

***MINUTES/Board Meeting
Nashville, Tennessee
March 13, 2015***

Friday, March 13, 2015

8:00 a.m. Informal gathering of Board – closed to Board, Trustee & Parliamentarian

8:56: a.m. Board Meeting Convenes with Serenity Prayer, and is open to all OA members

CALLED TO ORDER

Old Business

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8:56 a.m. 1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from November 2014 Assembly-**suspending approval of the minutes pending clarification of the 4th bullet point on item at 9:25 am, ad hoc committee. Secretary will review the recording and approval will be done via email**

9:05 a.m. 2. Topics for July 2015 New Orleans Assembly for Presentation and Discussion (VC)-Keeping It Simple in the Big Easy. The following topics were submitted by the committee:
1. Surrender - the Simple (But not Easy) Path to Freedom- hosts favorited
2. KISSING in the Big Easy - How OAs Keep It Simple and Survive
3. Simple But Not Easy - Working the OA program
4. How Do We Keep Our Program Simple

TOPICS FOR NEW
ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,
MARCH 2015

Item #1 was approved for the July 2015 assembly

9:09 a.m. 3. Budget /Finances/Special Appeal Update –Treasurer- **Atiya distributed documents recapping expenses thru February of 205, Annual contributions, and travel reimbursements. The special appeal collected to date \$4337.43. A discussion ensued comparing collections and expenses by month. \$3200 to fund committee chairs for July assembly, which will put us over budget; it is possible the March assembly will make enough money to allow for a budget override. Board travel appears that it will not go over the budget. Treasurer and Vice Chair budget overrides may be needed.**

TREASURER UPDATE

As decision may need to be made on the Funded Committee Chairs for the July 2015 assembly. A discussion of defunding the Committee Chairs for July ensued.

Motion made and seconded to continue to Fund Chairs through the July 2015 business assembly. Discussion ensued..

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It was voted to withdrawl this motion. Budget overrides will be done for Vice Chair & Treasurer, using money from the Delegate Support fund. A third emergency motion will done for the Funded Committee chairs travel budget, asking to take the remaining Delegate support money not allocated in the previous motions.

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| 10:40 a.m. | Break- will reconvene at 10:45 a.m. | BREAK |
| 10:52a.m. | 4. Power Points List Status Update Secretary-Janet, there are 38 OA presentations on the Secretary computer. No new presentations have been submitted since the last report. In previous Board meetings it was discussed that some of would be posted on our website and will be addressed at a later telephonic Board meeting (with Chair clarification) | POWERPOINT UPDATE |
| 10:53 a.m. | 5. IGOR Committee outreach to IG's who rarely or never attend Region/WSBC; Unaffiliated Groups (Chair) Andi, IGOR chair, was at the Board meeting and has made contact with contacts listed on the unaffiliated lists and found that contacts are obsolete. It is difficult to get information on these groups and Intergroups. | IGOR OUTREACH
DISCUSSION |
| 11:00 a.m. | 6. Update on New Orleans and Tampa-Vice Chair, Aleta- New Orleans, COLA, is on track, flyers will be put out this assembly. Hotel is making some demands on the contract and costs may be incurred that are usually not. Tampa is on track-no concerns at this point.

No bids have been identified for the March 2016 assembly. Central Florida Intergroup is willing to work with an Intergroup to put on an assembly. Under-served areas were discussed and Aleta will follow up with CFI and a possible Board sponsored assembly. | ASSEMBLIES UPDATE |
| 11:15 a.m. | 7. Remote Voting Update- (Secretary)- Committee has made the recommendation to reword the motions and they will be resubmitted at a future assembly. A comment should be read prior to the forum that this information is the opinion of individual members and not OA or Region 8. | ADHOC COMMITTEE |
| | 8. PASS IT ON: What can we do as a Board to help each other and the Assembly members in our and their recovery? | PASS IT ON |

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| 11:35 a.m. | 1. Goal Setting Inventory (Board)- historically done during the Forum but since sub-committee is presenting. Gloria sent out a document for and inventory. | GOAL SETTING |
| 11:37 a.m. | 2. Discussion-Changing funding of Committees- this was covered in the earlier discussion. Postponing until more information is available. Tabling for now to be discussed at a telephonic Board meeting. | COMMITTEE CHAIR
FUNDING |
| 11:42 a.m. | 3. July Nominations- Chair, Treasurer & Trustee- Atiya was appointed to an unexpired term. Gloria asks everyone to chat it up at their Intergroup level | JULY NOMINATIONS |
| 11:47 a.m. | 4. IG Medellin in Colombia and NSB Restructuring – A letter from the outgoing Chair of NSB was read. A discussion ensued an a concern was voice that there could be an issue with literature. | IG MEDELLIN NSB
RESTRUCTURING |
| 12:10 p.m. | Break for lunch | BREAK |

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2:00 p.m. Board Meeting Reconvenes with Serenity Prayer in English

RECONVENE

Funded Committee Chairs join Board Meeting- started with 5 minute check in and update on committee issues, activities, questions, & concerns

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS
UPDATES &
Q&A SESSION**

- Lynne – Tech/Web- assisting in demo
- Donna- TSW- meetings well attended, boards ready for display at assembly, Joan joining the TSW committee
- Marilyn-BLED-newsletter distributed, updates made to P&P, no motions for this assembly
- Andi- IGOR – having difficulty getting meetings together with members out of the country, working on getting in touch with unaffiliated meetings,
- Sam- Ways & Means-black tee shirts for sale this assembly
- Lonna-PIPO- not much activity since last assembly, frustrated with lack of response
- Vivianna- UWD-worked on a presentation working hard with Spanish community inside & outside US

2:18 p.m. Discussion of Special Appeal-Discussion of what was the meaning of this appeal. Members shared their ideas.

**SPECIAL APPEAL
DISCUSSION**

2:35 p.m. All committee chairs were asked to read the job description from the P&P.

**P&P
COMMITTEE
CHAIR DUTIES
DISCUSSION**

- Tech/Web-Lynne- website seems to be the #1 priority and handling the remote viewing at the assembly, Gloria is asking Tech/Web help to start a “Chat with the Chair”. We have a subscription to OOVOO for online meetings that other members can use.
- 12th Step Within-Donna- Good relapse mentor program on the website (with drop downs); also a sponsor and speaking list, she will distribute the duties at the committee meetings
- Bylaws/Electronic Documents—Marilyn-committee was adamant to have all communications via email, no phone meetings, motion review and compliance feedback subcommittee, newsletter subcommittee is one person, entire committee is very small; overall duties
- IGOR-Andi-contacting unaffiliated groups has been a challenge, will follow up on what email lists the IG chairs are on; lesson to Latin America groups- needs a sub-chair who is bilingual, rep funding needs to be communicated better, more emphasis will be placed on the overlooked items from the P&P, much discussion of email lists and how they work

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- Ways & Means-Sam-not sure about hiring a CPA for an audit, will check with past chair, and looking for ways to find more members to join the committee
- PIPO-Lonna-several items have not been addressed but ideas from this list can be used on the PIPO webpage, much information is available from WSBC that also can be used; military has not been on the radar and will looked into
- Unity With Diversity-Viviana-doing presentations and addressing many diverse groups, offering support to IG's; will take the lead from TSW to communicate more via email; there is a translation sub-committee in Region8 for everyone use; looking to work with Miami to start a Spanish IG in the USA; question came up regarding the American Indian community requesting OA; working on translations of the OA podcasts being done by the Region Chairs committee

3:51 p.m. Treasurer vouchers, registration for New Orleans (COLA)

**VOUCHERS/REGISTRATION
FOR NEW ORLEANS LA,
JULY 2015**

3:58 p.m. Vote was taken to have the wrap up meeting on Sunday morning, Aleta will chair this; chair, secretary, will be absent

4:03 p.m. Board meeting adjourned

ADJOURNMENT