

**Minutes of Southern Maine Intergroup Meeting
4:30-6:00 pm, Sunday, December 1, 2019
Mercy Hospital, 100 State Street B-1, Portland**

Present

Gina T: Vice Chair, Temporary Chair
Debbie P: Treasurer
Robin S.: Secretary, Webmaster
Cheryl Y.: Retreat Committee Liaison, Tuesday Bath Rep
Trish V.: PIPO Committee Chairman, Monday Scarborough Rep
Linda C.: Saturday Portland Rep
Vicki H.: Sunday Portland Rep
John K.: Thursday Scarborough Rep

Opening and Introductions

Serenity Prayer was said and OA 12 Steps, OA 12 Traditions and OA 12 Concepts were read. Personal introductions and affiliations were shared.

Reports

Secretary – The minutes from October 6 were approved.

Treasurer – The ending balance as of 12/1/19 is \$9,891.25 and the report was approved. See attached report for details.

Thank you to all the groups that contributed to the total \$380 in 7th tradition donations the past 2 months. As a reminder, the percentages for donations after rent (or a donation in lieu of rent) are 60% to Intergroup, 30% to World Service and 10% to Region 6.

Retreat Committee – The retreat took place October 11-13 and the new format (not doing all 12 steps) was very well received. Attached is the Budget Summary for this year submitted by Robin H., Retreat Treasurer. The next committee meeting is January 20.

PIPO Committee – The minutes from the committee's November 3 meeting were submitted and approved. See attached report for details. The next meeting is January 5 at Mercy Hospital, State Street, B-1 from 4:30 – 6 pm and all are welcome to attend either in person or via Zoom.

Webmaster – Robin reported that she and George met to transition the Webmaster information. *As a reminder, oamaine.org contains the most current Southern Maine meeting list as well as all Intergroup meeting minutes.*

Old Business

1. Donations to Mercy for Monthly Use of Room B-1

Debbie will make the quarterly donation to Mercy of \$75 for the use of room B-1 for both the SMIG and PIPO meetings and the retroactive payment of \$500 for use of the room for the past 3 years. Cheryl will send the name of the Mercy Hospital conference room contact to Debbie to assist in determining where to send the donations.

2. Intergroup Planning Calendar

A planning calendar which identifies when preliminary steps should be completed was prepared by Robin and Trish (see attached chart).

Groups are encouraged to organize events for the following OA Days:

- *Unity Day - February 23*
- *Sponsorship Day - August 15 - 16*
- *IDEA Day - November 22 - 23*
- *12th Step Within Day - December 12*

New Business

1. PIPO Library Project

Trish presented the PIPO proposal for \$340 to purchase 10 copies each of the OA Book and the OA 12&12 for distribution at 10 target libraries. The proposal was unanimously approved and the books will be ordered and distributed shortly.

2. Google Phone

The viability of setting up a free Google phone number for information about OA in our area was discussed. A decision was reached not to pursue this option and stay with meeting contacts as our information source.

3. Proposed OA New Business Motion for World Business Conference

Cheryl's business motion to eliminate the second line of the Unity with Diversity Policy which names out the different groups was unanimously approved. See attached copy of the proposal which Cheryl will submit to WSO.

4. Election of 2020 Officers

- **Vice-Chair** - Trish was elected to replace Gina as Vice-Chair. *Thank you Gina for your service.*
- **Treasurer** - Robin was elected to replace Debbie as Treasurer and Linda was elected to complete Robin's remaining year as Secretary. *Thank you Debbie and Robin for your service.*
- **Region 6 Rep** - Vicki was elected as the Region 6 Representative.
- **Retreat Committee Liaison** - Vicki was elected to replace Cheryl as the Retreat Committee Liaison. *Thank you Cheryl for your service.*

Closing

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

The next SMIG meeting is Sunday, February 2 from 4:30 – 6:00 pm at Mercy Hospital, 100 State Street, B-1, Portland.

***** To attend the meeting via Zoom, use meeting id 431-383-5342 (Southern Maine Intergroup). *****

	Withdrawals	Deposits	Balance
Balance as of 12/1/19			\$9,591.62
Receipts			
7th Tradition		\$379.70	
Retreat funds			
Disbursements/Income			
Robin- OA Domain renewal	\$35.98		
Robin-Staples. PIPO	\$44.09		
TOTALS	\$80.07	\$379.70	
Ending Balance 12/1/19			\$9,891.25
7th Traditions			
Bath 50877		\$30.00	
Scarborough 26987		\$103.70	
Portland 40258		\$180.00	
Scarborough 38864		\$66.00	
TOTAL		\$379.70	

BUDGET SUMMARY FOR 2019 BIDDEFORD RETREAT

Beginning balances JANUARY 28, 2019 **AFTER** transfer of funds to SMIG

SAVINGS: **\$500.00**

CHECKING: **\$500.00**

TOTAL INCOME

\$9,787.36

(through registrations, OA magnets, scholarship donations)

Minus two refunds (#105 \$180 and #106 \$210)

- 390.00

\$9,397.36

RETREAT OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

\$ 358.53

Speaker transportation and supplies \$138.81

Cheryl speaker gift and supplies \$ 82.28

Karen postage and supplies \$137.44

MJSC RETREAT PAYMENTS

\$8,975.00

Final payment for 2019 sent 9/18 \$1,800

Booking fee for 2022 \$1,000

½ Deposit for 2020 (for 65 people) \$6,175

TOTAL INCOME FOR 2019 RETREAT

\$9397.36

Minus total payments to MJSC

8,975.00

Minus total retreat operational expenses

358.53

PLUS STARTING BALANCE FROM JANUARY

500.00

563.83

\$

BALANCE IN SAVINGS ACCOUNT OCTOBER

\$500

P IPO committee report from November meeting

Those in attendance were John K, Vicki, Debbie P and Patricia F (Zoom) and Trish V

Our discussion centered around the possibility of presenting the Intergroup with a proposal to create a library out reach project modeled after the successful Massachusetts Intergroup project.

The committee looked over their information and agreed to bring the proposal to Intergroup for approval, comments and funding.

John, Patricia and Debbie agreed to check local libraries for information on donating books for cataloging and lending.

We also discussed again the possibility of a Google phone number. This is a free phone service which would have a Intergroup phone number that could be readily available to those looking for personal contact with local group members. Claire stressed that most into groups have such a number. We are fortunate to have someone who is considering coordinating this project.

It was agreed to bring this up again at the next Intergroup meeting on December 1.

Thanks to all those who participated.
I'm very grateful we have the chance to do this service.
Trish

Meeting	Officers	WSO Business (4/20 - 4/25)	WSO Convention (8/20 - 8/22)	Region 6 Assembly (April & September)	Unity Day (Feb 23)	Sponsorship Day (8/15 - 8/16)	OA Region 6 Convention (10/16 - 10/18)	IDEA Day (11/22 - 11/23)	12th Step Within (12/12)
2/2/20		Delegate Registration Agenda Questionnaire		Rep Registration for April					
4/5/20									
6/7/20			Distribute Information			Event Planning	Distribute Information	Event Planning	
8/2/20				Rep Registration for October					Event Planning
10/4/20	Nominations								
12/6/20	Elections	2021 Proposals			Event Planning				

FORMAT FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED OA NEW BUSINESS MOTIONS

MOTION:

Move to amend the Unity with Diversity Policy (approved by the World Service Business Conference of 1992 and amended in 2013) by striking excess wording.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED WORDING
WSBC Policy [2013] The Fellowship encourages and promotes acceptance and inclusivity. All are welcome to join OA and are not excluded because of race, creed, nationality, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation or any other trait. We welcome all who share our compulsion.	WSBC Policy [2020] The Fellowship encourages and promotes acceptance and inclusivity. All are welcome to join OA and are not excluded because of race, creed, nationality, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation or any other trait. We welcome all who share our compulsion.

SUBMITTED BY:

Southern Maine Intergroup #09327 in Region 6, USA.

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INTENT:

OA only needs to state that we welcome all who share our compulsion.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Simply eliminate the second line of the Policy.

COST:

\$

PRIMARY PURPOSE:

By keeping the wording simple we are sure to include anyone.

RATIONALE: By naming out the different groups, it becomes political, which is an outside issue. This is not in keeping with Tradition 10. By keeping the wording to “all who share our compulsion” all will feel included and some members will not be offended by the groups named.

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