

## **ORANGE COUNTY INTERGROUP OF OA, INC.**

### **Intergroup Meeting Minutes**

**1/9/25**

### **Highlights for Intergroup reports to your meeting:**

**Sweet Surrender Women's Retreat** scheduled for May 2-4 in Idyllwild CA – a flier will be available soon.

We still have board positions needing to be filled

**Vice Chair** – helps Chair where necessary and fills in when Chair is away (there is a script)

**Meeting Liaison** – visit all the meetings as you can, keep abreast of new meetings and new meeting liaisons and contact people so the list on line can be current.

**Region 2 Representatives** go to region 2 meetings to keep our group informed about what the region is doing.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS TO BE ON THE BOARD:**

6 months of current abstinence

Completed 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> steps

Commit to monthly board and IG meetings (6:30-8:30)

Positions are usually for 2 year terms, but if you cannot fulfill the role, you can step down.

If you have friends interested in OA and needing information, or if you want to do some outreach, Steve, our office manager, loves outreach and is available to help share info about OA – he is generally in the office from 10:30-1:30 M-Th – 714-953-0900, and returns messages.

#### **Finances:**

We ended 2024 with a balanced budget and our prudent reserve after giving large extra gifts to OA World Service and Region 2 .

#### **Some projects that are being discussed**

1. having a presence at the OC County fair in 2026 – we need to start prepping soon – Susie S is going to be the point person. If you want to help and be part of that project, call her at: 424-321-1257
2. We want to have more in person meetings –if you'd like to help or have thought about starting a meeting and want to have an ally and get some advice and help, call Terry at 949-400-3379 – she will be unavailable January 27<sup>th</sup> through February,.

The virtual Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm with the Serenity Prayer by Terry L, Chair.

**Board Members Present**

Terry L, Chair

Rebecca W - Activites

Susie S, E-Media Manager

Nancy G, acting secretary

Regina H, 12th Step Within

Jessica – new e-media

Domingo - Treasurer

**Board Members Absent:**

Janet H, Office Liaison - ill

Dave – Publications - vacation

**Guests Present:**

Alice – Sweet Surrender

Roll call taken via names in the chat

In attendance:

meeting reps (see below – reps who have been there before but were not there today have a strikethrough of their name)

7 board members,

# in attendance: 21

Notes are up within 24 hours – Terry shared how the names and info of the group members are used – private – used only for IG/Board purposes.

10 MINUTE SPEAKER – Alice N – spoke about Sweet Surrender May 2-4. Women’s retreat 40<sup>th</sup> retreat – weekend of recovery and abstinent meals and fun. People have found abstinence and gotten sponsors at the meeting. Great weekend dipped in program and surrounded by ‘my people.’ Pathfinder Ranch at Idyllwild, CA. Speakers, art projects, talent/no-talent show. Alice started going 11-12 years ago.

12 Traditions of OA – read by Carolina

12 concepts of service – concept 1 – Terry read

Asked if anyone wanted to be a world service representative – no takers

7<sup>th</sup> tradition –donation link in chat - since we pay per donation, if you are going to make multiple donations in a period of time, please make them as one if you can. Venmo is now an option. Go to [OAOI.org/contribute](https://oaoi.org/contribute). and click on the donation link

Openings      vice chair – support the chair and inter group

meeting liaison

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Old Changes:

Terry L is now the Chair and Domingo the Treasurer (these were determined last month and took effect this month.

New changes:

Jessica is going to fill the e-media manager role with Susie and Terry's help. (got voted in at this meeting)

Susie – voted in to public information position

Board reports:

**Susie** – e-media manager – new business item – how do we promote meetings? Dave – publications sends out new fliers and things to promote meetings – can be in the communique.

Susie put a new meeting flier in the chat so people can share it

As Public Information she will be looking into an OA presence at the 2026 OC fair.

**Rebecca** –Activities - vision board workshop on Sunday Jan 12, 2-4 – flier is in the chat. About 50 people registered – virtual. Sent out the slides to people who preregistered – 3 speakers will talk about their use of vision boards. Don't have to come and make one – can just come and be inspired or make one on your own using the on-line program or do a paper board at home. Learn an unofficial tool – asking people to preregister. Share flier at meetings.

**Domingo** -Treasurer – the report is posted on the OCI website (<http://www.oaoci.org/igboard-minutes.html>) – if anyone has questions, they can call Domingo or email him directly. 562-587-7306/  
[sendit2domingo@gmail.com](mailto:sendit2domingo@gmail.com)

Income – November and December income were higher than normal.

Largest Expenses are payroll and then contributions to Region 2 and World Service Office.

The report shows a negative net income. This is not an accurate representation because of funds were sent out to region 2 and World Services to bring our reserve down to \$20,000, our prudent reserve.

Domingo wants to simplify the picture of our funds and make it more accessible for all of us.

A member asked about how we're actually doing financially – are we in the black? Yes – did not over spend and we have a substantial prudent reserve.

We have hired a payroll service because they have all the updated legal pieces and can make sure we stay compliant and that our numbers are accurate, and to reduce the workload for the volunteer treasurer.

Motion: Accept financial reports and pay January expenses.

Steve moved, Regina seconded – Motion passed.

**Nancy** Secretary

Motion: Accept December Intergroup Meeting minutes –

Terry moved– Nancy seconded – Motion passed

No Vice Chair

**Terry** - Chair – glad to be back in the role. She had taken the year off required by our bylaws (but was always helpful to those of us who needed it during her ‘leave.’) She will have hip surgery on the 27<sup>th</sup> – send prayers, and Regina will be chairing the February meetings. Teamwork is a strength of our inter group - people step up and help.

**Regina** – 12 steps within – no report but planning to do something in the first quarter

A few ideas that we need help to bring to fruition

1 – bring back booth at OC fair – biggest outreach – might not happen this year – but people can get together to make it happen next year – contact Susie – 424-321-1257 lots of people to sign up and volunteer

2 – Start and nurture in person meetings – essential for newcomers. They often need hallway conversations. Terry – 949-400-3379

Steve, our office manager loves to answer/return calls from newcomers; his hours are 10:30-1:30 M-Th – 714-953-0900

Steve receives and deposits the donations, which did go down after the pandemic, but we are holding our own and doing well.

**Domingo talked about Rebecca’s event** – Virtual vision board meeting – will come out with a flier soon and will have a link to the tool to do the digital board. Event will take place on January 12 from 2-4.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm with the We version of the Serenity Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy G., acting secretary

Meeting Rep Attendees: 13 IG reps and 7 board members, 1 visitor

Strikeouts have come recently but not this meeting.

## **DAILY**

6:30am ———— zoom Sunrise ———— Cheri

## SUNDAY

~~10:00am in person Costa Mesa Katie~~  
10:30am zoom Tracy  
6:00pm Virtual Lake Forest Donna A  
6:00pm Whittier in person Meghan

## MONDAY

10:00am Costa Mesa Linda M. – new rep  
~~10:00am Orange Joanne G~~  
6:30pm San Juan Cap Virtual Jessica H (new rep – old rep diff mtg)  
7:00pm San Clemente Kari B (new rep)

## TUESDAY

~~10:00am MV in person Catherine (new rep)~~  
~~7:00pm Virtual Bonnie~~  
7:00pm Fullerton writing meeting Carolena alt rep for Karen

## WEDNESDAY

~~10:00am Costa Mesa virtual Rose Marie~~  
~~6:00pm Laguna Hills (prev) Zoom Debbie P~~  
7:00pm Whittier live/virtual Carolina  
7:30pm Virtual Bay Street virtual Danielle G  
~~Costa Mesa??? Becky C need more info~~

## THURSDAY

~~6:30pm Virtual Spiritual Rhea T~~  
6:30pm Women's virtual (new) Louann C  
7:00pm Orange Virtual Steven  
~~7:00pm Costa Mesa Rodger~~  
~~7:00pm Costa Mesa Pizza Box (Virtual) Rita~~

**FRIDAY**

10:00am Costa Mesa (virtual) Molly

**SATURDAY**

9:30am Huntington Beach hybrid Julie C (new rep)