

Unity Intergroup Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2024

Attendees:

UIG Trusted Servants: Sarah S., IG Vice Chair; Jean K., IG Treasurer; Mary T., Convention Co-chair; Betty C., IG Bookkeeper & Hotline volunteer; Cathy G., IG web coordinator & WSBC delegate; Amy D., WSBC delegate & Region 4 Treasurer; Amanda, Region 4 rep & Region 4 2024 Convention Chair.

IG Reps: Rasha K., Liz Z., Laurie C., Rita, Lynn H., Judy M., Jon W-K., Cathy W., Max W., Barb

Welcome:

1. Tradition 2- Betty C. shared about Tradition 2.
2. Review January Minutes – Cathy G. moved to accept January minutes, second from Betty C., January minutes approved.
3. January Treasurer's Report: Jean reviewed the receipts and expenses. On the year we are running in negative numbers because of donation to WSO from excess funds. Reserve still has \$15,000. Operating account currently has \$27,960. \$1400 income over expenses in January. Cathy G. moved to accept the treasurers report, Liz Z. seconded. February Treasurer's report approved.
4. Convention update: Mary T and Dawn will co-chair the convention. Date is Oct. 25-26. Friday evening and all-day Saturday. Hotel will be the same (Crowne Plaza Minneapolis West). Reserved a different room on the main floor to help with mobility. Still need a program committee chair. Several volunteer leaders from last year have volunteered to serve again.
5. Newsletter: editor position is still open. There is a newsletter template to use. Training is available. 90 days abstinence requirement. Only need ability to cut and paste in a Word-based template. Sarah and Jean are temporarily accepting the articles and putting the newsletter together.
 - March: Circle Pines Group
 - April: Golden Valley Group

- May: Wednesday St. Paul Zoom meeting
- Send your stories to: sarahmgs@comcast.net

6. Intergroup Business:

Election results:

- Chair – open
- Vice Chair – Sarah S.
- Treasurer – Jean K.
- Secretary – open

Committee appointments:

- Region 4 Reps: Amanda
- World Service Reps: Cathy G., Amy

Coordinator and Service Positions:

- Big Book Study – Lori K will remain Chair
- By-Laws Chair – open (occasional)
- OA Quick Steps Chair – Jackie will continue as Chair, Scott to assist
- Hotline Responder – Judy M. & Betty will share this position
- Literature Coordinator – Amy
- Newsletter Editor – open
- Zoom Meeting Manager – open

Region 4 update

Must vote this month which region we will join when region 4 closes.

Each intergroup will decide for itself which new region to align to.

- Region 5 is closest geographically. They have many activities and gatherings. Lots of ways to get involved.
- Region 3 in Southwest states.
- Region 1 in Pacific Northwest.
- Region 6 is Northeast US.

Rasha made a motion that Unity Intergroup join Region 5. Liz Z seconds.

Motion passed. Many thanks to Jean K for her involvement in the process.

By-laws need to be updated to be submitted to World Service as part of the change in regions. Cathy G moved to accept the recommendations below, and Judy M. seconded. Motion approved.

Recommendations:

- Remove reference to a region number in the by-laws
- Update by-laws to require that both the Convention and Retreat chairs meet the same abstinence requirements (1 year). This has been done in practice but is not in the by-laws.

7. World Service

- Cathy G will be attending WSBC along with Amy D. WSO asked us to consider consent agenda items and motions. Each intergroup must vote on each item. Not voting on the item itself, but voting to include the agenda item as part of the WSBC debate/discussion. It is a topic that benefits OA as a whole.
- Cathy reviewed the WSO agenda questionnaire and will submit the intergroup votes on behalf of Unity IG.

8. Events/Committee reports:

- Buffalo Retreat- Jean K shared that information about the Buffalo retreat will be in the newsletter and sent by email to those that have attended before. Registration will open soon. Scholarships are available. Cost is higher than it has been. Share with groups that scholarships are available (standard scholarship will be 50% of registration cost. If anyone is interested in helping out, there will be opportunities for service at the retreat. Still could use people help with getting ready. Contact Jean if interested.
- April Intergroup meeting will be held in person at the Buffalo retreat. People will be able to join virtually. It will be later in the afternoon than usual.
- PIPO: Cathy reported that local TV station has agreed to show the 30-second PSA developed by OA. Bloomington and Edina public access stations also agreed to run the spots when there is space. Will continue to run the spots through July.

9. Announcements:

- Amanda announced that the Region 4 Convention planned for June has been canceled.
- Region 4 has money available for PIPO activities. Put in a request if needed.

10. Jean led closing with the responsibility pledge.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Z. volunteer