

**January 2024 MINUTES**  
**Arizona Serenity in the Desert Intergroup**

**Date | Time 01/20/2024 1:00 PM | Meeting called to order by Pat H: Chair**

**OPENING:**

Meeting held via Zoom, opened with the reading of the preamble (Dottie), standing rules (Gunnar), concept of the month and the Serenity Prayer (Pat). 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, Treasurer – Janece B, Recording Secretary – Mindy C.– Mara S, Acting Vice Chair-Dottie D, Rep/Delegate, Alternate Rep/Delegate: Vacant. Attendance Report: 24 Present, 24 voting members

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

As posted in Ecares and sent by Pat H via email to ASDI Contacts.

The January agenda was accepted as amended, by adding Donations under the Finance Committee and adding category C for By-Laws. The December minutes were presented as accepted.

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition reminder announced by Pat H.

Concept of the month presented by Pat H.

**Unfinished Business:**

- 1) Election of Vice Chair – Mara has met the service requirements and a vote was taken. Mara was elected as Vice Chair with her term expiring June 30, 2025. Duties is to keep track of upcoming activities in OA. Any announcements and fliers need to be sent to Mara at [msmara2222@hotmail.com](mailto:msmara2222@hotmail.com) to be included in Ecares. Please review fliers for accuracy, spelling and grammar prior to sending to Mara. There is a minimum 2 week notice for events to be included in Ecares.
- 2) Move Promises by Candlelight to November from December: Attendance is an issue due to competing obligations that close to Christmas. Also the City of Phoenix Electric Light Parade is on the first Saturday of December and that makes it difficult for members/guests who live on the West side of the valley to make it to the office due to street closures. Reminder that this event is not connected to any specific holiday as it is a reminder of what the program will do for you. If you are not currently attending the Promises by Candlelight what are the barriers? Clarification of vote is that is only moving the event from December to November. Committee can determine the date. The vote passed and the annual Promises by Candlelight will be held in November. A notice will be put in Ecares so the committee can start ramping up.

## **New Business:**

### 1) Current Board Positions – Fiscal Year runs from 7/1-6/30

- a. Pat H. is the current ASDI Chair and has held the position for the past four years. She is not eligible to run or hold the position for the upcoming year and is not willing to continue in the current position on a monthly basis when her term expires on June 30, 2024.
- b. Mindy C. is the current Recording Secretary and is completing a term which expires on June 30, 2024. She is willing to run again for this position for the next fiscal year. She would like to see other people interested in this position to run as well.
- c. A nominating committee may need to be formed to assist in finding candidates to run for these positions. These will also be posted in Ecares.
- d. All board positions require 1 year of abstinence and six months of service beyond the meeting level.

### 2) Finance Committee

- a. Gail is the new Finance Committee Chair. Other members are Dottie D, Sherri A and Janece
- b. The Finance Committee met to review donations and expenses at the 6 month fiscal year mark. Donations appear to be slightly lower than budgeted but there is a large donation that came in that will be recorded in January. Once this is recorded we will be close to 46% of budgeted donations. There are three ways to make donations:
  - i. If you are attending a meeting in person at the office you can donate in the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition basket with cash or check.
  - ii. If you are attending on Zoom you can mail a check to the PO Box, please mark which meeting day and time that the donation is for.
  - iii. If you are attending on Zoom you can also donate through PayPal. PayPal does take a percentage of the donation for service fees, so it is recommended that you normally contribute for example: \$3 per meeting and you attend 5 meetings, to send in one donation for \$15 as opposed to 5 \$3 donations. Again there is a place on PayPal to mark which meeting should be credited for the donation.

- iv. All meetings should be checking the Treasurers Report for accuracy every month.
- c. By-Laws Committee
  - i. Currently Charlene is the only active person on this committee and she is the Chair.
  - ii. If you are a regular on the By-Laws Committee please let Pat H know so that you can be recognized
  - iii. This committee is in need to members and a new Chair as Charlene will be stepping down. This committee has done an excellent job and the Bylaws are current and up to date. This committee will be responsible for maintaining and updating as necessary.
  - iv. Committee service, not necessarily erving as Chair, does count towards your six months of service beyond the meeting level if you are interested in running for a board position
  - v. Question was raised if committees (ex: PIPO) can use the official OA logo on literature. This request needs to go to World Service in writing.

**Announcements:**

- 1. No announcements at this time

Meeting closed by Pat H at 2:09pm.

Next meeting 2/17 at 1:00pm (Standard time) via Zoom