

Palm Beach County Intergroup Meeting Minutes for August 22, 2020

Chairperson, Mark J. called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, followed by the reading of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions and the 8th Concept of OA Service.

There were 13 voting members present, and 3 non-voting guests.

Barbara Te. read the minutes from the June 13th meeting. The minutes were accepted as read.

Nancy N. gave a treasurer's report. Our 7th Tradition collected \$1434.66 from June 9 through August 19. We sent \$164.20 to Region 8 and \$492.60 to World Service. We are in the black and doing well thanks to the generosity of our fellows during this time of Zoom meetings.

Committee reports followed:

- Newsletter – Rebecca asked for articles approximately 200- 250 words. She proposed writing about “sustaining hope and living one day at a time”. The Newsletter will remain digital only at this time and the deadline for submissions for the November - December issue will be October. All articles should be sent to newsletter@oapalmbeachfl.org
- Website is being handled by Rachel and is up to date.
- Public Information – at this time we are letting people know that we have Zoom meetings and holding off on any virtual health fairs.
- Special Events – Marcia, our vicechair and chair of our special events committee, let us know that there are many Zoom events on the State, Region, and World level. Bonnie shared that in North Jersey they are doing an event once a month. IDEA day, the International Day of Experiencing Abstinence, is planned for November 21. A motion was made to have this as a Zoom event. Motion passed. Now planning can get underway. We will wait until the September meeting to decide if the Palm Beach County retreat now scheduled for December 11-13 will be held on site. At this time we do not know if the Passionist Church will be open.
- Jody reported that literature sales have been good including sales for the OA 12 & 12, the Workbook, and the new book Body Image, Relationships, and Sexuality.

Region 8 Assembly in Baton Rouge was postponed until October 23-25. We will wait and see if it will actually be held.

The following topics were discussed briefly:

Marcia asked for clarification on the terms of office for our current board. Requesting to know who is up for election, and when are their terms completed. Mark will reach out to Patty for update on election of officers.

There was a discussion regarding paying rent to keep in good standing with various meeting places, churches and other locations. Inasmuch as Crossroads had not received rent for several months, a motion was made and seconded to send \$50 for each of the 6 meetings at Crossroads in good faith, for a total of \$300. Motion passed unanimously. Our treasurer, Nancy, will send a check.

Individual groups should take care of their rents as needed to ensure meeting places when we return to face to face meetings. Intergroup has up to \$50 to help any meeting struggling to pay their rent.

It was announced that all current Palm Beach County Zoom meetings would continue through the month of September.

Donations can be sent to our new 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.

Next Intergroup meeting will be held on Zoom on September 12 from 12- 2: 00.

Meeting adjourned at 2:27 with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Te., Recording Secretary