**PIEDMONT INTERGROUP**

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 11, 2020

Attendees:

Susan B – Chair Susan W – World Service Rep Nettie – Visitor

Richard – Region 8 Rep; Alice - Webmaster

 Retreat Chair Sat. 10:30 am Intergroup Rep

**Opening**

The meeting was opened with the serenity prayer

**Chair Moment**

Chair read 4th step, 4th tradition and concept 4

**Roll Call/Introductions**

**Approval of March Minutes**

No minutes taken, so no review

**STANDING REPORTS**

**Treasurer’s Report**

Justin unable to attend but sent Treasurer’s Report. Discussion tabled.

**Funding Committee Report**

Justin unable to attend. Discussion tabled.

**Info Line Report**

Richard reported 0 calls. Website link set up and works. Carol will monitor and Richard will contact Carol to instruct on use.

**Meeting List Report**

Alice puts info on as people give it to her. Kelly did a guide and will put on the web. Susan B will send Alice Kelly’s guide.

For virtual meetings, contact Richard or Susan B to be added to zoom meetings. Alice will add on website.

Sunday meeting is listed as recurring. Richard’s link will be replaced with his email to avoid hacking.

**Group Outreach**

Carol unable to attend so no report.

**Soar 8**

Richard reported Louisiana assembly rescheduled to October and March will be in Nashville.

Information on website regarding virtual meetings and safety.

**WSO Report**

Susan W applied with the airlines for a refund.

WSBC will be done virtually. The schedule was sent and will begin Monday April 13 and end April 29. The motions will not be heard except to vote on the 4 new pieces of literature, and a vote for the trustees.

The new literature to be voted on is 1. “A Program of Recovery” (this combines and replaces 3 pamphlets- “Questions and Answers”; “A Program of Recovery”, and “Compulsive Overeating: an Inside View”.)

2. “Temporary Sponsor: Newcomers’ 1st 12 Days in OA”. We used this pamphlet as part of our Sponsorship workshop last August

3.”A Lifetime of Abstinence: 1 Day at a Time”. This replaces 3 pamphlets (“ A Commitment to Abstinence”; “Before you Take that First Compulsive Bite…”; “Maintaining a Healthy Body Weight”).

**Old Business**

Need Vice Chair and Secretary. Susan B asked that we mention at meetings. Positions are until the end of the year.

**Retreat**

Richard said we haven’t gotten a contract, so nothing to sign. We will wait until the end of May or June and see if ok to have it in the fall. Otherwise we will have the retreat next spring or fall.

**New Business**

Hosting Soar 8 Region assembly

Susan B suggested postponing discussion until we meet in person. Richard and Susan B will look into what is required. Susan B mentioned that since we cannot even get people to serve on intergroup and we will need at least 10-12 people to plan this it will be difficult.

Phone and Zoom Meetings

Tuesday night using phone line. Richard contacted all meetings. Nobody else interested in using zoom or phone line. Richard mentioned to Kelly to see if Sat 11 Ft. Mill meeting wants to use zoom instead of phone meeting. Lincolnton and Shelby have zoom accounts on Sat by invite only. They don’t want that on the website.

There have been several newcomers attending virtual meetings per Susan B.

Richard suggested we have PI meetings by zoom as may attract more people as more convenient. Will discuss further.

7th Tradition

Susan W suggested we stress that members still need to make 7th Tradition contributions. Susan B will send an email and we will still make the suggestions at meetings. Nettie suggested using a paypal account. Alice would need technical help maybe from Kelly to put on line. Susan B will check with paypal to see if we can avoid fees. Alice suggested we send to WS or to PI. Susan W said that we are already sending contributions to WS and Soar 8, so should send to PI. Discussion on giving out Justin’s address or getting a PO box-somebody would need to check the box. Paypal seems to be preferred way.

Susan W asked if meetings are still paying rent. This is on a meeting by meeting basis-some meetings have paid 6 months in advance. Discussions will be continued.

Alice proposed workshops in May and August to meet virtually. Topic of body image. Suggestions of 3 speakers 15 minutes each and sharing for a total 90 munutes. Susan B can send a link. Alice will start organizing. Date set for May 16 2-3:30 pm. We can look at speakers from out of the area. Primary purpose is not a fund raiser , but we can have 7th Tradition. August topic will be Sponsorship.

Richard suggested capital funding in addition to 7th Tradition. For now, we will only ask for 7th Tradition.

**7 Tradition**

To be collected

**Upcoming Date**

 Region 8 sponsors World Service Convention in Orland, Florida 8/20-8/22/2020

**Closing**

The meeting ended with the Serenity Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm