

OSPA Intergroup Meeting - May 2, 2021

Chair: Brenna

Secretary: David

In attendance: Agi, Andra, Brenda, Brenna, Clellie, David, Greg, Jeannie, Jennifer, Karin, Keri, Sophia

1. Call meeting to order: 12:17 EDT

Opened with the “we version” of the Serenity Prayer:

*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. Volunteer for timekeeper:

3. Reading of 12 Traditions

4. Introductions

5. Approval of last month’s meeting minutes: Approved, but with the amendment to change “March” to “April” in the minutes, and get rid of extraneous “4” character from the text, “Step 11: Sought through prayer and meditation to improve out conscious contact with God [our 4 Higher Power].”

6. Reports:

Chair: Brenna

Treasurer: Greg

Opening balance: \$ 2,541.04

- \$ 22.32 Expenses (PayPal fees)

- \$ 14.99 Zoom subscription

- \$ 636.00 Donations

Closing Balance: \$ 3,139.73

Webmaster: Maria

General (from Google Analytics):

- 581 Users
- 927 Sessions
- 36 Countries represented

Most visited pages:

- Home 32.94%
- Meetings 17.39%
- Meetings-About 14.78%
- Literature 5.51%

Changes made to the Website include:

- New call-in information for Intergroup
- Updated Sunday Script
- Changed language of 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, as well as in the downloadable documents

A Personal Note from Our Webmaster, Maria:

I ask the Groups to change the language of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions in their own meeting scripts, and send them to webmaster@osparecovery.com to be uploaded.

My apologies for being so very slow in replying and making changes to the Web site. Thank you, all the volunteers who are willing to be part of the Web site team. David is logged into our gmail and wix accounts already, Amanda and Brenda not yet. I will be very happy to start transitioning the responsibility as Webmaster

Email support: Gemma

In April, 2021, we had:

- 2 new enquiries—very few compared with previous months!
- 1 request from a student (replied, stating Tradition 10)
- 1 request for an item to be added to the May Intergroup Meeting Agenda.

Additional note from Gemma: "I am happy to continue with email support for another month, but if someone else wishes to give service in this role that is also fine with me too."

Chip representative: Vacant position

7. Quarterly Positions for April, May, and June:

Chair: Brenna

Secretary: David

Treasurer: Greg

Chip representative: Vacant position

Social Media Coordinator: Teressa

Webmaster: Maria (training Brenda to take it over in July)

Webmaster Assistant: Amanda

Support emails: Gemma (willing to give it to anyone else who wants it)

8. Old Business:

- (a) Report from OSPA's Tax Status Committee (Greg, Jamie, Jennifer). Jamie in process of registering us and has already spent money to register us as a Corporation, for which OSPA will reimburse her. The next step is to file for tax-exempt status. Motion from Greg: allocate about \$275 for the tax-exempt status with the IRS. Passed.
- (b) Karin's motion to open discussion to change the OSPA Zoom account settings to enable private chat messages. Passed.

9. New Business

- (a) Brenna's motion: allow the closed-caption settings. The option must be enabled as a Zoom account setting, but, each participant can enable or disable it. Passes.
- (b) Brenna's motion: disable the doorbell (which rings when people enter the meeting), in the settings. Passed.
- (c) David's motion for Intergroup to offer Google Drive space to the groups for their minutes and other paperwork. Passed.
- (d) Clellie's motion to change the format of the Web site, so that clicking on the "meetings" tab will bring the user to the meeting schedule while hovering over the tab will provide related options such as "about meetings". Postponed.
- (e) Karin's motion: make Intergroup meeting minutes/agenda available as a Google Doc, to be more easily accessible; and, raise the discussion for the timeframe for adding items, and for when the minutes are do be completed. Postponed.

10. Next Intergroup Meeting Date: June 6, 2021, 12:15pm EST.

11. Items to be Carried Over to the Next Business Meeting: Items 9 (d) and (e).

Meeting closed with we-version of the Serenity Prayer, at 1:20 EDT.