

**GREATER ANN ARBOR AREA INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 18, 2024**

<b>In attendance: 7</b>	
Cecilia (Co-Chair; Maumee Thursday)	Margi (Jackson Sat)
Peg H. (Treasurer; AA Sun, Mon, Wed, Fri)	Mary (Adrian Mon, Wed, Sat)
Connie (East Lansing Tuesday)	Carrie (Toledo)
Kristi (Secretary; Jackson Mon, Thurs)	

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, Concepts of OA Service 11 and 12, and the Intergroup Mission Statement.

**INTRODUCTIONS** - Attendees shared updates on the meetings they represent and/or currently attend. Highlights include:

- Ann Arbor’s Friday meditation meeting is well received and attended.
- Ann Arbor is considering a change for the newcomer’s meeting that will affect several meetings. Update expected by the end of the month.
- Maumee Thursday continues to have 5-8 attendees, a combination of in person and phone.
- Jackson meetings have steady 3-6 attendees per meeting with phone access for in person meetings.
- Adrian meetings have 3-5 regular attendees.
- East Lansing hosts the only meeting in the Greater Lansing area, with 6-8 attendees, in person and via zoom.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT**

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

**TREASURER’S / FINANCE REPORT**

- Treasury report was linked to agenda.
- Motion Kristi. Second by Connie. Approved.

**OFFICERS’ REPORT**

- Discussion regarding open co-chair position and Marcy’s willingness to resume that position for this term.
- Motion Cecilia. Second Kristi. Approved.

**REGION / WORLD SERVICE**

- WSO Business Conference will be held virtually next spring.

**PROGRESS REPORTS on JULY – SEPTEMBER GOALS**

- Service List – Kristi reported 8 survey respondents. Next step is for Cecilia to contact people on the former list to determine continued willingness. An updated Service List will be ready by the January meeting.
- Policies and Procedures – The proposed Finance Committee Guidelines were linked to the agenda, shared and discussed. The Finance Committee members will be the treasurer, a co-chair and a volunteer. Final approved version linked [here](#). Thank you to Cecilia and Peg for their service! Anyone willing to learn more and/or to serve in the volunteer role on this committee should contact Cecilia at [cecilia.sinc@gmail.com](mailto:cecilia.sinc@gmail.com).
- Policies and Procedures – Online Communications and Public Outreach portions will be addressed next.
- Website Update – Focus on meeting information: Margi attempted to contact all of the meeting reps. There are still a few meetings in need of information and rep/contact updates. Please take a look at the spreadsheet linked [here](#) and let Margi know of any corrections or additions at [margibrown44@gmail.com](mailto:margibrown44@gmail.com). Margi will send updated information to our webmaster, Heather.
- Facebook – Marcy was given admin rights to the A2OA Facebook page. Margi volunteered to act as a second admin with the goal of at least weekly posts.

- Constant Contact – With Pauline stepping down after many years of OA online communication service, there is a need to fill the gaps. At present, Kristi is doing Constant Contact email blasts for Intergroup meetings and minutes, event promotion and post-event surveys and other surveys. Marcy put together and submitted a proposal for a paid position to handle Constant Contact quarterly newsletters (and other communications as needed) and Facebook posts. The proposal will be amended in light of Margi volunteering for Facebook. The updated proposal will be shared, discussed and voted upon in January. If you know of any OA who is familiar with Constant Contact and willing to serve as either a volunteer or paid position, please contact Cecilia at [Cecilia.sinc@gmail.com](mailto:Cecilia.sinc@gmail.com).

#### **INREACH / OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

- Virtual Workshop THIS Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm. Theme: “Freedom from Bondage.” Currently 35 registered. Registration ends Friday. Zoom link to be sent out to registrants once registration is closed.
- Proposal regarding 10 health centers – tabled until January.

#### **GOAL SETTING:** Recap of what we want to accomplish between now and the January meeting...

- Service List (sponsors, speakers, taking calls) finalized
- Website – meeting list updates finalized
- Constant Contact – proposal for paid position; nominees for volunteer or paid person
- Facebook – minimum of weekly posts aligned to OA principles

#### **ON THE RADAR:**

- Spring in person retreat/workshop
- OA table/booth at local health fairs/public events.
- Outreach to medical/health (including therapists) professionals – print material/pamphlets for waiting rooms, bulletin boards, etc.
- Venmo as means of “passing the basket” for 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition donations at virtual meetings.

**CLOSING:** Cecilia closed the meeting with the “we” version of the Serenity Prayer.

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