

Sacramento Valley Intergroup Overeaters Anonymous (SVIOA) Business Meeting Minutes

Tuesday July 10, 2018

LOCATION

Christ Temple Apostolic Church, 9001 La Riviera Dr. Sacramento, CA

CALL TO ORDER

Chair opened the meeting with the serenity prayer at 7:00 p.m. Susan read the 12 Steps

Call to order-Voting members in attendance: 3 board + 2 committee chairs + 9 meeting reps. = 14
Non-voting guests: 0

Previous Minutes June 2018 Meeting minutes were read and suggested amendments noted, Motion moved by Scott; 2nd by Mary to approve as amended- Motion carried unanimously

BOARD REPORTS

Chair: Christina

- If you are not going to be present, please send her reports. If you need to add anything to agenda please suggest with two weeks advance notice.

Vice-Chair: Val

- Absent-but did ask Nancy to distribute new sign-in sheets

Secretary: Nancy Mc

- Read Concept 7 with no presentation, but mentioned she attended OA R2 convention and had a blast.

Treasurer: Cathy Ann

Distributed and presented Profit & Loss Budget to Actual Jan thru June 2018- we currently are at 97% of what proposed income for 2018 is. Also, OA balance sheet, and Income & Expense reports were distributed to group for review and approval. Cathy Ann had meeting scheduled with Auditor to resolve retained earnings discrepancy, however the meeting was cancelled. After investigation Cathy Ann feels some amount should have been entered last year. Grace moved to approve reports, Scott 2nd motion carried with 2 abstentions

Region 2 (R2): Chandra S.

- R2 Convention- almost 400 people registered. Entertainment was a blast, speakers were excellent.
- **12 Step Within Committee** had “Welcome Back” Packets. A table was reserved and a large faction of 12 Within from San Francisco came and will work with Sacramento IG committee to reach out to those members who are struggling.
- Suggestions made by committees
12th of every month reach out or call a member who has missed meetings or stop showing up
Dedicate the meeting topic to 12 Within

World Service:

Judy B

- absent

Webmaster: Debbie

The transfer of the Primary web system is coming sooner than expected, Mary Higgins our Web developer states a person to perform this would require minimal skill with some tech savvy. She will be offering a maintenance service once the transition is completed. The service involves changes, adds, edits an Intergroup would pay an undetermined fee and require a liaison. I recommend this service but the Liaison must have access to the system, this might be a long-term goal since those that are tech savvy are in short supply.

I have started training Rene who is willing to learn and doing a good job. Visits average 1153 per week and Unique are 3982 per week.

May minutes were added to website. All documents posted to the web must be adobe acrobat PDF format. Word docs must be converted before sending to the web master. I am still awaiting intergroup LOGO approval, Cristina stated she will check her email.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Note: Please let your meetings know that we have several vacant committee chair openings

Answer Phone

Luanne

- absent

Events Mary

- convention was awesome

Elections Val

- absent
- Replacement for Judy H will begin with nomination Sept/Oct as well

Group Growth Judy L.

- Absent

Literature Gail

- Gail ordered 1 case of 2nd edition workbooks, in an attempt to make it affordable for groups to split a case at \$14.64 each in case.
- Would like to bring stuff in the next few months for IG to make a final decision on responsibility of the Literature position

Media Angela H.

absent

Newsletter Michelle M.

- Absent and no Valley Voices were picked up for distribution

Professional Outreach VACANT

Please announce to your groups of openings

Public Information VACANT

Retreat Darby

There are currently 7 openings at \$240 each

Received 4 us mailed registrations from convention, no online registration is available, there is the option to print the registration form.

Scholarships- Rosalie asked a question: "What is criteria used to select scholarship recipients" and "What is the criteria used to select speakers".

Discussion:

Darby stated she wasn't sure what the exact criteria is to choose recipients of the scholarships but believes it is not entirely objective. Currently, what they use as criteria is: no past scholarship recipients are permitted and the recipients will not have a private room. New people never been to retreat were not included in selection criteria. Susan stated we need the BYLAWS present at OA meeting to read from and provide information. It is not known if there is anything in writing that Retreat committee is aware of and the committee needs help going forward. Retreat has 33 years history with no set criteria.

Also stated that Bonnie is the speaker seeker on the committee, she choose this year's speaker as he came 'highly recommended'. Rosalie responded by stressing to all present that we need a set criteria

and guidelines when choosing both. Darby stated that all OA members are welcome to become Retreat Committee members and welcomes input and assistance in building guidelines. Questions from the floor “How is it determined how many scholarships are awarded” - if this is a cost coming out of Intergroup budget, it certainly needs to be reported. “When can Intergroup expect a financial report” No date agreed on, but obviously after the retreat, tentatively Nov 2018
 Comments: some speakers in the past were questionable, but Darby said she attended 4 retreats and all were good.
 2019 Retreat Committee needed- normally the registration chair moves up to chair, recruitment is done, but all positions open for 2019.

Speaker List Susan H

- Absent

12th Step Within Vacant

Young People Vacant

Sponsorship Vacant

- This committee needs a chair and committee members

Vacant Positions: Cristina asked that all IG reps announce at meetings that these positions are open. Debbie SVIOA Webmaster asked if she could possibly do the jobs of Public Information and Professional Outreach, and could those positions be combined?

Mary made motion to combine those jobs, Nancy 2nd, discussion ensued and it was agreed that a review of job descriptions should be done before deciding. Mary withdrew motion.

Grace and Mary will work together to go over job descriptions and come back to Intergroup with proposal with positions, if any, can be combined – report expected by September 2018.

GROUP CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS-

- Sunday 4pm Abstinence meeting is starting a Q&A newcomer meeting at 3:30pm. Jody is new Newcomer coordinator.
- Thursday Stockton 7pm meeting has added a relapse meeting at 6:30am.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Grace presented report Outlining a financial statement of raffle funds and 4 reasons not to hold raffles at the retreat:

1. It is not an effective fundraiser. Total donations of cards, and money equaled \$1995, after 50/50 raffle SVIOA only received \$620 a loss of \$1375.
2. SVIOA doesn't need a fundraiser after donating \$3197 to Region 2 and \$9592 to WSO in 2017
3. Tradition 7: Every OA Group ought to be self-supporting, declining outside contributions -Oa does not solicit and the freedom of no ulterior financial motive is attractive. Pressure to buy raffle tickets since it a focused section of retreat-distracts from the recovery being offered at the event. Gambling aspect may affect those in another 12-step program

4. Raffles and 50/50 drawings are regulated by the State of Ca and we may not be in compliance. Penal Code 320.5 subdivision b4a states 90% of gross receipts generated by the sale of raffle tickets for any given draw are to be used by the eligible organization for charitable purposes. Is it legal for a non-profit in CA to perform a raffle in NV?

Comments from floor: There is a strong pull for groups and people to donate as it is a 'fundraiser for SVIOA' but those funds were underused and not realized. Questions raised about the "LOSS" aspect. Gail stated the value of the gift cards donated from meetings is \$755 some people collected money to buy a gift card-it was a loss because direct donations were more, the model of raffling 50/50 is not recommended. Gift card with names of Outside entities is a violation of 6th and 7th tradition. Scholarships are more important and would be better use of donations. What about a basket pass for additional donations. 50/50 raffle doesn't serve purpose since ½ of all donated goes to OA member and not SVIOA. A financial report with complete transparency is needed. Last year was the first year highlighting the raffle proceeds. The raffle is not offered with pressure, just an invite for fun.

Rosalie motioned we should take this information with Graces presentation back to the groups, Scott 2nd.

Continued discussion: Grace feels a decision should be made now as SVIOA's name is attached to this fund-raising outreach. There are flyers out now asking for donations in June/July- have groups donated? The retreat will come before the next IG meeting in August so decision needs to be made now.

Rosalie amended motion: added we keep the raffle as Standard operating procedure this year, but all this discussion and Grace's presentation should be taken back to groups and ask how this should be handled, please bring back group discussion for August meeting.

Susan stated we already charge over and above the room and facility rental rates.

The question was called and discussion ended, motion carried as amended 16 for 3 opposed 2 abstained

ADHOC By-Laws committee Ian Mc- absent-committee formed, no report

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Closed by joining hands and reciting the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy McOwen

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SVIOA Intergroup Secretary