

Unity Intergroup Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2022

ATTENDEES: Annette P-R, Jane S, Jean K, Sarah U, Amy R, Margie, Peg M, Cathy G, Kendra S, Scott S, Sherica, Theresa K, Cathie, Julie K, Val, Jessica, Penda K, Roberta G, Deb C, Ruth N, Val

UIG TRUSTED SERVANTS: IG Chair – Jean K, IG Vice Chair – Jane S, IG Secretary – Amanda, IG Treasurer – Annette P-R; Region 4 Representatives - Cathy G, Amanda A, Jane S; WSBC Delegates - Amy D; By Laws Chair - Jill S; Quick Steps Co-Chairs – Cecilia, Pat W; Public Info Co-Chairs - Betty C, open; Hot Line Responders – Nancy K, Mary B; Literature Coordinators - Betty C, Penda K; Newsletter Editor - Jill S; Print Coordinator – Nancy K; Web Content Manager - Cathy G; Zoom Meeting Managers – Annette P-R, Jill S

1. Welcome: Annette opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer and introductions.
2. Tradition 5: Tradition 5 was read, and someone pitched on Tradition 5.
3. Secretary's Report: Annette presented the minutes of the April meeting. After the review, a correction was made to add the Thursday Chaska Big Book Meeting as the contributors to the newsletter articles in August. A motion was made by Cathy G to pass the April minutes, it was seconded by Peg M and the motion was passed.
4. Treasurer's Report: Annette presented the April expenses. After the review, a motion was made by Deb C to pass the expense report, it was seconded by Peg M and the motion was passed.
5. Newsletter: Monthly articles will correlate with the month, i.e. June is the 6th month so articles can focus on the 6th step, 6th tradition, 6th principle. To submit articles or information to be included in the newsletter send them to expressionsofunity2022@gmail.com. Reps can also encourage members at their meetings to click on the link and read the Newsletter. All articles need to be submitted by the 27th of the prior month, i.e. June articles are due on May 27th. Meetings volunteering for future monthly newsletter articles – June: Chippewa Falls; July: Bloomington Tuesday Night; August: Thursday Chaska Big Book Meeting
6. Intergroup Business:
 - Elections – an official election of Jean K for Chair and Jane S for Vice Chair was done.
Congrats to you both!!
7. Committees: Meg discussed how we need to rebuild our IG and what we can do to reach the larger communities. Everyone broke into three groups to discuss. These working groups will meet again during the May and June IG meetings
 - Twelve Step Within – Annette
 - Public Information – Amanda
 - Professional Outreach – (two groups) Mental Healthcare – Sarah U & Eldercare – Meg
8. Committee Reports:
 - Scott reported on Public Information
 - Sarah reported on Professional Outreach
 - Annette reported on Twelve Step Within
9. OA Events/Carrying the Message:

Update on recent events:

- Buffalo Retreat – April 8-10, 2022
- Men's Retreat – April 29-May 1, 2022
- Intergroup Renewal Kickstart – May 7, 2022

Unity Intergroup upcoming events:

- Big Book Study – date TBD (TBD Hybrid or Zoom)
- 2023 MN State Convention – Currently there is no chair/co-chair for this event.
Reminder: We do have a list of people, available on request, who may be interested in volunteering to help with an upcoming program.
- Quick Steps – TBD – Desperately need more leaders. For more information contact Kendra, Cecelia or Pat W.

Region 4 upcoming events: (oaregion4.org for more information)

- Community Conversation – May 15, 2022 (3rd Sunday of every month at 5pm CST via zoom)
- Region 4 Convention (Omaha) – July 15-17, 2022

10. Announcements:

- Support Fargo – attend/call into meetings, attend Fargo Convention in September 2022
- Consider planning an event with Northern Serenity IG (from Duluth area)
- Consider purchasing Region 4 items such as towels and pillowcases that have OA sayings embroidered on them to be sold at Unity IG events
- Consider purchasing a meeting OWL if IG goes back to hybrid format
- Recovery from Relapse meeting – Thursdays 6pm via Zoom – IG reps please announce at your meetings

11. Closing: A motioned was made by Peg M to close the meeting, it was seconded by Scott. Closed with the Responsibility Pledge.