

Monterey County Intergroup Meeting of Overeaters Anonymous

MINUTES

Wednesday November 10, 2021

Intergroup Officers

Cindy Chair

Jody Vice Chair

Irene Secretary

Betsy Treasurer

In attendance: Cindy, Betsy, Jody, Mary Grace, Irene, Caroline, Ann, Jean, Audra

1. Serenity Prayer recited
2. Concepts 11 and 12 read by Jody
3. Minutes of September 8, 2021 were not read. It was moved by Mary Grace and seconded by Jody that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Minutes of special meeting on September 25, 2021 were read. It was moved by Jody and seconded by Irene that the minutes be approved as amended. The motion passed.
5. Region 2 Representative Report: Mary Grace, our rep, read from her written report. The main subjects covered were: 1). How does our group collect and pay state tax on literature sales? 2). When the pandemic is over Region 2 encourages groups to ask R2 for money needed. 3). Do our bylaws need to be updated to include an alternate Region 2 Representative? Those items will be discussed at the January meeting.
6. Old Business and Ongoing Business

a. Treasurer's Report:

more Previous balance: \$0.00

Income: \$95.00, all 7th tradition.

Expenditures: \$69.00, \$45.00 three months web hosting; \$24 for reimbursement for FCC.com.

Balance forward: \$26.00, plus \$200.00 Prudent Reserve and \$100.00 Advertising Fund. Betsy will turn the books into Intergroup at the end of the year. A lengthy discussion ensued on the topic of the Intergroup finances and use of funds. Mary Grace reported that there would be additional donations by the end of November, indicating that the funds shown above would increase. Next the group discussed the use of the advertising fund. Some members were wishing to utilize it to pay outstanding bills, specifically the Post Office box bill. Others thought we should use it for advertising. Asking Region 2 for financial help was briefly discussed. Finally, it was moved by Mary Grace and seconded by Caroline that the group move off the topic. The motion passed unanimously.

Next the group continued a prior discussion about banking options that might be available that would allow us to forgo the use of the Post Office box. Our current bank, Monterey County Bank, may consider a non profit business account. Wells Fargo may charge \$10.00 per month if our balance is below their threshold. Comerica Bank does not require a Post Office box, but does require a physical address. It was moved by Cindy and seconded by Caroline that we cease the use of the Post Office box. The motion failed 2-2. This will be revisited in January. After more

discussion, it was moved by Mary Grace and seconded by Jody that we pay for six months of the Post Office box, and revisit the subject in six months. The motion passed.

- b. Intergroup representative reports: No reports. IGs are needed for the following meetings: Monday, Tuesday, Saturday.
- c. Website Coordinator: Ann reported there were 140 website Users utilizing the website in September and October, most viewing the local Meetings page. 133 of those Users were identified as new Users. The total bounce rate was 59.51%. One email contact was received asking for information about in person meetings.
- d. The Wednesday meeting would like to continue using Free Conference Call.com instead of moving to Zoom. Two members reported that since a phone can be used for all Zoom meetings, we should close FCC. It was moved by Mary Grace and seconded by Caroline that we cancel our FCC account and switch to Zoom for all meetings. The motion passed.

7. New Business:

- a. Elections: It was moved by Mary Grace and seconded by Jody that Cindy be reelected to the chair position. The motion passed. It was moved by Mary Grace and seconded by Ann that Jody be reelected as Vice Chair. The motion passed. It was moved by Mary Grace and seconded by Ann that Irene be reelected as Secretary. The motion passed. The Treasurer's position is up at the end of the year. No one volunteered to be considered for the position, although Ann expressed a willingness to consider the position. A Public Information rep is still needed. Caroline will attend the next PI meeting to see if she would consider serving.
- b. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM.
- c. The next Intergroup meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 5:00 PM PST.