

Minutes
OA Southern Maine Intergroup (SMI) Meeting
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Sunday, January 17, 2016
Midcoast Hospital, Brunswick, Maine

Present (IR= Representative to Intergroup):

- ♦ George H., Chair
- ♦ Trish V., Scarborough Mon. and Thurs. meeting IR
- ♦ Cheryl, Brunswick Sun. meeting IR and Region 6 rep
- ♦ Quinn B., Region 6 rep, and Brunswick Thurs. meeting IR
- ♦ Susy K., 272-8615, and Portland Fri. meeting IR
- ♦ Robin S., Portland Sat. meeting IR

I. Opening & Introductions

- A. Read Serenity Prayer and OA's 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts
- B. All in attendance introduced themselves and shared their affiliation.

II. Reports

- A. Secretary - Minutes of November 6, 2015, meeting approved as submitted.
- B. Treasurer
 - 1. Treasurer's Report 1/17/16 approved as submitted.
 - 2. As treasurer's tenure ends today, she noted that our finances are in good order, our TD Bank North can now be easily accessed online, depositing can be done electronically using mobile phone, and real time transactions can be viewed online.
- C. Retreat Committee - No representative of the retreat committee was present to report. George is going to reach out to them to get status report.
- D. Intergroup Representatives
 - 1. Robin reported that Joyce is replacing Danielle as one of two IRs for Saturday morning Portland meeting.
 - 2. Nancy D. and Gina T. reported via email prior to the meeting that specific individuals are interested in serving as IRs for groups in their areas.
 - 3. Trish reported:

- a) Scarborough meetings are sponsoring an Outreach Day, Saturday, March 12, 1:30-3pm, Mercy Hospital, State St. Portland, basement conference room (which is beautiful). Free parking across the street.
 - b) Motion approved for SMIG to reimburse Scarborough meetings up to \$200 in expenses for this event.
- E. OA Maine website - The website is being hosted by Go Daddy, the domain name server has been moved to iPages to make more secure. The content has recently been updated. We are contemplating more organizing of the site, and going to Word Press as a content management system.
- F. Region 6 - No report.

III. Elections

- A. We reviewed bylaws to see how we are to conduct ourselves in regards to elections. It was noted that the Chair, Secretary and first Region 6 rep are currently in middle of two-year terms.
- B. Vice-Chair - Trish approved for a 2 year term.
- C. Treasurer - No nominations received. Robin and Susy have specific individuals in mind who might be interested in serving Intergroup in this capacity. They will ask them.
- D. Second Region 6 Representative - No nominations received. Must have two years experience serving above group level. Nominees can be present/former retreat committee members, or SMIG officer or IRs. Several folks were noted as potential prospects for this post.

IV. Old Business:

- A. Recruiting new registrar - One person was suggested for this post who may be available in several months.
- B. Web Site update: What do we want on the web site? - Discussion tabled.

V. New Business

- A. Unity Day/Feb. 28 - Motion approved to not organize Unity Day event in 2016 and to encourage members of SMIG to attend, support and learn from neighboring Intergroups' celebrations of Unity Day. See www.oa.org/membersgroups/important-dates/ for more information.

- B. Getting conference call device and service - Motion approved to allow \$200 expenditure to obtain conference call device and service which we can utilize at our next Intergroup meeting (March 5). Cheryl is spearheading.
- C. How can we more effectively use email to engage OA members in the work of Intergroup?
 - 1. Quinn will draft email to send to OA members and share with SMIG to review before sending.
 - 2. It was also suggested that OA members need clear, simple message about Intergroup's important function. Also folks need to be given the option to be part of smi_oa Google groups, receive emails from SMI, or visit www.oamaine.org to get information.
 - 3. What does Intergroup want to accomplish in 2016? - Broad discussion included desire for more public outreach and several good quality events planned each year, including in 2016, a road trip to Boston for the OA World Convention, see www.oa.org/world-service-events/world-service-convention/
- D. Dates set for 2016 Southern Maine Intergroup meetings:
 - 1. Saturday, March 5, 11:30-1:30pm (following regularly scheduled 10-11am OA meeting) at Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston. Cheryl will contact member of OA group there and hospital to reserve.
 - 2. Saturday, May 14, 11:30-1:30pm at private residence 2 blocks from Maine Medical Center, Portland: 134 Neal St., 04102, following regularly scheduled OA meeting at Maine Medical Center.
 - 3. Sunday, July 17, Midcoast Hospital, Brunswick, 10:30-12:30pm
 - 4. Sunday, September 18, 4:30-6:30pm prior to regularly scheduled OA meeting at Brighton Medical Center, Portland.
 - 5. Saturday, December 3, Augusta Medical Center 11:30am-1:30pm. New Chair and Secretary will be elected at this meeting.

VI. Announcements - None

VII. Adjourned at 12:30pm