

## Unity Intergroup Meeting Minutes

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May 13, 2023

### ATTENDEES:

### NEWCOMERS:

**UIG Trusted Servants:** IG Chair – Jean K; IG Vice Chair- Jane; IG Secretary – Open (Jane. filling in this month); IG Treasurer – Peg; Region 4 representatives – Cathy G, Amanda A, Jane S; Region 4 rep ALT – Amy R; WSBC Delegates – Amy D, Cathy G; By Laws Chair – Open; Quick Steps Co-Chairs – Scott P, Jackie K; Hot Line responders – Val; Literature Coordinator – Amy D; Newsletter Editor – Christi C; Print Coordinator – Nancy K; Zoom Meeting Manager – Christi C.

1. Welcome: Jean opened the meeting with the Serenity prayer and introductions.
2. Tradition 5:
3. Secretary report: Cathy motioned to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was approved. [Amended to remove the line item about approving \$10,000 contribution to WSO for a PSA since that was approved in March.]
4. Treasurer's report: The report by Betty and was approved.
5. Newsletter:
  - July - David L volunteered the Waterville group
  - August – Christi volunteered Saturday morning Eden Prairie
  - Our Newsletter Editor is Christi
  - Send your stories to: *expressionsofunity2022@gmail.com*.
6. Intergroup Business:
  - Open board positions:
    - Secretary
      - Meet once a month to talk about the agenda and any special items the board needs to address.
      - Abstinence requirements are 1 year to be on the board.

- Bylaw Chair position is open as well.
- Convention financing and scholarship discussion- We will vote on it in July.

#### 7. Events/Committee reports:

- Big Book study with Lawrie C. coming up in May – Zoom event – more information to follow.
- Cathy will check Unity post office box on Thursday May 18 and let Lori K. know if there are any mail-in registrations for Big Book Study.
- **WSBC highlights:**
  - In-person conferences are likely to be replaced by virtual events to lower barriers to participation for younger members (working, raising kids, etc.) and all Regions, especially those in countries with travel bans.
  - AA literature in OA: there's a contingent of OA members who want to remove OA-conference-approved status from all AA materials (except the Big Book and the AA 12x12). Although the motion was defeated, it will most certainly be brought back.
  - New medallions for 45 and 50 years of abstinence.
  - New literature coming in 2024:
    - o “Diverse Voices: A Common Solution”—stories from members around the world who identify as gay, Black, Brown, Asian, Mexican, bariatric surgery survivor, Hindu, trans, Jewish, neurodivergent, male, bulimic, anorexic, and/or having mental health issues—plus many other experiences and identities.
    - o Update of “OA Handbook for Members, Groups, and Service Bodies” will be available in 2024.

#### 8. Announcements

#### 9. Closing – Jean led closing with the responsibility pledge.

#### 10. Committee meeting – we broke into two breakout rooms.

- Professional outreach
- Twelve Step Within