Intergroup Meeting Minutes Sunday, March 10, 2024

Open: The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Elizabeth C. at 1:30 p.m. Zoom recording feature enabled for the duration of the meeting. All members were informed of the recording process.

Communications: Meeting was held via ZOOM. Members were instructed on meeting ID and Password via email. Representatives were notified via email of previous meeting minutes and committee/service reports prior to the meeting.

Welcome: Our attendance taker, Amy G., reported 13 IG Reps, 3 Board Members, 6 IG Committee members, and 1 guest. FYI, there was an overlap of reps and committee members that skew those totals.

Minutes: Minutes from the February meeting were distributed via email for review prior to the meeting. There was a correction noted on Page 1 of the minutes, Item 1, of Old Business. The last sentence should read, "A vote was taken with the following results: 19 votes for Region 5 and 3 votes for Region 3." The "3" of Region 3, was inadvertently left off.

Reports: Committee reports were distributed via email for review prior to the meeting. There were no additional questions regarding reports and no additional reports were given verbally.

Intergroup Reps Home Meeting Comments: No comments were offered.

Old Business

- 1. Region Transition was discussed. As previously decided by this Intergroup we have decided to affiliate with Region 5. Eileen M. let everyone know that Region 4 has been notified. Shout out to Elizabeth and the audit committee for all their work in getting everything updated on the website, etc. Even though Region 4 convention has been cancelled there are opportunities to attend upcoming Region 5 events. A reminder that March 31 will be the LAST date that donations can be given to Region 4.
- 2. Google Ads update Elizabeth reported wonderful numbers from the ads. We had 13,120 clicks on the ads and our website was "seen" 42,600 times which is a fantastic rate.

New Business:

1. Election of Chairperson of the IG Board. There were 20 attendees eligible to vote on this issue. Eileen M. submitted a nomination form for consideration. Eileen is a long timer to St. Louis OA, has been involved in IG, the Region, and the WSO. Her nomination was approved 19-1 (our incoming chair thought she should abstain)!

Wrap Up/What Should be Announced at Home Meetings:

- 1. We have a new Chairperson!
- 2. Super Saturday to be held on Saturday, April 20 from 9 am-12:30 pm at Concord Trinity United Methodist Church.
- 3. Mid-Continent Intergroup in Kansas would like to share our newsletter on their website (yay)! We are also happy to promote their events in our Newsletter in the spirit of Tradition One.
- 4. Unity Day was fantastic, 38 attended.
- 5. Fall Retreat planning is under way, stay tuned.
- 6. Tentative Super Saturday in June hosted by the Saturday morning Step and Tradition study. Stay tuned for further information. They are moving to a new location and would like to have that settled before an official date is set.
- 7. Milwaukee IG Convention is April 12-14.
- 8. Region 5 Convention is September 6-8 in Cleveland.

Next IG Meeting: Sunday, May 5 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Intergroup Board Meeting Sunday, April 21, 2024

Members Present: Chairperson Eileen M., Vice Chair Elizabeth C., Treasurer Marina F., Secretary Martha P., Bookkeeper Sue E., Past Chair Dianne S.

Opening - Serenity prayer

Welcome - Eileen welcomed everyone to this special meeting of the Board and stated how much she was looking forward to working with the members of the board and STL Intergroup.

Report & task assignments - Elizabeth and Martha gave some brief background on why the meeting was called and what we wanted to accomplish. Our Intergroup is a non-profit business and as such we have the usual various items and issues that any business will have including accounts, insurance, policies and procedures, etc. These items are ongoing and, as such, periodically need updating, for example, checking account signature cards, post office box keys, etc.

Elizabeth has proposed that a set of four binders be created for each of the board members. All agreed that this was a great idea. It was also agreed that we would need to keep the binder up to date and relevant, not only for the current sitting board, but for future board members, as well. The IG Secretary was tasked with distributing binder updates.

Elizabeth compiled a full list of the accounts and services that IG uses along with account numbers and instructions for each. In discussing the various items and using the IG Policy and Procedure Manual and the Job Description list, we designated items to each of the board positions.

Chairman: Physical resources including the cell phone, laptop, insurance, website, Microsoft software.

Vice Chair: Emails, Google, Zoom

Treasurer: Bank account, credit card, QuickBooks (please note that QB is being cancelled so this will drop off shortly).

Secretary: Dropbox, PO Box

We went through the list item by item and made updates and created tasks to update account information, delete any superfluous accounts, etc. It was agreed that anytime there is an update or a change to the account let the Secretary know and they will update the appropriate page and distribute to the Board members for their binders.

Elizabeth also brought to our attention an issue that has arisen with the IRS. At this time, our non-profit status with the IRS is in question. Even though our bookkeeper annually files the form reporting that we make no extra income (a requirement of a non-profit corporation),

these filing appear to either be in a pending status, or rejected. It was agreed that this is a high priority issue and must be resolved sooner rather than later. It was even discussed that we may need to hire an accountant to help us resolve this issue.

Task Assignments:

Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer - will update the signature cards with Commerce Bank.

Chair - will track down the third post office box key. Elizabeth has one, Sue has one, we're not sure who has the third.

Treasurer - will call Intuit and cancel QuickBooks Online.

Chair - will reach out to insurance agency and update addresses.

Vice Chair, Secretary, Bookkeeper - will meet at the post office and update contact information, secure keys.

OA Bookkeeper - will try to update our address with St. Louis County, double check our filing status with the IRS and if incorrect, will attempt to correct it.

Brainstorming / overview of the rest of 2024

Website issues were discussed. We had to move to a new platform because of the dissolution of Region 4 and that switch has really created a bit of a mess. Alex, our webmaster has been working diligently to resolve the issues, but some remain. The "Donations" section of the website is still broken, and there are also some potential email issues remaining. Too, we will soon have to pay \$6.99 per email per month so a discussion commenced whether all the emails are even needed, for example chair@, secretary @, etc. It was decided that the following emails would be kept: newsletter@, webmaster@, info@ and that the Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary emails would be discontinued. It was also decided that the Chair would be the point person for all matters pertaining to the website and working with Alex and with our IG Webmaster, Colleen.

The meeting concluded at 3:30 p.m. It was agreed that it was a very productive meeting and Eileen thanked everyone for their time and work on these important details.

Closing - Serenity Prayer (we version).

Goup Donations 2024 Year to date End of April

00990	New Me	438.77	January	PayPal	851.59
03448	Free to Choose	0	January	Checks	660.00
04699	Carbondale	100		Total:	1511.59
06234	Sunday OA Recovery	310		rotai.	1311.33
07276	Creve Coeur	0	February	PavPal	374.00
07418	Reaching Out	0	. co. da. y	Checks	215.00
08734	Webster Groves Step Study	621.59		Total	589.00
11652	Newcomers Meeting	40			
14194	New Horizons	0	March	PayPal	486.00
21534	New Day	0		Checks	221.20
20413	Sunday Step Study	0		Total	707.20
24305	Recovery from Relapse	351			
56327	Work to Recover	60	April	Paypal	438.00
33891	Waterloo OA	116.2	•	Checks	666.57
45074	Welcome Home	0		Total	1104.57
45077	Abstinence First/Newcomers	116			
45964	Recovery Book Worms	0			
801183	St. Louis Early Bird Meeting	57			
50027	Renewed Hope	180			
46420	Serenity Seekers	0			
51315	Thursday Rolla	120			
801168	B Recovery ABCs	0			
801182	2 St. Louis Early Bird Meeting	155			
53186	Mix It Up	40			
53204	Welcome Home!	25			
801184	St. Louis Early Bird Meeting	225			
53332	Any Lengths Big Book Study	365			
53859	Saturday Steppers	121.8			
56156	Farmington OA Group	0			
56420	H.O.P.E.	0			
56711	Eureka Thursday	0			
57161	OA Workshop	0			
800758	B Literature Study Group	0			
57843	The 12 Steppers	60			
80118	St. Louis Early Bird Meeting	100			
09029	Intergroup	45			
Individ	ual	265			

Total: 3912.36

St. Louis Bi State Area Intergroup

Monthly Summary

April 2024

Previous Month

Checking:	Trevious Worth	\$ 7,723.95
We Care:		\$ 2,511.33
Total:		\$ 10,235.28
	Income	
Group Donations:		\$ 1,104.57
We Care:		\$ -
Total Income:		\$ 1,104.57
	Expenses	
T-Mobile:	•	\$ 54.87
Accounting:		\$ 330.00
PayPal Fees:		\$ 12.15
= :	: Communicaton: Internet	\$ 34.93
WSO: Registration		\$ 249.00
WSO: Travel		\$ 352.95
Total Expenses:		\$ 1,033.90
	Balance	
Balance on Hand:		\$ 10,305.95
(Operating Fund)		
	Prudent Reserve (Savings Account)	
Beginning:		\$ 4,881.52
Interest:		\$ 3.35
Ending:		\$ 4,884.87

St. Louis Bi-State Area Intergroup 2024

Profit and Loss

April 2024 Year to Date

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Contributions: Group Donations Bank Account Earned Interest We Care Super Saturday Total Income:	\$ \$ \$ \$	3,912.36 13.17 13.00 26.00 3,938.53
Expenses: Operating Expenses: Communication: Cell Phone Operating Expences: Communicaton: Internet Operating Expenses: Bank Service Charge: PayPal Professional Fees: Accounting Fees Professional Fees: Web Consultant Public Information Public Service Announcements WSO: Travel WSO: Registration Public Information: Google Ads	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	219.27 34.93 58.25 1,320.00 167.00 400.00 352.95 498.00 6,562.78
Total Expenses:	\$	9,613.18
Net Profit (Loss):	\$	(5,674.65)

VICE-CHAIR REPORT, MAY 2024

A. Upcoming Events.

Fall Retreat. Details will be available closer to the event.

See the Upcoming Event List on our website for other events, such as the Region 5 Convention and the Iowa State Convention. Here's the link: https://stlouisoa.org/?page_id=515

B. Meeting Changes.

The Saturday 10 am Webster Groves Step Study will be changing churches starting June 1.

From: Webster Groves Christian Church, 1320 W Lockwood Ave

To: Webster Groves Presbyterian Church, 45 W Lockwood Ave.

Entrance on east side of church by parking lot.

(Note: this is a hybrid meeting. The Zoom information is unchanged,)

C. Incoming contacts. (March and April 2024)

Intergoup (IG) cell phone (314-638-6070): In March there were two real (not spam) calls. One was looking for a meeting, the other was Zoom information for a particular meeting. In April there were three real calls. Two wanted local meeting information and the third was having trouble downloading the Where Do I Start pamphlet, so the phone volunteer mailed her one.

Intergroup (IG) Email (info@stlouisoa.org)

With the transitioning of our website away from Region 4, the old email history was no longer available, and the new email was down for a while, so we couldn't count the March and April incoming emails the way we usually do. Next month we'll be back to our standard format.

Submitted by Elizabeth C, vice-chair

Report from Intergroup Newsletter Team For May 2024

Two newsletters have been published since your last newsletter report. The April 2023 newsletter is posted at our Intergroup website at <u>THIS LINK</u>. The May 2023 newsletter is posted <u>HERE</u> at our Intergroup website.

Here is a summary of the April newsletter - with our thanks to all who contributed:

- A Step Four article
- A Tradition Four article
- Part 1 of a newcomers article titled "The Power of NOT"
- An article highlighting telephone as the Tool of the Month
- An article focused on self-care
- A list of favorite OA slogans
- An article about how abstinence can be foundational to surving hard times
- An article on releasing fears
- Information about the dissolution of Region 4 from our new Intergroup chair
- The Intergroup calendar of events
- A 7th Tradition FAQ, plus a fact sheet on donating to save
- A flyer about an April 20 recovery event

Here is a summary of the May newsletter - with our thanks to all who contributed:

- A Step Five article
- A Tradition Five article
- Part 1 of a newcomers article titled "The Power of NOT"
- A blurb about the Virtual Intergroup's Abstinence Workshop on May 18
- An announcement about a new location for the Webster Groves Step & Tradition Study group
- A personal share on staying abstinent at special events in late spring/summer
- A story of Experience, Strength, and Hope with a Spring theme
- The Tool of the Month article with a focus on Writing
- The Intergroup calendar of events
- A flyer September Region Five convention (and a paragraph drawing attention to the flyers)
- The 2024 World Service appeal letter
- A reprint of an article about willingness to be abstinent from the Central Colorado Intergroup

Please help your fellows know the newsletter exists by sharing information about how to access them during announcement time at your home meetings. It can be

helpful to post a link in the Chat Box if your meetings are by Zoom or to take some printed copies to your meetings if you are meeting face-to-face. (That makes a simple, but potentially impactful service role for a member of your home meeting, and feeling useful is one of the most wonderful things that can happen in OA.) The newsletter, along with a **Where and When**, can also make an excellent leave behind resource when you have a Step 12 conversation.

If you wish to send a letter or an article about any topic – or send art - please let the newsletter committee know by email, text, or phone call. The email address is newsletter@stlouisoa.org. The deadline is the 20th of each month, but there's a little wiggle room if you let me know what's coming and when. Generally, articles should not exceed 400 words, but not every item needs to be that long. Shorter items of a paragraph or two are very welcome. Graphics can be JPG, GIF, or PNG format.

Our goal is for the newsletter to attract still-suffering compulsive eaters to our fellowship, to help those in relapse within our membership to regain abstinence, and to support the recovery of all readers. We want to lift spirits by sharing experience, strength, and hope, and we may even bring a smile or laugh at times because "we are not a glum lot." We highlight OA events at all levels, offer a witness that long-term recovery is possible, and encourage our fellows to consider filling service positions. Rotation of service is part of how we live out the Eleventh Tradition and keep the fellowship alive for all who need it.

J-MO, Newsletter Editor 314-775-3261 And Team Members: Anne H. Elizabeth C. LaNae S. Melanie T. Sue S. Website Report for May Intergroup Meeting

This past month, we needed to retrieve past information for the website, as our website consultant migrated materials and lost some current information. Thanks to everyone who helped restore the data!

March 31 – April 29, 2024

Sessions: 478 (37% increase from previous 30 days)

Pageviews: 1228 (68% decrease from previous 30 days)

New vs. Returning visitors: 91% vs. 9%

Device Breakdown: Desktop 48%, Tablet 2%, Mobile 50%

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Submitted by: Colleen C. 314-566-9583

Upcoming Event List as of May 5, 2024

St. Louis Bi-State Area Intergroup Events

Intergroup meeting May 5 (a week earlier than usual because of Mother's Day)
Intergroup meeting June 9
Intergroup meeting July 14
---- no Intergroup meeting in August ----

There will be a 2024 Fall Retreat. Details will be available closer to the event.

Intergroup meeting September 8
Intergroup meeting October 13
Intergroup meeting November 10
---- no Intergroup meeting in December ----

Other Events

OA World Service: https://oa.org/event-calendar

Region 5: https://www.region5oa.org/events/

The Region 5 Convention is in Cleveland September 6-8. Expect an exciting weekend of recovery and connection. You can follow this link to the Region 5

website https://oaregion5.regfox.com/region-5-oa-convention-2024 or see the flier to access the registration and hotel information. EARLY BIRD registration ends June 7th.

Virtual Region: https://oavirtualregion.org/events/ This region always has many upcoming events.

Other:

<u>Iowa State Convention</u>. Save the Date: September 20-21. They write "Even though Region 4 is disbanding and some of us will be joining different Regions we still want you to feel like family to us. ... We are excited because we plan to do things differently this year. The convention will be in person only."

** Intergroup Meeting Information:

The meeting time is 1:30-3:00 pm, central time.

All meetings are on Zoom.

The Zoom meeting ID is **940 5580 8391** and the password is **Serenity**

To dial in by phone, call **312-626-6799**. The meeting ID is **940 5580 8391** and the password is **75183374**. Visitors are welcome!

Service Opportunities

	Registration
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□ Sell Raffle Tickets

	Session	Time
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☐ Hugger/Greeter

☐ Marketplace

☐ Hospitality☐ Wherever I am needed

☐ OA Meeting Leader/Speaker 1year of current, continuous abstinence required)

If you volunteer to speak or provide service, opportunities are available from 3pm Friday until noon Sunday.

1. Please indicate your arrival/departure times so that we may schedule you accordingly.

Friday
Saturday
Sunday

2. Please provide your cell # in case we need to contact you:

Scholarship – Accepted by paper registrations only!

You may request a scholarship for the full cost of registration only. Scholarships do not cover meals, rooms or other expenses. Meal costs are noted under registration prices. Meals must be purchased by August 9.

Would like to apply for a scholarship? Yes _____ "First come basis"- apply early.

Preference may be awarded to those who have not previously attended a Region 5 Convention. You may complete a scholarship application if you have not previously received a scholarship within the last 5 years. You must be a Region 5 resident. Recipients will be notified by the registrar. Scholarship recipients are asked to perform service at the convention in a capacity that matches their abilities. Please indicate the type of service you are willing to provide in the **Service Opportunities** section (above).

Scholarship Postmark Deadline:

June 7, 2024





Hosted by Cleveland Central Intergroup

Welcome Home: (Many Symptoms, One Solution) September 6 - 8, 2024

Register for convention on-line at region5oa.org

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1, 2024

Make hotel reservations directly with:

Holiday Inn - Cleveland South
Independence
6001 Rockside Road
Independence, OH 44131
(216) 524-8050

Online Hotel Reseservation
To receive group rate, mention:
"Region 5 Convention Room Block"
Special Room Rates (until 8/9/2024)
\$119 + tax

Choice of: 1 King Bed or 2 Double Beds

Hotel Amenities: Free Parking Wi-Fi access,

Fitness Center and Indoor Pool,

Check In: 3:00 pm

Come follow the 12 step road with us

Preliminary Agenda

Friday, September 6, 2024

4:00 pm Registration Desk Opens 4:00 pm OA meetings begin 7:00 pm Grand Opening & Keynote Speaker

Saturday, September 7, 2024 OA MEETINGS WITH VARIOUS TOPICS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE DAY

7:00am – 8:30am Breakfast(pre-register only)

7:00 am Registration Opens

7:00 am Open Meditation Room

8:00 am OA Meeting

8:45 am Grand Opening & Keynote Speaker

12 noon Lunch Buffet (pre-register only)

6:00 pm Dinner Buffet (pre-register only)

7:30 pm Keynote Speaker and Raffles

9:00 PM DJ/Dance or OA Meeting

Sunday, September 8, 2024

8:00 am OA meeting or Meditation 9:00 am Keynote Speaker 10:00 am Re-entry/Closing/Sharing

Early Bird Registration must be postmarked by June 7, 2024

Regular Pre-Registration must be postmarked by August 9, 2024

After this date, you MUST register at the Convention. Registration can be transferred to another person, but cannot be refunded.

Questions:

Phone: 800-511-9610 Email: ccioa@onebox.com

Two ways to Register!

REGISTRATIONS OPENS APRIL 1, 2024

1. Register Online at www.REGION5OA.org Payment by major credit card.

OR

- 2. Mail this form (one form per person)
 - ☐ Fill out and detach this section.
 - ☐ Please print legibly.
 - ☐ Make UScheckormoneyorder payable to: **OA Region 5.** Do not send cash.

Mail completed form/payment to:

R5 Convention 2024 P. O. Box 347223 Parma, OH 44134-9610

Name: First
Last:
Address:
City:
State/Province:
Zip:
Daytime Phone:
E-mail:
Emergency Contact:
Name:
Number:
What name would you like on your badge?
Special Needs:

Confirmation will be e-mailed to you unless you indicate otherwise. If you want confirmation by US mail, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your completed registration form and check.

Registration Pricing

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Ac	dditional Breakfast tickets dditional Lunch Buffet tickets dditional Dinner Buffet tickets	\$30.00
Donati	on to the Scholarship fund	\$
Total I	Enclosed: \$	
You m	After August 9, 2024 pre-registration is closed. ust pay at the door (no me	eals)
	l Weekend iday only	\$90.00 \$40.00

All Weekend	\$90.00
Friday only	\$40.00
Caturday and (CCO at door)	¢60.00

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Learn How to Carry the Message at Your Local Farmer's Market ... and learn how MAI can help

Monday, May 20, 2024 9:30 - 11:00 am on Zoom CDT

Each MAI meeting is encouraged to send one or more representative(s)



Workshop Details

- Literature
- Sharing
- Questions and Answers

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85843184547?pwd=TEw1VmtWdVd5Rkg0d1VxUTcxbVp0dz09

Meeting ID: 858 4318 4547

Passcode: 504851

Dial 312 626 6799 US

Meeting ID: 858 4318 4547# Passcode: 504851#

Hosted by the Milwaukee Area Intergroup Have questions? Please call 414-259-0640.





Responsibility Pledge:

"Always to extend the heart and hand of OA to all who share my compulsion; for this I am responsible."



Newcomers Workshop:

The Tools of Recovery

Virtual Workshop

Saturday, May 11, 2024 10:00 am - Noon CDT

Join Zoom Meeting Join by Phone 312/626-6799

Meeting ID: 850 9549 6827 Meeting ID: 850 9549 6827#

Passcode: 1212 Passcode: 1212

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85095496827?pwd=Nm1QVm5MZ3BFUUlONjZrSTRkdldJQT09

Three speakers share their experience, strength and hope

Are you a newcomer to OA? If you've been a member for two years or less, or consider yourself a newcomer, then this workshop is for you. Learn more about OA's program of recovery from eating disorders. Get questions answered. Meet other members — including other newcomers.

Everyone is welcome: Members, New Members, Non-members. Questions will be answered. This forum will be helpful for individuals wanting to learn about Overeaters Anonymous, as well as for newer members looking for additional support and insights. This Workshop is sponsored by the **Milwaukee Area Intergroup**.



Always to extend the hand and heart of OA to all who share my compulsion; for this I am responsible.



Zoom ID: 842 2999 2560

Link: https://tinyurl.com/yeyv9bk4 Dial In: +1 929 205 6099