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## ***Serenity in the Desert Intergroup Minutes***

***May 15, 2010***

### **I. Call to order**

Bernie W. called to order the regular meeting of the Serenity in the Desert Intergroup at 12:59 P.M. on May 15, 2010 in OA office. Step 5, Tradition 5 and Concept 5 were read. Introductions made with one new representative in attendance.

### **II. Roll call**

Jackie W. reported that 22 voting representatives, 1 chair, and 1 alternate were in attendance.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Prue O. acted as Recording Secretary in Jan M. absence. The minutes were approved and filed as presented.

### **IV. Board reports**

- a) **The Chairman** encouraged us to follow the Board of Trustees (BOT) as it employs the concept of “Consensus” in some deliberations to avoid strong emotions and still achieve a satisfactory resolution with no losers, nor winners. Many issues can be resolved by approaching individuals before the meeting. He also reminded us of the “upside down pyramid” of OA structure; everything begins with the OA group and nothing happens without YOU!
- b) **The Vice Chairwoman’s** reported that the “Serenity Is Golden” t-shirts are on sale now. She has also secured a Sun City location for the October Day In OA on October 9. Volunteers to do service please contact her. Also a reminder of the intergroup (IG) elections that will take place next month. This is another opportunity to grow in recovery and do service.
- c) **The Treasurer’s Report** was presented and filed for audit. He showed us that the checking account balance is in the lower right-hand column of the **ASDI YTD Revenue and Expense Summary**, totaling \$9,266.80 at the end of April. Rent for last month has not been paid, therefore rent will be shown twice on next month’s report.
- d) **The Communications Secretary** told how she is learning to post the IG reports on the <http://oaphoenix.org> webpage. She encouraged us to go there and see all the new items. The **Guidelines for Locally Produced Literature** was another point shared. Review this and see if your group is ready to offer a piece of literature to Region III (R3) and the WSO for consideration for publishing. A representative mentioned a piece of literature, One Disease, Three Faces, produced many years ago by the two local intergroups is in our files. It covers compulsive overeating, anorexia and bulimia, stories.

### **V. Unfinished business**

- a) **The Fall 2010 Region III Convention/Assembly** Hosts are encouraging groups to donate a basket/raffle item or scholarship to our August convention. Keynote speakers were chosen, but other workshop speakers will be assigned as they register. This is a good way to spread your experience, strength and hope as an outreach to others compulsive eaters. Registration fliers were distributed.

- b) **The Finance Committee** report & discussion regarding the revised budget met with great approval by the attending representatives. Adjustments were made in response to the discussion from last month's IG meeting. Each committee is encouraged to send their budget request to Anabel A. The final budget will be presented by the committee, for a group conscience approval, at the next IG meeting; it will be sent by E-Cares as well as a hard copy to be provided at the IG meeting. New members are needed for this committee.

A motion was presented by Anabel on behalf of the committee regarding the Prudent Reserve.

Use of the Prudent Reserve must be approved by the ASDI Board and be prioritized for the following purposes:

- 1) Rent of intergroup office space and utilities
- 2) Other contractual obligations (e.g., existing contracts with retreat or other vendors)
- 3) Delegate travel to Region III and World Service business meetings.

Use of the ASDI Prudent Reserve beyond those items listed above is to be approved by the ASDI Board and a majority of the Intergroup Representatives attendant at a regularly scheduled intergroup meeting or a special meeting called for such a purpose.

After questions and debate, this was sent back to committee for alteration.

- c) **Notice of Two Bylaw Amendments** were presented, questions asked. The amendments will be voted on at the next IG meeting. They bring us into compliance with R3 and WSBC Bylaws.

## VI. New business

### a) **World Service Business Conference reports**

- 1) Prue gave her report of serving on the Twelve Step Within Committee and a report of the action taken by the World Service Business Conference (WSBC) on motions. The **Twelfth Step Within Handbook** is now ready to be ordered. The Region Chairs Committee presented us with a Forum on Service and Recovery. The encouragement was to pass on the message to your sponsees, service is a vital part of our recovery. She will be happy to discuss any information concerning the conference with individuals or groups.
- 2) Bill attended the **Service, Traditions, and Concepts (STC) Workshop** that was focused on how to present and lead a Service Traditions & Concepts (STC), utilizing OA's suggested guidelines. While the information was of value, the workshop would have better served the attending delegates if the main topic was getting the membership to attend STC workshops. He also attended the **Smiles of Service: We Are Not a Glum Lot Workshop**. Our Intergroup Chair is a regular stand-up comedian, and thinks he should share his presentation at an intergroup meeting sometime in the future. The Web Technology Committee was his assignment. We now have a ninth Tool of Recovery. It is an **Action Plan**: A new tool to support our progress toward recovery. Do not know yet how it is going to read, that's the job of the Board and/or the Conference Literature Committees they will work on that during the year.

- b) **WSBC donation regarding lodging**. A motion by Prue was presented and seconded:

To make a donation of \$352.72 to WSO to cover lodging at WSBC for Bernie, our ASDI delegate to conference.

RATIONALE: to honor our seventh tradition, “every OA group out to be fully self-supporting...”. The motion passed.

## VII. Committee Reports

- a) Literature report was presented. We now have \$2,123.45 of literature on hand.
- b) Newsletter Editor nothing new to report. Representative stated this is the best issue ever.
- c) Newcomers Outreach reported that the Wednesday night Newcomers Q&A meeting has been cancelled due to lack of interest and support. The committee feels they will explore working with the Outreach Committee, but remaining a separate committee. Goals of the committee were shared with the representatives.
- d) Office operations reported that new members are needed. In the past, the owner of building refused to discuss lease this far in advance, three month is suggested. Other units were researched within a five-mile radius as to cost and only one was found at a lesser rent. 17 meetings per week meet at the office location. The average weekly attendance for the past 6 weeks is 120 plus.
- e) Outreach – no report
- f) PI/PO reported the Cookie Poster is well received; with a request for a speaker. Dietician Conference is being hosted by ASDI committee and the Southeast Arizona Intergroup in June.
- g) Special Events next workshop is **A Day In OA**, with Speakers from Tucson covering Retention, Recovery and Relapse plus a raffle and skit. See newsletter or web for more information.
- h) 12<sup>th</sup> Step Within – no report
- i) Web Manager – no report. All the IG committee reports are on the <http://oaphoenix.org> webpage.

## VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at **2:57 P.M.** Next IG meeting June 19, 1:00 p.m. in the OA office.

Respectfully submitted,

Prue O.,

Recording Secretary, Pro Temp.