

OSPA Intergroup Meeting - January 2021

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Sunday January 3, 2021 / 12:15 – 1:00pm EST

Chair: Katerina

Secretary: Gemma

Timekeeper: Nee

In attendance: Maria, Greg, Amy, Cassidy, Brenda, Jeannie

1. Meeting opened with the “we version” of the Serenity Prayer at 12:18 EST.

*God, Grant us the Serenity to
Accept the things we cannot change
Courage to change the things we can
and Wisdom to know the difference.*

2. Reading of the 12 Traditions of OSPA

3. Approval of previous months’ meeting minutes

*Meeting minutes for December 2020 (posted to OSPA website)
were approved with no amendments.*

4. Reports

a. Chair (Katarina) - No report

b. Treasurer (Greg)

Opening balance = \$2029.15

- paypal fees \$11.35

- zoom fees \$14.99

+ donations \$302.00

Closing balance = \$2304.81

c. Webmaster (Maria with support from Molly)

737 users (this is less than last month)

664 new users

1261 sessions

53 countries (increased since last month)

Most visited pages;

Meeting schedule 30%, Home page 23%,

Literature 8%, Newcomers 5%

- Some changes have been made to the website including a new item on the 'drop down' for the meeting schedule.
- A new page for elections is a work in progress.
- A question was raised about broken links when using a cell/mobile phone. Webmaster is looking into it.

d. Welcome/Support Emails (Gemma)
13 new enquiries in December

e. Chip Representative (Vacant position)
- No report
- Previous rep (Julie) still has the chips.

5. Unfinished business

a. *Motion* (Amy); Change the title of intergroup meeting to General Service Board.

Seconded

Discussion: Clarification was sought about whether it would change the function of this group and the structure of OSPA. Reference was made to the structure of AA. A suggestion was made to talk to other fellowships about how they grew. A point was raised that intergroups in other fellowships are often regional but we are online-only.

The motion was withdrawn by Amy, pending further research.

b. *Motion* (Greg); Change the title of intergroup meeting to General Service Board.

Seconded: Jeannie

Discussion: No further discussion.

Voting: Y: 3 N: 5 A: 1

Motion does not carry.

c. Discussion about progress on job descriptions for service positions.

- There is a small committee working on this as a work in progress which will be brought to Intergroup once ready.

- d. Discussion about terms of Treasurer position:
- OSPA is currently seeking a Treasurer with 1 year minimum abstinence in OSPA. Should the membership time be reduced?
 - Greg states he is happy to continue in the role, or train someone else.

6. New business

- a. Elect a Treasurer
- Greg willing to continue for next Quarter
 - No objections
- b. Elect a Chip Representative
- Position remains vacant
- c. Discussion about whether Sunday meeting can change meeting format to cut general introductions (keeping newcomer introductions) from the meeting format.
- Tradition 4 states that groups should be autonomous except for matters affecting OSPA as a whole. Since this doesn't affect OSPA as a whole, changes to the meeting format should be agreed by group conscience (Tradition 2) within the business meeting of each group.
- d. *Motion* (Brenda): Request that the Thursday meeting has access to the Zoom account at 7pm EST.
Seconded
Discussion: Suggestion that intergroup has a new service position 'Zoom Account Moderator' to ensure that meetings are set up correctly. Point raised that meetings should be autonomous and groups should have their own Zoom account. Reminder voiced that the use of the Zoom account is due for review at Intergroup in March 2021.
- Motion amended* (Maria): Request that the Thursday meeting has access to the Zoom account at 7pm EST until end March 2021.

Seconded

Discussion: No further discussion

Voting: Y: 8 N: 0 A: 1

Motion carries

Amy will discuss setting up the new meeting on Zoom with Brenda.

7. Next Intergroup Meeting: Sunday, February 7th 2021 at 12.15 EST
8. Items to be Carried Over to the Next Business Meeting:
Treasurer (Greg) will report on the tax status of OSPA in his report.
9. Meeting adjourned at 13:26 EST with the “we version” of the Serenity Prayer