

Unity Intergroup Meeting Minutes , March 2017

UIG TRUSTED SERVANTS: Buffalo Retreat Co-Chair: (Colette S), Bylaws Chair: (Bob S), IG Secretary (temp volunteer): (Rebecca W), IG Treasurer: (Suzanne J), Literature Coordinator: (Dawn S), Newcomer Meeting Co-Coordinator: (Chris K, Sasha K), Professional Outreach Chair: (Cathi J), Public Information Chair: (Margie A), Region 4 Officer: (Annette P, Bob S), Region 4 Representative: (Cathi J, Roxanne P, Dawn S, Sasha K, Paul B), Region 4 Representative (Alternate): (Margie A), Registrar: (Cheryl R), Sponsorship Workshop Co-Chair: (Margie A), Twelve Step Within Chair: (Carolyn S), Web Coordinator: (Beth K), WSBC Delegate: (Roxanne P, Bob S), WSBC Delegate (Alternate): (Suzanne J),

1. Call to Order: Welcome and Serenity Prayer.

2. Chair Remarks: Mary T, Read Concept 3

3. Vice Chair Remarks: Mary T. (standing in for Jill S.) read Tradition 3. New Intergroup representatives were welcomed and asked to meet with Mary T. after the Intergroup meeting to receive the Intergroup Representative Handbook (which is also available on the OA website)

4. Secretary's Report: Rebecca W. presented the minutes for the February meeting. After the review, a motion was made by Cathy G. to pass the February minutes with no amends, it was seconded by Jane Z., and the motion passed. Any new representatives were asked to sign up for Talking Points in the Registrars' purple binder while it circulated through the meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report: Suzanne J. presented the Income and Expense Report for February and the Budget vs. Actual - July to February 2017 Report. July 2017 will be the beginning of the new budget cycle. Suzanne J. and Mary T. shared with the group that we did an excellent job spending down the excess funds in our budget on service work. Our year to date 7th tradition contributions are down so we are looking to the reps to make sure their groups make 7th tradition contributions. Committees should review their current budget. If your committee plans to spend that same amount during the next budget cycle, or more, please be in touch with Suzanne J. Otherwise the plan right now is that all budgets will be reduced across the board for the next budget cycle. Next budget numbers should be finalized in June 2017. As a result of our audit we filed an extension on 2016 taxes. Audit is almost done and any findings will be shared at Unity Intergroup meetings in the future. Beth K. made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Gene O. seconded it and the motion passed.

6. Newsletter Responsibility: No one was voted in as the Newsletter editor. Rebecca W. will continue to learn the newsletter editor process until a new newsletter chair is elected. UPCOMING NEWSLETTER GROUP ASSIGNMENTS: April: Roseville, Saturday 8am meeting. May: Anoka Monday 7pm. June: Minneapolis, Monday 7:15. July-- Circle Pines. Groups should have their articles submitted by the third Saturday before the month assigned. Please continue to send articles or information for the newsletter to expressionsofunity@gmail.com. Representatives can also encourage members at their meetings to click on the link and read the Newsletter.

7. Newcomer Meeting Responsibility: March: Minneapolis, Monday 10am. April: St Louis Park OA HOW Sunday, 7pm. May: Saturday am OAHOW. June: Saturday AM Unity Golden Valley. Note: The Newcomer Meeting is at Sumner Library on the third Saturday of the month from come at 12:45 – 2:15 pm, 1 hour meeting from 1-2, have to be out of the room by 2:30

8. Old Business: No old business

9. Meet and Greet: Not done because of time.

10. New Business: Tour of new OA Website by Beth K. and presentation of new Unity Intergroup logo! Suggestions were submitted to Beth K. from the Reps. New website will be launched after Buffalo Retreat. Any suggestions once it is launched can be sent to unitymnwebsite@gmail.com

For the following committees and events, no reports are expected unless noted.

11. State Convention: Mary T. reported that we need a co-chair for the state convention. Ask any questions to Janelle 612-418-5480 (also counts as a HOW hook up call!) and Beth K (former chair) if you have questions. Convention November 3,4 & 5. We will have our November Intergroup meeting at the convention this year, not November 11th

12. Bylaws Committee: Bob S. reported that the definition of a group has been updated and proposed to put the actual language in the By Laws instead of having a link to WSO to read it.

13. Professional Outreach: Cathi J. reported that her committee met with professionals at the Minnesota Dental Association and at HCMC since the last Intergroup Meeting. The Professional Outreach committee meets every third Wednesday, 7 pm at Common Roots café on Lyndale Ave South. Committee needs OA's who are also professionals who might be willing to talk to professional organizations. Also she'd like professional contacts that are supportive of OA. The reason for this is that if we can offer expertise at Professional Outreach events then the event can count as continuing education for the professionals attending.

14. OA Quick Steps: Next Quick Steps April 8 and 22at St Anthony Library 2941 Pentagon Drive

15. Public Information: Margie A. 8-10 Volunteers will be needed for shifts covering the OA booth at the Women's Expo

Saturday March 18 from 9-5 at the Mpls Convention Center. Lance from Anoka Monday 7 pm volunteered his group to staff the Longevity Expo on Saturday, April 8 in Maple Grove. Contact Margie 612-670-0635 or wf0693@aol.com to volunteer. 30 days abstinence required to volunteer.

16. Registrar: No Report – Jill S standing in for Cheryl R. If you have any needs from the Registrar please contact Jill S. 651-900-9999

17. Sponsorship: We need a chairperson for next year's Sponsorship Workshop

18. Treatment Center Outreach: Mary T. reported that there doesn't seem to be a need for this committee. Discussion followed. Rosemary proposed discussing at the April Meeting. Seconded by Jane Z. Passed by the group

19. 12th Step Within: Paul reported in Carolyn's absence. They want to have two workshops this year. One in the summer and fall.

20. Big Book Study: Howard W. reported that things are progressing nicely. The Big Book Study will be held on May 19, 20 and 21.

21. Buffalo Retreat: Debbie N. reported that there are 75 registered so far and they are expecting that number to rise. Groups will be contacted about creating gift baskets for auction. Groups can contact Debbie N. or Collette S. if your group is interested in making a basket or contributing to a basket. The baskets are a fundraiser for the scholarship fund. The committee is looking for volunteers for the weekend. Scholarships are still available. There is also a price for program only, including food but no room. If you're interested please contact Debbie N. at 651-235-6951 or derby6315@comcast.net or Colette S. cstrinity1952@msn.com. The Buffalo Retreat will be held March 31-April 2 in 2017.

22. Region 4 and World Service: Annette P. made the following announcements: Sunday March 12th 1-4:30 CST is a Sponsorship Success Marathon phone meeting 641-715-3818/code 925619# and it will be available as a podcast afterwards. Region 4 Looking for any and all sponsor contacts –go to region 4 OA website to sign up. Unity Intergroup volunteered to create the entertainment for Region 4 in St. Louis this summer.

23. Literature: Dawn S. reported that she moved the literature to her garage for convenience. Feel free to coordinate with Dawn S. to get literature. If you need literature ordered for committee work, please give Dawn S. two weeks to receive. We try to order in bulk to cut down on shipping costs. Contact Dawn S. 612-310-1703 or dawnspielman@mac.com if your committee needs literature for your events.

24. Email and Event: Howard W. agreed to cover this for now until someone is interested in taking the position. This position takes care of the Constant Contact mailings. Howard is ready to stop doing this job. Please consider stepping up!

25. Hot Line: no report

26. Print & Web: Shiloh S. Reminder all printing has to be sent to Shiloh S. as a PDF. Send any PDF's to oaunityprinter@gmail.com Shiloh will be officially voted in at next month's Unity Intergroup!

27. Web: Beth K. reported that the new email for the new website will be unitymnwebsite@gmail.com. Tour of the new website later in the meeting.

28. Teleconference: Cal N. says the new teleconference system is a dream to set up compared to the old one.

29. Social Media: Howard W. reported that we are getting 6-9 redirects from Google to our website. We need to do some work on identifying what are the top key words. Try doing a google search on overeating or something similar and then scroll down to OA Unity Website and click on it—Don't click on our AD though—We get charged for that! Contact Howard W. 952-930-1212 howardw@isd.net with any questions.

28. Adjournment and Serenity Prayer: Debbie N. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Pat W. seconded and motion passed.