

ORANGE COUNTY INTERGROUP OF OA, INC.
INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2015

Board members present:

George Y, Vice Chair	Joyce F, Treasurer	Camille K, Publications	Katie B, Office Manager
Sandi H, Public Information	Lauren G, Activities	Gaddy G, E-Media Manager	Lindsey J, Young Persons
Tom L, Secretary			

Board members absent:

Jackie G, Chair	Griselda G, Meeting Liaison	Cindy W, 12th Step Within
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OPENING The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair George Y at 7:30 PM with the Serenity Prayer. The sign-in sheet was passed around. The Ask-it basket was a passed around for questions about meetings, or OA in general.

Board members were introduced. Sheri read the 12 Traditions.

The minutes of the previous Intergroup meeting were approved as submitted.

Laurie read Concept 9 from the Concepts of Service. The 7th Tradition basket was passed.

Roll call was taken. There were 23 meeting reps and 9 board members and 1 visitor in attendance.

BOARD REPORTS

CHAIR: Absent

VICE CHAIR:

- George Y updated the reps on the board members' effort to visit all meetings which are not represented at the monthly Intergroup meeting. Those meetings would be encouraged to send reps to the Intergroup meeting, and asked to send around the basket once a month for the benefit of our Intergroup.

SECRETARY: No report

TREASURER:

- Joyce F asked the reps to take back to their meetings the suggestion of sending the basket around one meeting a month for the benefit of the Intergroup, if they don't have that in their formats already.
- The reps should check if their meeting treasurer is sending in regular contributions to OCI.
- Our participation at the Orange County Fair was a success. 1400+ visitors dropped by our booth. We distributed 692 Communiques plus other literature, and several newcomers found their way to meetings. (report distributed).
- She noted that the Intergroup spent a little more that we took in during the month of August. The August financial reports were distributed.
- Joyce requested a motion to ratify the payments made in August and authorization to pay the budgeted bills and contributions for September. The motion was presented, seconded and adopted.

OFFICE MANAGER: No report.

ACTIVITIES CHAIR:

- Lauren G presented the flyer for the Early Bird registration for the OA Birthday Party at the LAX Hilton on January 15, 16, and 17. The reduced registration fee of \$40 is available until September 15.
- She again announced the OA Talent Show coming up on September 19. We need volunteers to come early to help decorate the Halloween Bash venue.
- The OA Birthday Party Early Bird flyer was distributed.

MEETING LIAISON:

- Absent; Joyce F made the report. The Thursday meeting at the Costa Mesa Alano Club asks for support.
- The Saturday men's stag in Costa Mesa will be moving to a new location as of September 23. Location to be announced.
- Correction made to the Saturday meeting in San Juan Capistrano. The correct address is 27124 Paseo Espada, Bldg 800, Room 801.

E-MEDIA:

- The online meeting directory is up to date. The latest events and minutes have been posted.
- Please call in or email corrections to meeting info, or suggestions for the website. Volunteers would be welcome to help in maintaining the web site.

PUBLICATIONS:

- Camille asked reps if they read the Articles being published in the *Communique*; the vast majority responded that they do.
- She asked for volunteers to submit your own articles for the front page of the *Communique*, 500 words or less. Email to the publications@oaoci.org.

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

- Sandi H announced our participation in the health fair to be held at Fullerton College on Wednesday, October 28 10am-1pm. We need volunteers to help staff the booth.

YOUNG PERSONS CHAIR:

- Lindsey mentioned again the health fair at Fullerton College.
- The Young Person's meeting on Tuesday at the Orange Circle needs support. Please encourage young people at your meetings to attend.

12TH STEP WITHIN: Absent

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

- No recordings were made of the recently held Midweek Marathon speaker meeting. Will the upcoming Holiday Marathon in November be recorded? Yes, the speakers will be recorded and their talks available for sale on CD.
- Perhaps we should make a list of the benefits that Intergroup provides to meetings. Gaddy mentioned that the meeting reps were the bridge between their meetings and the Intergroup.

Ask-it basket discussion.

- Do we have a timed limit for intergroup board member reports? Answer: No.
- Can we share about outside treatments for overeating in OA meetings? Answer: Members should not promote such treatments but we can share our own experience with them. For example, a therapists advice. Katie mentioned that Tradition 6 enjoins OA groups to not endorse any particular outside therapy.
- What is the maximum amount that anyone can donate to OA or OCI? Answer: \$5,000 is the current limit.
- AA has requested that OA groups not change "alcoholic" to "compulsive overeater" etc. What does that mean for my group? Answer: OA's policy is to comply with this request; however each group is autonomous and cannot be forced to comply with AA's request. A copy of this request will be brought at a future Intergroup meeting.

REGION 2 CHAIR REPORT:

Nancy J explained the three levels of OA service bodies, the Intergroup, Region, and World Service, and how they are related. Two region assemblies and one region convention are held every year. The next Region convention will be held in Milpitas, California, in Silicon Valley, on June 24-26, 2016. The 2017 convention will be held in Irvine and many volunteers will be needed. She also described a newly published tri-fold card on developing a strong abstinence.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Tom L, Secretary