

OSPA Intergroup Meeting - April 4, 2021

Chair: Brenna

Secretary: David

In attendance: Agi, Amanda, Amy, Brenda, Brenna, Clellie, David, Greg, Jamie, Jan, Josie, Kat, Kathy, Keri, Molly, Teresa.

1. Call meeting to order: 12:15 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.*

Planned for 45 minutes, because Brenna and David must stop by 1:00

2. Volunteer for timekeeper:

3. Reading of 12 Traditions

4. Introductions

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

6. Reports:

Chair: Brenna

Treasurer: Greg

Opening balance: \$ 2325.90

- \$ 12.87 Expenses (PayPal fees)

- \$ 14.99 Zoom subscription

- \$ 243.00 Donations

Closing Balance: \$ 2541.04

Webmaster: Maria

General (from Google Analytics):

- 639 Users (557 New Users)
- 1132 Sessions
- 30 Countries represented

Most visited pages:

- Home
- Meetings and Meetings-About
- Literature

Email support: Gemma, *in absentia*.

- 17 New Enquiries
- People still commenting on the Web link that (sometimes) does not work
- 1 new motion from Karin: "That we change the settings for the OSPA zoom account to enable private chat messages. This is so that one can more easily reach out to other members to ask for their number etc, without having to send it to the whole group. I think this makes it more accessible for newcomers and older members alike."

Chip representative: Vacant position

Report from Workshop Group (Amy): they're using their own Zoom account.

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

Chair: Brenna

Secretary: David

Treasurer: Greg

Chip representative: Vacant position

Social Media Coordinator: Teresa

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) Update on discussion of changing the title of “Intergroup” to “General Service Board,” pending clarification of legal status. Postponed.
- (b) Report from OSPA’s tax status committee (David, Greg, Jaime). Motion from Jamie: Get questions together for other fellowships, ask them, and register as Corporation of some sort in Florida for \$70. Passed.
- (c) Discussion on OSPA Zoom account, pending further consideration. Postponed.
- (d) Motion by Brenna: Opening discussion to update the word "God" and male pronouns “Him” in the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions on the website and meeting scripts, replacing it with "our Higher Power" (capitalized) to be more inclusive so that we can carry the message to all skin pickers who suffer, regardless of their own conceptions of God and regardless of what pronouns they use for their Higher Power:
 - I. Step 3: Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of *Gøð [our Higher Power]* as we understood *Him [that Power]*.
 - II. Step 7: Humbly asked *Him [our Higher Power]* to remove our shortcomings.
 - III. Step 11: Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with *Gøð [our Higher Power]* as we understood *Him [that Power]*, praying only for knowledge of *His [our Higher Power's]* will for us and the power to carry that out.
 - IV. Tradition 2: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving *Gøð [Higher Power]* as He may be expressed through our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern.

Discussion of whether to change the word, “God,” continued. Clarification of the motion: “Higher Power,” instead of, “Our Higher Power.” These changes would occur on the Website and within the Meeting scripts, but individual meetings could adjust those scripts to say, “God,” if desired. The motion passed with 14 “yes” votes, 1 “no,” and 1 abstention. Brenna will send the necessary documents to Maria to update the Website.

9. New Business

- (a) Clellie raises a motion to open discussion to change the medium of the intergroup meetings to Zoom, rather than a phone meeting. This will make the intergroup meetings more accessible to OSPA members. As with any Zoom meeting, there would be the option to dial in, for those people who prefer to call in. Approved by the majority, with 2 “no” votes noted.
- (b) Karin raises a motion to open discussion to change the OSPA Zoom account settings to enable private chat messages. This is so that one can more easily reach out to other members to ask for their number, etc without having to send it to the whole group. I think it makes it more accessible for newcomers and older members alike. Postponed due to lack of time, to be discussed as old business at the next Intergroup Meeting.

10. Next Intergroup Meeting Date: 2nd May 2021, 12:15pm EST.

11. Items to be Carried Over to the Next Business Meeting:

Item (b) from New Business (above), plus a new service position to be discussed.

Meeting closed with we-version of the Serenity Prayer, at 1:16 EDT.