

St. Louis Bi-State Intergroup Minutes

September 13, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

Open: The meeting was called to order by IG Chair, Dianne S. at 1:30 p.m.

Communications: Meeting was held via ZOOM due to Illinois and Missouri state-wide restrictions on large gatherings due to viral covid-19 pandemic precautions. Members were instructed on meeting ID and Password via email.

Readings: Serenity Prayer, The Twelve Steps, Tradition 9 and Concept 9

Welcome: 21 persons were in attendance. 6 board members, 2 committee chairs, 11 IG representatives, and 2 visitors all via ZOOM. For voting purposes, 19 members were counted as eligible.

Minutes: July 12, 2020 IG minutes were distributed via email for review prior to the meeting. No corrections noted and minutes were accepted as documented.

Reports: Multiple reports were distributed via email for review prior to the meeting.

Seventh Tradition and Roll Call: Participants were documented and signed in by Elizabeth C. Representatives were encouraged to be responsible to contribute for Seventh Tradition at <https://oaregion4.org/stlouisoa/contribute>

Old Business:

1. Fall Retreat Update:

Committee Chair, Cyndy L. presented update on Virtual Fall Retreat that occurred September 11-12, 2020. Theme was Faith: Finding Answers in the Heart. Retreat was presented via ZOOM format. Out of town speaker addressed the program of recovery and hope. 63 registered members resulted in approximately \$1500 in registration fees. Noted were expenses of \$500 incurred from forfeiture of down payment on reservation from venue that required cancellation due to pandemic restrictions. Final revenue data will be available at next IG meeting.

2. Open Service Positions:

Susan T. shared her service history in OA with experience, strength, and hope in expanding her recovery. Plea to body to ask groups to consider rendering service beyond the group level. Many levels of service are in need of filling.

3. Public Information Master Plan:

Melanie T, PI Chair presented plan for current and future Public Information projects. Recruiting Currently recruiting members for service in Public Outreach. Asking groups to consider service as a group to accomplish goals.

- Social Media Committee head as Jen L. Under this heading is Facebook, led by Melanie and others being recruited. Twitter head of Paul L. Instagram lead of Pat R and Jennifer L. There are plans for Blog and Instagram accounts for later development.
- Standard Media Outreach will include purchasing a billboard/flyer campaign to be led by Nancy m. This will/may include obtaining flyers and distributing to groups with suggested list of posting places. Plans also include to update media contact lists for TV, radio, print. Melanie will be recruiting and training volunteers to be available for interviews to media.
- Plans for a 15 Questions Flyer Campaign
- Other plans for future public information work:
 - Outreach to Medical Community
 - Diversity Outreach Community
 - 12th Step Within Subcommittee

- Good Meeting Check List
- Clothing Exchange
- Intergroup Passport Program

New Business:

1. Intergroup Supported Zoom Account:

Until this point, all Zoom meetings have been supported by individual OA members having personal Zoom accounts and willing to share with meetings and Intergroup for business purposes. Discussion occurred among members if a Zoom account should be purchased for the use of IG supported events, board meetings, IG hosted recovery events, IG meetings. Discussion between members supporting and in opposition of this purchase. Motion was made to purchase Zoom account using IG funds at \$150 per year for up to 100 participants and an option to pay a temporary increased fee when greater than 100 members is expected. Voting was carried out with the result being 12 in favor and 6 in opposition of the purchase. Chair reported to move forward with the purchase of Intergroup supported Zoom account for use with IG sponsored events.

2. Liability and Indemnification Insurance:

Chair reported the Board had made the decision proceeding with the purchase of insurance as necessary for protection of St. Louis Bi-State Intergroup and board of trustees.

Work Groups for Twelfth Step Within

1. **Newcomer/Relapse Program**-Melanie T. led group to recruit a sub-committee lead and volunteers to carryout beginning of this project.
2. **To Come or Not To Come**-Dianne S. led group to divide out reach calls to groups within our Intergroup that are not being represented at meetings. Each member agreed to contact their assigned group and inquire obstacles to attending IG meetings since moving to Zoom format.

General Announcements:

1. New Me Meeting starting at a new venue
2. Next Super Saturday hosted by New Me Meeting scheduled for October 10, 2020 at 1-4 pm
3. Newsletter editor announced need for articles relating to Step 10 and Tradition 10, due date to editor by 9/10/2020. Contact J-MO for details/interest.
4. Considerations for November 2020 business meeting. Seeking nominations for Board openings:
 - a. Vice-Chair
 - b. Treasurer
 - c. Public Information Chair

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m. with the OA Promise

Next Intergroup Meeting

Sunday, October 11, 2020 1:30 p.m.

Platform will likely be via ZOOM. Communications to follow.