

St. Louis Bi-State Intergroup Minutes
February 9, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

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

Readings: Serenity Prayer, Step 2 (Jeanine M.), Tradition 2 (Paula Mari W.), Concept 1 and 2 (Elizabeth C.)

Welcome: Twenty-four were people in attendance; 21 attended in person; three by teleconference.

One new Intergroup Rep was welcomed: Jeanine M. (Thursday night Bookworms, 7 pm, Affton).

Alternate IG Rep Kathy H. asked that a name plate be made for her. There were no visitors.

Minutes: The January 12, 2020 IG minutes were distributed by email on Jan. 29, 2020. Marilyn F. brought one correction to our attention; then with no further questions or corrections, the corrected minutes were approved unanimously as written.

Reports: The following IG reports were distributed to the body on Jan. 27, Feb. 3 and Feb 7, 2020, by email: Webmaster report, treasurer's report, IG Chair report, updated IG Meeting and Events Schedule, Suggestions for IG Functions without a Physical Office. There were no questions about the reports.

Convention Report: Susan T. gave a verbal Convention report: registration underway online and by mail, volunteers needed to help with set-up on Friday night and break-down on Saturday night. Please contact Susan. Jeanine M. announced that the Thursday night Bookworms meeting is handling the silent auction (baskets, gift cards, service, etc.) for the Convention. Contact Jeanine for more information.

Seventh Tradition and Roll Call: The Seventh Tradition pouch was passed. The roll call sign-in sheet was passed, and the green sign-in sheet was passed for our new IG Rep. Those attending by teleconference were signed in by the Secretary.

Old Business: There was no old business addressed to allow time for the discussion and voting on various WSBC proposals.

New Business: World Service Delegates, Susan T., Christina D. and Pat M. presented twenty items to our IG that may be considered at the World Service Business Conference in April 2020. (A link to view these proposals was emailed to IG Reps on Feb. 3.) IG's job was to decide whether we wanted the Conference body to consider these matters. Eleven of the items were new proposals to World Service By-laws; the other nine items were changes to exiting By-laws. Some items were moved forward by consent agenda. Others were eliminated by consent agenda. Four remaining proposals were debated Using Robert's Rules of Order, followed by vote by raise of hands. Comments made about the four debated proposals were collected anonymously to pass along to World Service with the results of our voting.

Work Groups: There were no work groups convened to allow time for the discussion and voting on various WSBC proposals.

Other Business: Jeanine M. distributed copies of an historical report from 2007, created by a committee to evaluate whether to keep renting office space.

Kathy H. mentioned that her group has more questions about how IG will spend the money saved if IG votes to stop renting a physical office.

Announce in Home Meetings:

- a) Unity Day on Feb. 29; Eileen M. is coordinating speakers; please ask group members if they would like to participate. (Info on our website, stlouisoa.org)
- b) From now on, only groups' WSO numbers will show on our Where & When. Group treasurers must use this number (not the SL number) to get credit for contributions at the local, Region and World levels. (SL numbers will continue to be assigned for historical purposes within our IG but will not be otherwise used).
- c) Our one-day Convention is March 21; please encourage your group members to participate in all of part of this wonderful recovery event. (Info and registration on our website, stlouisoa.org)
- d) The deadline for our next Newsletter is Feb. 15. Liz P., our NL editor, is looking for recovery stories.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. with joining of hands and the OA Promise.

**Next Intergroup Meeting – Sunday May 17, 2020 1:30 p.m.
(IG does not meet in April)**