:
 - Major concerns about length of each of four meetings; can we get the job done in one hour? ... 1½ hours?
 - Hesitant, but maybe give quarterly meetings a try with option to expand to more if needed.
 - Try four meetings with option to call emergency/extra meetings as needed.
 - Concern for out of sight, out of mind.
 - Will fewer meetings limit the effectiveness of intergroup?
 - Doubtful this will improve IG meeting attendance nor willingness to give service. If this is the goal, need to evaluate that first.
 - Concern that people will not be as committed to attend.
 - Suggest setting a goal for each meeting to help with focus and productivity.
 - Try bi-monthly first; reducing from 10 to 6 meetings, giving a chance to see how this goes.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

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

TREASURER’S / FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Treasury report was shared by Peg.
 - Retreat income: \$176 from 7th Tradition; \$130 from raffle.
 - Co-signer needed on bank account. Need meeting minutes to state name of approved signer with secretary’s signature.
- Motion by Kristi. Second by Cecilia. Approved.

ONLINE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT - Website, Constant Contact, Facebook

- Jill stated her willingness to work with Pauline with Online Communications. She will contact Pauline for next steps. Thank you, Jill!!! If there is anyone willing to work with Jill on this, please submit your interest to Pauline at pauline.glaza@enhancedpublications.com.

PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- Public Information Outreach Kits: The following people took kits for their areas:
 Jackson Area: Margi
 Ann Arbor Area: Peg
 Toledo Area: Cecilia

OA SERVICE LIST COMMITTEE

- Jessi volunteered to manage and update the list of sponsors, speakers and those willing to take phone calls. Jessi will work with Cecilia as a next step with this service. Thank you, Jessi!!!

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 June meeting. If passed, we will also vote on changing the frequency of intergroup meetings from 10 (current) to bi-monthly (6) or quarterly (4) per year.
- Next areas of bylaws to be updated by Cecilia and Peg are Finance Committee Guidelines, Online Communications and Public Outreach.

REGION / WORLD SERVICE

- World Service Business Conference Report – Cecilia attended and will report at the June meeting

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.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Urgent Need** - Intergroup Co-Chair Position. 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. Nominations (of self or other) may be submitted to Marcy at dr_marcy@hotmail.com or Cecilia at Cecilia.sinc@gmail.com.
- **New meeting** is starting Friday, June 14th. Focus on meditation and the promises. See flyer for details.

ON THE RADAR:

- Service Survey – Possibility of doing an email survey listing specific areas of service need, allowing recipients to sign up. Follow-up phone call will be made to interested/willing OAs.
- Voting in June: Intergroup Co-Chair, Online Communications Chair(s), By-Law Amendment and, if amended, frequency of IG meetings.
- Region 5 Rep: Cecilia's term ends Spring 2025. Will need someone to represent A2OA in this capacity. Best if the new rep could go with Cecilia in the fall for ease of transition. For details, contact Cecilia at cecilia.sinc@gmail.com.

CLOSING: Marcy closed the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 17, from 8 to 9 pm. Look for the agenda and Zoom link in an email the week prior.