

## Unity Intergroup (UIG) Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2024

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### Attendees

#### UIG Trusted Servants:

Marque N, IG Chair; Sarah S, IG Vice-Chair; Jean K., IG Treasurer; Jackie K, Quick Steps Chair; Cathy G., IG web coordinator & WSBC delegate (Zoom); Liz Z, IG Secretary (Zoom).

#### IG Reps:

Rita L., Bob LI., Lori K., Dru F., Debbie N., Lisa H., Michele K., Cindy KW., Kathy B., Rasha K., Vicki M., Liz D., Graham C., Carla C., Barb L., Judy M (Zoom), Jon W-K (Zoom)

#### Welcome:

1. Introductions
2. Tradition 4 - Jean K. shared about Tradition 4.
3. Review March Minutes – There was a motion to accept March minutes, and a second. March minutes approved.
4. March Treasurer's Report: Expenses for Buffalo retreat have not yet come out of the budget. It looks like we have a loss but it was because of a large donation to WSO. There was a motion to accept the treasurers report, and a second. March Treasurer's report approved.
5. Newsletter: editor position is still open. Sarah and Liz are temporarily accepting the articles and putting the newsletter together. Groups volunteer to submit articles for a particular month on the step and/or tradition that matches the month (January, step/tradition #1, etc). Only requirements for being newsletter editor are simple Word skills and an abstinence requirement.
  - May: Wednesday St. Paul Zoom meeting
  - June: opportunity is open
  - July: open
  - Send submissions to: [sarahmgs@comcast.net](mailto:sarahmgs@comcast.net)
6. Intergroup Business:

Introduce IG Board in elected positions:

- Marque N, IG Chair
- Sarah S, IG Vice-Chair
- Jean K., IG Treasurer
- Liz Z, IG Secretary

Open Coordinator Service Positions:

- Bylaws Chair – (occasional – just updated in February)
- Newsletter Editor: 4-6 hours per month, need Word skills.
- Zoom Meeting Manager – for monthly IG meetings
- Still space open for 2 additional Region Reps and 1 WSBC Rep
- Jean provided descriptions of what the service positions involve

Unity Intergroup is moving to Region 5

- Updated timeline – we will be part of Region 5 beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Region 4 is no longer taking donations. Region 5 will not begin taking donations from R4 groups until after June 1<sup>st</sup>.

7. Events/Committee reports:

- Region 5 Convention September 6-8 in Independence, Ohio.
- Unity Intergroup 2024 MN Convention: Oct. 25-26 at same hotel as last year (Crowne Plaza, Minneapolis West).
- Quick Steps update

8. Announcements/Action Items:

- Intergroup involvement/service – there is no “them” in OA at the group level, intergroup level, or other service levels. We only get to enjoy the lovely events that the organizations put on if people step up to do the work. You can only be on the board of Unity Intergroup for a maximum of 2 years before taking a break. It is part of keeping the Intergroup healthy, to rotate leadership. It is important to have boundaries to keep things healthy, and for new voices to step forward. Lots of ways to get involved. Every meeting can have 2 reps to UIG. Things from WSO come down to intergroups for votes. Our UIG reps to WSO will vote for us.

How to get involved:

- If your meeting isn't sending reps, be a rep.
- If your meeting doesn't already do it, have someone who downloads the newsletter to send it out or at least share the link.

- The more people that come and participate in UIG, the more fun it is.
- UIG meetings are on Zoom. First hour is for business. Second hour, there are 2 committees that attendees can participate in: PIPO and 12<sup>th</sup> Step Within.
- “If it is to be, it is up to me.”
- Big Book study will not be happening this year. It was hoped to do an in-person event this year, but no one has stepped forward to make it a reality.

9. Closing: Marque led closing with the responsibility pledge.

10. Committee meetings:

- Public Information/Professional Outreach (PIPO)
- Twelfth Step Within

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Z. Secretary