

Palm Beach County Intergroup Meeting Minutes for November 14, 2020

Chairperson, Mark J. called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, followed by the reading of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions and the 11th Concept of OA Service.

There were 14 voting members present, and 1 non-voting member.

Barbara Te. read the minutes from the October 10th meeting. The minutes were accepted as stated.

Nancy N. gave a treasurer's report. Our 7th Tradition collected \$649.25 from October 6 – November 10. We are in the black. Nancy reported that she received a letter directly from World Service thanking us profusely for our recent donation.

Committee reports followed:

- Newsletter – Rebecca asked for articles approximately 200- 250 words. Next Newsletter will be set for January. All submissions should be sent by the third week in December. All articles should be sent to newsletter@oapalmbeachfl.org. The new and colorful digital Newsletter is currently on the oapalmbeachfl.org website. It is visually interesting and newly formatted. Thank you for your hours of service, Rebecca.
- Rachael, our webmaster, reported that on October 16 our website went down and died of old age. She rebuilt it on a new platform. It looks great, is faster, is modern, stable and will take us well into the future. It launched on October 17, 2020. Thank you, Rachael, for an outstanding job. The Executive Board met on October 21 to discuss what needed to be added to the website, and again Rachael worked quickly to add much information. If you have additional ideas let us know. Encourage members to visit oaplambeach.org. You can easily and directly go to Zoom meetings any day of the week.
- Public Information – Mark reported for Chairperson, Patricia, that the Natural Awakenings Magazine was being investigated as a place to put oa information. (Putting fliers in hospitals and libraries was mentioned on Zoom just after the meeting closed.) Patricia will be attending the Region 8 Public Information/Public Outreach (PIPO) Zoom workshop on November 15th and will report back to Intergroup.
- Special Events –Jody and Harriet are co-chairing and spoke on IDEA day set for November 21 on Zoom. The theme is an Attitude of Gratitude. Lunch in break out rooms, speakers, sharing and fun are all set. It is free. Gold Coast will be giving away 2 gifts, the new oa tee shirt and new journal. Barbara Te. and Carole Sh. will be co-chairing the First Virtual Spiritual Retreat on December 11-13. There are currently 28 people registered. The committee is phenomenal, talented, and willing to meet weekly as they continue to plan a serene and interesting weekend of fellowship at home. There will be a maximum of 35 participants and will be registered on a first come first serve basis.
- Literature - Jody reported slower sales. She took in \$36 in sales this month. There were no expenses.

- Region 8 Business Assembly was held virtually on October 23-25. We had three representatives in attendance, Marcia, Mark, and Barbara Te. The full report is on the website. Barbara Te. gave an overview of the weekend and then each rep. reported on their respective committee work. Barbara Te. is on the Ways and Means Committee, Marcia on the Twelfth Step Within Committee and Mark on the By Laws Committee. Marc had to leave the meeting early and Marcia continued to lead and share on his behalf.

Old business – On Saturday 9:30 a.m. is a face to face meeting at Crossroads. Safe and secure, following all necessary guidelines.

New business – Marcia brought up for discussion what her Tuesday 7: 00 pm meeting is discussing regarding the collection and distribution of Tradition 7 monies. Some want to switch from Venmo to Zelle accounts. Others want to collect money the “old fashion” way and have the meeting distribute funds to Intergroup rather than having funds go directly to Intergroup. It is a healthy discussion to have at your meetings.

Also, it was suggested to have someone from your meeting go to oa.org and check periodically that your meeting contact information is current and correct.

December meeting to be announced as the second Saturday of December is the retreat.

Meeting ID 81688628727

Password 561561

The meeting adjourned with the Serenity Prayer at 1:10 pm.

Donations can be sent to our Treasurer at:

Nancy Nelson

1141 Bimini Lane

Riviera Beach, Fl 33404

Please specify for what meeting or it will be posted as a general donation.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Te., Recording Secretary