

February 2025 MINUTES
Arizona Serenity in the Desert Intergroup

Date|Time 2/15/25 1:01 PM | Meeting called to order by Charlene N : Chair

Board members in attendance: Chair – Charlene N, Treasurer – Janece, Recording Secretary – Mindy C, Vice Chair – Melissa, Rep/Delegate - Dottie D, Rep/Delegate – Wendy A, Alt Rep Delegate: Vacant. Attendance Report: 18 voting members (13 on Zoom, 5 in Office). Sarah N – Ecares/Thurs 6pm, Greg – Host/IT, Phyllis – PIPO Chair, Nanci G – Literature Chair, Gail – Twelve Step Within Chair, Rosie – Retreat Chair & Ad Hoc Office Retention Chair, Pat – Fri 6pm/Tues 10am, Eileen – Sedona Thurs 10am, Jan M - Prescott Tues noon, Gene - 6:30 Zoom Tues & Thurs, Allison C – Sat 8:30am, Jan C – Casa Grande Sun 10am

OPENING:

Meeting held via Zoom and office (in-person), opened with the Serenity Prayer, reading of the preamble (Dottie), standing rules (Jan M), Concept of the Month (Phyllis).

New Business:

A. BOARD REPORTS:

1. **Chair-World Service Business Conference Questionnaire** – Charlene emailed the questions from World Service out to meeting reps. The purpose of this survey was not to discuss the motions but to decide whether or not they should be included on the World Service Business meeting agenda. She has heard back from several meetings and needs all responses back by Tuesday. Jan M stated she did not receive the questionnaire. Charlene will resend to her.
2. **Vice Chair-Meeting list, Events** – Melissa is in the process of trying to determine meeting reps on meeting list. There are many meetings that do not have a meeting rep listed. She is also going to make the on-line meeting list larger and a little more user friendly. Jan M also asked about a outreach directory and she was directed to reach out to Tori. / She still has a lot of events to post but the ASDI Retreat is in July and there is a 1st 10 days workshop coming up. Gail will discuss that further.
3. **Recording Secretary- Schedule of Voting** – Mindy explained that the next two Intergroup meetings are critical as we will be presenting the budget in April and voting on it in June. June is also election of new officers. Treasurer and Rep Delegates are up for election.

4. **Treasurer-Financial Report, Donations** – Janece presented that in Dec we were 50% short of budget. In January we should have received 58% of our budgeted revenue but we are currently at 47%. This is \$3,688 short of where we should be at the end of January. Part of the increase in revenue was an anonymous donation of \$2,000 in December. Charlene reminded everyone that per World Service donations are limited to \$5,000 per person per year. Zell and Paypal donations also increased. There are 10-12 new monthly contributions that have been set up through Zell and Paypal. Zell has no fee associated with deposits but Paypal does charge a fee. There is a Region III Treasurer’s meeting which Janece attends. Meetings (including In person, Hybrid and Virtual) should all be encouraged to take a 2-3 minute pause for 7th tradition, as well as posting Paypal and Zell scan codes in the chat.
5. **Rep/Delegates-Region Assembly and WSBC** – Wendy is going to register for the Region III assembly. This is a hybrid meeting and she will be registering for Hybrid. This meeting is in April. Both Wendy and Dottie will be registering for the WSBC in May. This is only a virtual meeting.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Office Retention** – Rosie reported that they have had two meetings so far. They are looking at different options. There are 6 churches that they are currently looking at. Charlene has reached out to the current owner of the building and has gotten positive feedback. He is willing to let us sign a one year lease with an additional 2 year option with no rent increase for the first year. We have to give a 30 day notice if we intend to vacate and not renew. This being said if we are not going to renew we need to give notice by July 1st. Greg said that we need to consider that the office is not only about financial but what is the amount of recovery that is being generated out of the office. What if any are the plans to increase attendance at office meetings and events. Gail will discuss that.
2. **Retreat Committee** – Rosie announced that registration is currently up on oaphoenix.org and there are 5 people already registered. This is going to be a hybrid event July 18-20, 2025. Our speaker is from Minnesota and is maintaining a 220 pound weight loss. He is a Big Book speaker. They are looking to also host an office Retreat Watch Party with lunch being offered on Saturday. This would enable people to come to the office and watch and listen to the speaker. When the in person meeting goes to share then the people in the office would have the chance to share on what they just heard in the office.

3. **PIPO** – Phyllis shared that there no upcoming meetings scheduled. She is having a difficult time getting this committee up and running. She does have some people that are interested. Charlene suggested that we make PIPO a spotlight committee for the next couple of months in E-Cares. We can also reach out to meeting reps to ask for interested volunteers at their meetings.
4. **12 Step Within** – Gail mentioned that there is a workshop coming up on March 29th: **Region III Relapse Prevention**. Gail presented a suggestion that this could be an OA Office Watch Party event. People could come to the office, make a 7th tradition donation and watch the workshop together. There could then be a chance to discuss at the end of the workshop. If you have any other ideas or suggestions to help in recovery please reach out to Gail or Charlene. **February 23rd is OA Unity Day**. World Service is suggesting that every member take a pause at 11:30 on the 23rd to express gratitude for the OA program.
5. **Finance and ByLaws** – Charlene announced that we need committees and committee chairs for these committees. Anyone interested please reach out to Charlene.

C. Office, Literature, Outreach, Office phone, ECares Reports

1. **Literature** – Nanci tries to be very prudent and aware of the budget, but she is currently at 95% of her budget for the year. Phyllis asked the question that if the literature budget is used up does that mean we will not have new literature available, specifically New Comers packets. Last year the literature budget was exhausted and the directive was given out to not buy any new literature until the next funding became available for the 24-25 fiscal year. It was brought up that in no way should we suffer the newcomer because we are out of budgeted funds. Literature should be more of a wash but unfortunately it is not. The newcomers packets that are given away should be paid for out of the 7th tradition and marked as such. Charlene asked Nanci to do another literature inventory.

Meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at 2:35pm. Next meeting will be April 19th at 1:00pm. This will be a hybrid meeting.