

**GREATER ANN ARBOR AREA INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 22, 2024**

In attendance: 13	Pauline (Online Communications)
Marcy (Co-Chair)	Kristi (Secretary; Jackson Thurs)
Cecilia (Co-Chair)	Michele (Bowling Green; co-rep)
Peg H. (Treasurer)	Joan (Bowling Green; co-rep)
Karyn (Ypsilanti Thursday pm phone)	Jessi C. (AA Mon newcomer/Wed 7 pm)
Mary (Friday Big Book)	Jennifer C. (Thurs 100 pounder; co-rep)
Margi (Jackson Sat)	Jennifer T. (Thurs 100 pounder; co-rep)

Cecilia opened the meeting at 8 PM with the Serenity Prayer, the Intergroup Mission Statement and Concept One.

INTRODUCTIONS AND GROUP REP MEETING STATUS REPORT

- Reps reported on status of meeting.
- Reps shared one thing they would like Intergroup to do in the coming year. Responses included:
 - Share and implement strategies to help strengthen and grow meetings
 - Pass along Region 5 and World Service resources and information, including virtual and in-person workshops, retreats, etc.
 - Provide opportunities for service and outreach
 - Encourage members to take leadership roles at the meeting and intergroup levels
 - Support inclusivity – trans representation
 - Support meetings in dealing with disrespectful attendees
- If you have specific ideas for ways to strengthen and grow OA meetings and/or are willing to help with implementing goals, please contact Marcy at dr_marcy@hotmail.com.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

- November meeting minutes linked to agenda
- Motion by Peg. Second by Pauline. Approved.

TREASURER’S / FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- November/December treasury report linked to agenda
- Update on Venmo account for A2OA - Peg reported that Venmo is still not working the way it’s supposed to. She has a phone appointment this week to try to get things sorted out.
- Motion by Pauline. Second by Mary. Approved.

ONLINE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT - Website, Constant Contact, Facebook

- Pauline has begun training Kristi to use Constant Contact for sending out monthly meeting agenda.
- Peg has joined the Communications Committee.
 - Pauline would like help with Facebook. Contact Pauline at pauline.glaza@enhancedpublications.com.

PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- Committee has put together a calendar of Major Festival Outreach 2024, one in each of the five main regions in our intergroup (Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Jackson, Adrian and Toledo), at which to set up an OA information booth. Marcy is putting together a portfolio of information, pamphlets, talking points, tri-fold display board, etc. to use at each event.
- Marcy is asking for feedback and assistance. Contact her at dr_marcy@hotmail.com.

OA SERVICE LIST COMMITTEE

- No report.

BYLAWS AND POLICY & PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

- Finance Committee Guidelines are being updated by Cecilia and Peg.

- Next areas to be updated are Online Communications and Public Outreach.

REGION / WORLD SERVICE

- Cecilia will schedule and send invitations to a zoom meeting to review WSO business motions and by-law amendments for the upcoming business conference to be held in early May.
- Tabled due to time. Links to resources to help support meetings and OA as a whole.
 - [Addressing Disruptive Behavior in Meetings](#)
 - [Financial OA Update](#)
 - [Unity with Diversity](#)
 - Regional Renewal Process - Cecilia

OFFICERS REPORT

- Use the link to see details about the [Role of Intergroup Rep](#)
- In-reach to unrepresented meetings

OLD BUSINESS

- Tabled due to time
 - Fall Virtual Workshop Report

NEW BUSINESS

- 2024 Calendar and Goals: Input and ideas for specific goals and strategies to increase OA's positive impact. (Reported on under Group Rep Meeting Status Report above.)
- Western Michigan Intergroup – Cecilia reported that this intergroup has approached her about the possibility of joining the Ann Arbor Area Intergroup. The Executive Council will begin to investigate what it would take to do this smoothly and effectively.

ON THE RADAR:

- Formation of new meetings: i.e. Men's, Young Persons, LGBTQ, etc.
- World Service Business Conference – May 7-11, 2024 in Albuquerque, NM. Cecilia to attend as rep.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 9 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 26th (due to President's Day) at 8 PM.

IG REP SUMMARY – Reps are asked to report back to their meetings:

- Reps shared one thing they would like Intergroup to do in the coming year. Responses included:
 - Share and implement strategies to help strengthen and grow meetings
 - Provide Region 5 and World Service resources and information, including virtual and in-person workshops, retreats, etc. via website, email and Facebook
 - Continue to host virtual and in-person workshops and retreats
 - Provide opportunities for service and outreach
 - Encourage and support members to take leadership roles at the meeting and intergroup levels
 - Support inclusivity – trans representation, etc.
 - Support meetings in dealing with disrespectful attendees
- If you have *specific ideas for ways to strengthen and grow OA meetings* and/or *are willing to help with implementing goals*, please contact Marcy at dr_marcy@hotmail.com.
- Online Communications Committee is requesting help with the A2OA Facebook page. Contact Pauline at pauline.glaza@enhancedpublications.com if you would like more info and/or are willing to give service.
- The Outreach Committee has put together a [calendar of public events](#), one in each of the five intergroup regions, at which to set up an OA information booth.
 - Marcy is putting together a portfolio of information, pamphlets, talking points, tri-fold display board, etc. to use at each event.
 - Marcy is asking for *feedback and assistance*. Contact her at dr_marcy@hotmail.com.
- World Service Business Conference Input: Cecilia will schedule and send invitations to intergroup email list a zoom meeting to review WSO business motions and by-law amendments for the upcoming business conference to be held in early May. *If you'd like to be involved*, email Cecilia at cecilia.sinc@gmail.com.