

REGION 5 ASSEMBLY MINUTES

November 8, 2014

MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA

The business meeting convened at 8:30 am with the OA Responsibility Pledge and the Serenity Prayer.

The readings: Amy L read *For Today*, Meg M read *The Twelve Traditions*, and Nancy J read *The Standing Rules*, Denise O read 3 of the July Writing Exercise Responses.

Roll Call and Credentials Report: taken by Vice Chair Michael B. There were 26 representatives and 3 officers eligible to vote. With 22 non-voting alternates and guests, the chair, the trustee, and the parliamentarian, the total of attendees was 54. The credentials report was approved. There were 8 new reps (green dots) recognized: Clarissa O, Lynn H, Trudy N, Kim B, Phil C, Sylvia T, Janet P, and Kerry M. Four former officers/trustees were recognized: Craig R, former Region 5 treasurer and trustee; Tony A, former Region 5 treasurer; Nancy J, former Region 5 trustee; and Linda E, former Region 5 vice chair.

Agenda Approval: The agenda was approved as amended.

Minutes Review Committee: Barb K and CJ M volunteered.

Copy Coordinators: Joel I and Keri E

Timer: Ali E

Tellers: Susan S, Letitia M, and Diana G (alternate)

Treasurer's Report: (Written report will be posted on the website.)

Secretary's Report: (Written report will be posted on the website.)

Vice Chair's Report: (Written report will be posted on the website.)

Chair's Report: (Written report will be posted on the website.)

Trustee's Report: (Written report will be posted on the website.)

Special Committee Appointments: Established as follows:

Emergency New Business

OH: Eileen C

MI: Carol D

IN: Kevin F

IL: Phil C

WI: Lynn H

ON: vacant

KY: Harriette F

Nominee Presentations: Patty K for Treasurer and Denise O for Chair.

The morning session closed for committee work with the Seventh Step Prayer.

Committee assembled at locations listed in the agenda and resumed after lunch if extra time was needed.

At 1:00, we heard shares from Amy L (Region 7 chair) and Letitia M (Region 10 chair), as well as pitches from the floor.

Five Minute Writing: Optional, started at 2:25 pm. There were questions for each of these three groups: representatives, region chairs, and other visitors. The questions were related to the tapestry message of recovery.

Afternoon Session:

The business meeting reconvened at 2:30, opening with the OA Responsibility Pledge and the Third Step Prayer.

Readings: Phil C read Concepts 1-6, Kim B read Concepts 7-12, and Clarissa O read *The Standing Rules*. Denise O read 3 more writing exercise responses from the July assembly.

Roll Call and Credentials Report: was taken by Michael B. There were 27 representatives and 3 officers eligible to vote. With 21 non-voting alternates and guests, the parliamentarian, the chair, and the trustee; the total of attendees was 54. The credentials report was accepted.

Minutes from the July assembly were approved.

Seventh Tradition: The assembly voted to send today's seventh tradition money to the WSO for the Delegate Support Fund. The envelope was passed.

Time out for Robert: Dick W, our parliamentarian, shared the history of Robert's Rules and wished us well as he is resigning as our parliamentarian.

Elections:

Treasurer: 30 votes were cast, 16 were needed to elect, Patty K received 30 “yes” votes.

Patty K is elected Treasurer.

Chair: 30 votes were cast, 16 were needed to elect, Denise O received 30 “yes” votes.

Denise O is elected Chair.

New Business:

Amendment to Motion 1 from the Bylaws Committee: Bylaws Committee recommends the rewording of Motion 1 for clarification without limiting the assembly: Replace “at the assembly which follows the acceptance of the convention bid” with “when the convention bid is accepted or as soon as possible”.

This amendment was defeated.

Motion 1 from the Convention Committee: The Convention Committee moves to add the underscored phrase to the second sentence of the Region 5 Convention Committee Requirements Convention Guidelines on page D-1: The convention chairperson is approved by the Region 5 Assembly at the assembly which follows the acceptance of the convention bid.

Motion 1 was adopted.

Committee Reports:

Public Information/Professional Outreach: Harriette F shared helpful contributions regarding new ideas and new audiences for Professional Outreach, which were the result of her intergroup’s participation in the Southern Obesity Summit:

State, county, and local health departments, mental health organizations, public radio and public TV stations, hotel staff (who pick up literature surreptitiously).

Nancy J (Region 2 Chair) shared that IGs can place ads on Craig’s list at no cost.

Region 5 wants you to know that money is available for Professional Outreach efforts. Apply to the Region 5 Chair.

Goals for next year include:

1) The chair will continue, with contributions from committee members, to write an article for *Freedom From Bondage* at the end of each assembly. Articles will be about Carrying the Message through PI/PO. We want to share what does and doesn’t work.

2) Look into and reach out to HMOs and state/local public health departments with information about OA, as well as encourage IGs to do the same.

Twelfth Step Within: Decided to make the speaker list available with less personal listings after it is updated, to encourage the use of the *Twelfth-Step-Within Handbook*, to order 10 more handbooks for committee use.

Janet P and Derita P will update the speaker’s list for distribution in March. The committee “brainstormed action ideas” and “blue sheet ideas” will be copied for committee members in March.

Intergroup Outreach: Decisions were made to reach out to all IGs who were not at the assembly to offer assistance, etc. Each committee member was assigned a state for which to get IG contact information for this purpose. Steve B will create an email list of committee members for contact between assemblies. All committee members will work on a script they will use when calling the IGs, contact IGs to offer assistance, and work on assembling IG contact information.

Bylaws: Decided to accept the committee budget as propose (\$10). Proposed an amendment to Motion 1 as detailed in New Business above, and Motion 2 to add to the Standing Rules, as detailed in Motions below.

Items for later: proposing a ban on internet usage during business meetings, and cross referencing the Policies and Procedures with the Convention Guidelines.

Newsletter: Barbara K, Trudy C, and Kym C will edit the newsletter. Barbara K and Kym C will co-chair the Newsletter Committee. The theme for 2014 is “Action is Service”. Articles in the November 2014 issue will include: Committee Chair reports, 2015 convention, Action is Service, visitor writing exercise results, important mid-range service, serving as a region representative. The deadline is 11/19. All are welcome to submit articles to Kym C or Barb K.

The 2015 theme is “Principles of the Steps”. The focus for each issue is: Steps 1-3 (*Honesty, Hope, and Faith*) for March, Steps 4-9 (*Courage, Integrity, Willingness, Humility, Brotherly Love, Discipline*) for

July, and Steps 10-12 (*Perseverance, Spiritual Awareness, Service*) for November. Please send contributions for the March issue to barb1362@me.com by February 27, 2015.

Finance: The committee accepted the draft budget for 2015 and recommended a motion for acceptance to the assembly. They accepted a proposal by Anne O that \$1000 of income from the 2014 Region 5 Convention be set aside to fund scholarships to next year's convention. The previous practice was to wait until all registrations were received and see what was donated. This change will allow us to give out scholarships as requests come in.

Belle S and Tony A audited the checkbook against receipts and invoices.

Clarissa O, Linda P, and Ali E reviewed the list of meeting contributions. Each state is represented by a number: #13 is Illinois; #14 is Indiana; #18 is Kentucky; #22 is Michigan; #35 is Ohio; #49 is Wisconsin; #156 is Ontario. Representatives may want to scan these lists to identify meetings that may not be contributing to Region 5; some meetings simply don't realize how our OA 7th tradition works.

Webmaster: Craig R is resigning as Region 5's Webmaster.

Convention 2014: Discussed what did and didn't work at the convention last week and the transition to the Convention 2015 Committee. The committee proposed Motion 1, which is a rewording of a motion which was postponed during the July assembly, and two other motions, as detailed in Motions below. Diana G (Region 6 chair) demonstrated the use of an online event management service for convention registration.

Eileen C gave her Convention 2014 wrap up report.

Convention 2015: The committee worked closely with the Convention 2014 Committee. The flyer/registration form is being worked on. Ruth W will mail committee members packets containing: convention preparation timeline, update on which committees for the 2015 convention have/need a chair, draft of the program, and updated roster. CJ M agreed to be the 2015 Convention Secretary.

Motions submitted by committees:

Motion 2 from the Bylaws Committee: Bylaws Committee moves to add Rule # 17 to the Standing Rules for Region 5 Assembly: "17. No animals will be present at assembly except service animals as defined by law.

This motion was adopted.

Motion 4 from the Finance Committee: The Finance Committee moves to accept the proposed 2015 budget as presented.

This motion was adopted.

Motion 3 from the Convention Committee: The Convention Committee moves to accept online registration and payment for conventions.

This motion was adopted.

Motion 5 from the Convention Committee: The Convention Committee moves to add that all speakers for convention will need to be pre-registered.

This motion was adopted.

Emergency New Business: None.

Outgoing Representatives and Trusted Servants: We recognized and thanked Representatives Alison B-W, Derita P, Larry S; Parliamentarian Dick Weber; Webmaster Craig R; and Treasure Anne O'B for their service to Region 5.

Seventh Tradition: Totaled \$435, which will be sent to WSO for the Delegate Support Fund, as prescribed by the assembly.

The Green Dot Ceremony honored our new representatives: Clarissa O, Lynn H, Trudy N, Kim B, Phil C, Sylvia T, Janet P, and Kerry M.

Thank you, Central Ohio Service IG, for hosting registration.

The business session was closed at 5:30 pm with the OA Promise.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M

Region 5 Secretary