

Date | Time 5/20/2023 1:00 PM | Meeting called to order by Pat H: Chair

OPENING

Meeting held via Zoom, opened with reading of the preamble and standing rules, and concept of the month. Pat asked attendees to rename themselves to identify meeting reps, committee chairs, and board members in lieu of verbal introductions. Board Members in attendance: Chair- Pat H, Vice Chair- Lisa M, Recording Secretary- Janece B, Treasurer- Bob, Rep/Delegate present - John S. Second Rep/Delegate – Vacant Alternate Rep/Delegate - Vacant. Attendance report: 21 present, 20 voting members, 11 identified meeting representatives and 1 visitor.

OFFICER REPORTS

As posted on Ecares and sent by Pat H. via email to ASDI contacts.

The April minutes were accepted as presented.

7th Tradition Announcement made.

New Business

1a) John S reported about his first in-person World Service Business Conference (WSBC.) Previous attendance was virtual. Held in Albuquerque, NM April 26 -29, 2023. Approximately 174 attended in person, vs. prior years of 218, due to less representation from international groups. There was a very busy agenda and not all items could get the same attention. The 2024 WSBC will be in person, and in 2025 it will be hybrid. Anyone can observe. Making the conference virtual/hybrid is a work in progress that the board is deciding. The financial health of OA is solid. There was an approx. 250K loss in 2022, offset by the gain in 2021. Funds are ample, there was a clean audit report. The checking account is in a bank and is over the FDIC insured limit, which the board will address. There was a proposal to add stories to the Diverse Voices: A Common Solution literature that was approved. The proposal to consolidate 2 pieces of literature related to sponsorship which failed. There were 22 new business items on the agenda; 19 approved, 1 failed, 1 withdrawn. The withdrawn item related to the date/time/location of the WSBC. The failed item was the proposal to omit AA literature, except for the Big Book, from the list of OA approved literature. Other agenda items addressed how the business of OA was conducted, including but not limited to a Twelfth Step Within Day, donation limits, unity, diversity, open/closed meeting definitions, and job descriptions for board members. The item encouraging the use of all of the OA literature passed. There were 18 proposed bylaws amendments, 15 were withdrawn due to lack of time. Most regarded the operation of international/overseas groups. One item, omitting the word 'special' was adopted. Board elections – 10 open board positions, 6 nominees elected. 4 more are still open and those can be found on the oa.org website. It is a great way to serve the fellowship. A proposal for a lending library for OA literature was brought up, but sent back to the board to work on. Not a lot of time spent on discussing finances. The audit report came in mid-session. There was not a lot of representation from international groups.

1b) Proposed 2023 – 2024 budget. Not a lot of major changes. The revenue was increased by projected donations. Decrease in the literature sold revenue. Still ~ \$5,300 set aside for the rent increase and \$5,000 for the air conditioner. Question about formula to increase donations – based on past performance, donations are increasing as Zoom attendance is increasing. Are these earmarked items allowed per the bylaws? Yes, we voted to change the bylaws 2 years ago. Rachel V asked if we could earmark our donation to World Service specifically for international representative attendance at the next WSBC. John S is fairly certain we can, he will confirm. Discussion about possible additional Zoom account. Discussion about increasing the WSBC expense to send 2 reps, as well as 2 reps, twice a year, to the Region 3 Assembly. Finance committee will review. Suggestion to prepay rent to spend down the excess over prudent reserve we have right now. Mindy also confirms that earmarking donations to World Service is allowable. All of the budget discussion items will be reviewed by the Finance committee for any revision to proposed budget, which will be voted on in June. Board elections will also be in June. Pat asked attendees to set aside 1 ½ hours for June meeting.

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Announcements

None

Good and Welfare- not to be recorded

CLOSING

Closed at 2:04 p.m. with the Responsibility Pledge.

NEXT MEETING

5/17/2023 1:00 PM, via Zoom: 894 4070 1236 PW: oaunity