

PIEDMONT INTERGROUP
MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2020

ATTENDEES:

1. Susan B – Intergroup Chair
2. Lindsay F – Secretary
3. Susan W – World Service Delegate
4. Richard – Region 8 Rep
5. Shelley – Sat. Ft. Mill Rep
6. Jose – Thu. Clt. Rep
7. Carol – Group Outreach; Tue. Cornl. Rep
8. Edna – Tue. Ft. Mill Rep
9. Alice – Webmaster
10. Jim C – Co-Chair, Parliamentarian
11. Miona – Fri. Mors. Rep
12. Nettie – Sun. Clt. Rep

AGENDA

Call to order 9:31 am

Opening serenity prayer

Introductions

Agenda review

New business

CHAIR MOMENT

Chair read the 11th step, 11th tradition and 11th concept

Approval of minutes – Susan B moved to approve, Alice motion, Edna 2nd, approved

STANDING REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Postponed for Justin

Funding Committee Report

Postponed for Justin

Info Line Report

Richard – No calls this month

Meeting List Report

Carol – Alice shared a document to update, there are some things that need to be updated for the list to become printable. Edna – is the info correct on the website? Carol – yes and WSO corrections have been submitted. Susan B – Lindsay, is Friday 7am registered with WSO? Lindsay – Yes. Susan B – Some new zoom meetings are listed in virtual region rather than with PI. Edna – What's the process? Susan B – Clarified between in-person and virtual process and WSO affiliation to Virtual Region vs. PI. Susan W –

When we designate a meeting as women only is that permissible. Susan B – Yes it's an option in the WSO form.

Website Report

Alice – Up to date. Susan B – Some of the events are out of date. Alice – Wasn't sure where to put the new meeting flyers on the web. Susan B – The meetings page has duplicate meetings listed. Carol – Clarify Tues. Corn. Meeting rep info on meetings page. Susan B – Contact not needed where meeting ID & PW are provided. Alice will update. Susan W – Does the ID & PW work similarly to an invitation link? Susan B – Yes. Richard – Sunday 4pm is listed twice and please remove email.

Group Outreach

Carol – Calling people to see if they want to serve as group reps.

SOAR 8

Richard – The only region that decided to do it's business assembly virtual. 27/57 IGs were represented. 47 voting members present. 100% of registered representatives were virtually present for the event. Learned we can run Zoom meetings with a host key. Positive feedback about temporary sponsor model. Some IGs are publishing things like walking buddy lists, making social opportunities available. Shared idea that meetings open 15 minutes early for visiting. Some regions profited and some lost whether meetings were held or not. Thanks to Susan B, lots of bylaw issues were brought up to date and clarified. Right now the bylaw and policy & procedure manual say the same thing. To be on the SOAR 8 email list, anyone can sign-up on the website: <https://oaregion8.org/>. Shelley – Would it be appropriate to announce at zoom meetings to open early? Susan B – Hold a group conscience. Edna/Richard – Some groups are already practicing this. Shelley – Should we announce at meetings that folks can sign up for SOAR8 communications? Susan B – Yes. Go to "Contact Us," "Email sign up," click "Add," select "AllSOAR8." Shelley – What's the benefit, just getting information? Richard W – Yes.

World Service Report

Susan W – PIPO is coming up with a welcome room for newcomers and for people with questions that will be manned by long-timers. Also, Zoom around the world contest – attend 1 meeting per region, submit it, and there's a prize of the Body Image book. December 12th, 12 Step Within Committee. They've been working on workshops. They're available. Are we interested in doing a 12 Step Within Day? Do we want to do anything with the Zoom around the world contest? Shelley – What does it entail? Susan W – There's a form to share with the details. You would find meetings in different regions, write down the details, and submit. Susan B – What's our usual Spring event? Susan W – Unity day. Susan B – We could consider that, 12 Step Within is too close. Nettie – Please share about 12 Step Within committee. Susan W – It's for people who have relapsed or left OA. They function on a region level, put out communications on the 12th of the month. At WSO, they decided to make workshops, cleaning up the webpage, contacting people. Susan B – It was formed in late 80s, early 90s. There are people within the rooms that are still suffering, it's about carrying the message to those in program.

OLD BUSINESS

I.D.E.A. Day

Lindsay F – In progress, one more committee meeting. Susan W – Will it be recorded? Lindsay F – Not if speakers don't prefer that. Jim – Is there a greeter equivalent? Lindsay F – Yes, the committee will be serving in that role as well as have pointed roles as hosts, timers, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

- Review Bylaws to discuss changes service terms from one to two years

- Section 5 – Term of Office
 - Susan B – Proposing 2-year terms for continuity. Not asking for a motion, just informal discussion about it. Alice – Not sure of the process of amending the bylaws. Thinks the period of 1 yr is good with the option to serve two. Edna – Has experience with board service, thinks 1 yr is good with the option to serve two, can they be elected for a third term? Susan B – It’s unclear and does not specify a limit. Edna – There’s a lot of abbreviations and people may not know what they stand for. Susan B – They are worded at the beginning. Shelley – Prefers 1yr term with option for 2nd, but not unlimited. Carol – There’s a small pool of people who want to serve. If no one wants to serve could someone do a 3rd term. Susan B – Suggest a smaller group discuss this and bring it to the next meeting as well as how bylaws are amended. Nettie – Agrees with increasing the terms as is. Jim – This reflects a problem of people being interested in serving on the board. How do we make this attractive? In another fellowship, no one wanted to know about the business meetings. This seems common amidst administration. We may have a PR opportunity. Edna – Has announced at meetings before elections. Susan B – The discussion is about the bylaws. We can discuss involvement at another time. Who would like to participate in review? Richard, Jim, Lindsay, Susan W, Edna, Nettie, Alice, Shelley
- Nominations for IG Board
 - Chair
 - Alice nominates Susan B, accepted
 - Co-Chair
 - Richard nominates Jim, seconded, accepted
 - Treasurer
 - Nettie nominates Justin
 - We will check with Justin to see if he is willing or able
 - Richard W – historically it’s been a 2 yr term. Bylaws need to be updated. He accepted it as a two year position. Richard will confirm with Justin. Confirmed before meeting end, accepted.
 - Secretary
 - Alice nominates Lindsay, seconded, accepted
 - Regional Representative
 - Susan W nominates Richard, seconded, accepted
 - Edna volunteered, Richard nominates, seconded, accepted
 - WSO Delegate
 - Nettie nominates Susan W, seconded, accepted
 - Richard – If we have 20 meetings, we can have 2 region reps. What’s our current number of meetings? Proposes we have two reps and have them alternate so there’s a new one every two years. Lindsay – The new Friday am is PI registered. Alice – The new Monday meeting will be PI registered as well.
 - Susan B – How do we handle committee chairs? It does not go on the slate of officers. Alice – someone just volunteers – we have to advertise it. Susan B – We should send out a list with open positions to solicit volunteers. Richard W – Clarified language for appointments. Susan B – Let’s do that at the next meeting. Positions? Parliamentarian, web, professional outreach, event chair. Jim C – Volunteered for Parliamentarian.
 - Lindsay – Section 5.D, amendable? Susan B – We can discuss at bylaw meeting.
 - Shelley would like to volunteer with outreach, Carol, Nettie, and Jose would like to serve as well.
- Amend duties of Intergroup Reps in Bylaws

- Susan B – Will discuss at by-law review.
- Hire Webmaster?
 - Susan B – This does not have to be someone in OA but someone familiar with the principles of the program. Richard W – Likes the idea but has a candidate in mind. Paying the person may help separate the personal from the business. Alice – It could be great to have someone responsible for this. If we do, it will need to be very clear about what their job is. They'll need to be familiar with OA. Another person is going to have to be responsible for giving them information. Shelley – What is the amount that would be paid, has someone in mind. Susan B – We'd have to see what people would charge. Jose – What would be their role as far as function and time commitment? Susan B – Not a lot of hours, to post new information and keep information up to date. Edna – Is there a job description? Susan B – Not yet. Lindsay – Have we solicited PI for a volunteer? Susan B – As a volunteer, the role may be neglected. We would not have to worry about things getting done. Shelley – What about a person who is paid and an OA member? Susan B – Will defer vote to next month.
- Newsletter
 - Deferred
- Zoom account
 - Deferred

7th TRADITION

UPCOMING DATES

World Service Business Conference April 21-24, 2021 (e-docs available)

Looking to amend the bylaws to meet virtually.

World Service Convention, Orlando, FL, August 26-28, 2021

Please share.

Mountain Retreat, Black Mountain, Sep. 24-26, 2021

NEXT INTERGROUP MEETING

November 12, 2020 9:30am

VISITOR/NEWCOMER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

Closing Serenity Prayer

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 am.