

Monterey County Intergroup Meeting

March 8, 2023.

Present: Rob B.,(IR, Thursday) Dawn C.(Vice-Chairperson), Cindy A.(Website Coordinator) , Mary Grace.(Region 2 Rep) Jeanne, IR, Wednesday) and Christine E. (Treasurer.)

Twelve Concepts of OA Cindy read Concepts 3 and 4.

Approval of the January 11m 2023. Minutes; minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Before Christine arrived, Cindy clarified which balances were correct according to her investigation. Mary Grace asked if the web hosting fee is payed in advance; Cindy said no. Mary Grace shared with Rob about our \$200.00 prudent reserve.

Mary Grace suggested that we should wait until the end of the year to make our donations to Region 2 and the World Service Office. Cindy agreed. M.G. asked Jeanne what she thought; she agreed. Dawn suggested that we table it until the next meeting to make a decision.

Tax-exempt status: It was agreed that we would pay the expense for a business email (\$5.99/month) even though we are a non-profit because it is relatively expensive to apply for tax-exempt status.

Christine apologized for the tardy deposits.

Website Report: Cindy shared her screen; there were some glitches paying for the website. Now resolved. increase in cost of email account.

Analytics Report: Cindy: Our unique views and page views are higher than the prior two month period. 25% increase in unique views; 29% increase in page views. Bounce rate: 61%
Session duration: 1 minute, 15 seconds. 2 users from Pakistan; 1 from Argentina, 1 from Dominican Republic and one from France. Many more from the U.S.

Mary Grace suggested that we put a speaker recording onto the website. Christine thought it was a brilliant idea. Jeanne listens to recordings on the Los Angeles Intergroup. She likes shorter speeches. A motion was made and approved to put a recording on our website. Cindy can send emails to alert members when the website is updated. To add your name to the list, go to www.oamonterey.org, "events and announcements form" to be added to the list.

Intergroup Rep Reports

Monday Noon: Cindy reported that they need a Secretary; strictly online; not paying rent.

Wednesday Noon: Jeanne reported that the meeting continues on Free Conference Call, 2-4 people. She is the facilitator. They are not planning to go to face to face. They do pay nominal rent to the church.

Thursday 5:30 p.m.: Rob reported that it's a hybrid meeting and that a few in person and half a dozen on line is the current attendance.

Saturday a.m.: Cindy reported that they need an IR and a Secretary. Attendance is greater on Saturday than it is on Monday. 5-6 people attend. When they have a speaker (first Saturday) there tends to be more people.

Region 2 Report: Mary Grace: next Assembly is March 24-25. At that assembly, at 3:00 p.m. on March 25 there will be a Public Information Workshop. Introduction to Social Media. Please attend. She doesn't want to be the only one from our intergroup at this event. Cindy recommends this if you are interested in Social Media. Cindy said she would post it on the website. Mary Grace will attend virtually.

New Business:

Prospective Salinas hybrid meeting: Cindy said that Ann is looking into getting an in-person/hybrid meeting going. She would like us to go online or in person. She is looking at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on a Tuesday either at noon, or at 5:15 p.m. Some intergroups in Region 2 are helping individual meetings to get started. Cindy asked for our intergroup to pay their rent for a month or two. Mary Grace thinks that Region 2 also has money available for this purpose.

Motion: Monterey County Intergroup supports the concept of a Salinas hybrid meeting and looks forward to more information about it because it sounds awesome. Motion unanimously approved.

Future agenda items:

Christine said she would attend the Social Media workshop on March 25. Let's talk about it at our next meeting.

Mary Grace: OA has free public information announcements. Someone has to send it to a radio or television station. It is suggested that you remind them every month about it. Also we could approach the colleges, one by one. MPC, CSUMB, Hartnell, etc. She would like someone else to go with her. QR codes are another way to carry the message. Where do we put them? Christine knows someone who attends UC Berkeley. She may ask him to take information about OA to the university. Cindy said she would go with Mary Grace to a college. Rob also expressed willingness to help. Invite someone from Region 2 to our intergroup meeting to speak on Public Information? Mary Grace will do some research on PSAs.

Dawn thanked everyone for bearing with her on her first rodeo as chairperson.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 10, 5-6:00 p.m.