

OSPA Intergroup Meeting - February 2021

Sunday 7th February 2021

Chair: Katerina

Secretary: Gemma

In attendance: Greg, Jennifer, Amy, Brenna, Isabella, David, Jeannie, Keri

1. Call meeting to order: 12:15 EST

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. Reading of 12 Traditions

3. Approval of last month's meeting minutes: approved

4: Reports:

Treasurer: Greg

Opening balance: \$ 2304.81

- \$9.68 Expenses (PayPal fees)
- \$165.82 Reimbursed to Greg for website expenses
- \$14.99 Zoom subscription
- + \$182.32 Donations

Closing Balance: \$ 2296.64

Email support: Gemma

New enquiries: 7

Student survey request: 1

Comments/Questions:

Webmaster: Maria

Users:719

new users:638

sessions:1400

countries represented : 38

Most visited pages:

1. Schedule: 26%

2.Meeting schedule: 21%

3.Newcomers: 5%

- Webmasters report has been sent to osparecovery@gmail.com
- Additions have been made to the service pages including intergroup level service positions.

Chip representative: Vacant position

- No report. Julie is still in possession of the chips.

5. Election/confirmation of service positions for March:

Chair: Katerina

Secretary: David

Treasurer: Greg

Chip representative: Vacant position

Webmaster: Maria

Support emails: Gemma

6. Old Business:

1. What should be done with the chips?

- Agreement to first find a chip representative to address issues relating to chips.
- 2. Should we rename this meeting to the General Service Board?
 - Suggestion to contact some other fellowships and how they are structured. Katrina volunteered to do this and offer feedback at the next meeting.

7. New Business:

- Treasurer reported on the tax status of OSPA:
 - Treasurer has been investigating whether there are any income tax implications for receipt of donations.
 - Treasurer contacted other fellowships to explore their tax status
 - Conclusion so far is that we may need to hire an attorney or a consultant to handle this for us
 - Jennifer stated that she may have contacts and will look into it
 - Suggestion to make an announcement at meetings if any fellows have any expertise or contacts.
 - Announcement wording:
 - “ OSPA is looking to update our legal/tax status. If you know a US-based lawyer/advisor that work with nonprofits, please contact Greg (OSPA Treasurer “
- How to respond to requests for student research received on support email.
 - Agreed to respond stating that we are not able to help, quoting Tradition 10.

8. Next Intergroup Meeting Date: 7th March 2021, 12:15pm EST.

9. Items carried over to next meeting:

- Katerina report on outcome of investigation into renaming interbroup to General Service Board
- Greg update report on Tax Status of OSPA
- Continue to look for a chip representative
- Check the timing of the Intergroup details on website
 - Duration of website should be 1 hour
 - Service positions should be quarterly
- Discuss use of the zoom account (old business from October 2020)
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Meeting closed with we-version of the Serenity Prayer 13:05 EST.

