

Valley Sierra Intergroup OA/HOW #09599

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Serenity Prayer. Twelve Traditions, Seventh Tradition

Introductions - State first name, Intergroup Board or Rep position, or Visitor.

Sue S

Lynne T

Karen K

Elizabeth

Jennifer

Cat

Joan

Mary B

Lynne visitor

Establish a quorum (9).

Quorum established.

FIND A TIMEKEEPER.

Karen

BOARD MEMBER AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS -35 minutes

Chairperson, Sue S,

Approved minutes from March email Intergroup.

Co-Chairperson, Janice T,

No report.

Treasurer, Lynne T

Checks mailed to Region 2 and World Services. Taxes completed. February donations from Manteca and Modesto. motion on Modesto donation to donate 60/30/10 to world services. Accepted. Monday 5pm group and Day in OA also donated. Many individual donations

received, going well, thanks for getting out the word. There is money for Health Fair, etc to spread the word. See treasurer report attached.

World Services Rep. Karen K,

Karen will not continue in this position, and will reach out to Marga to get the World Services report.

Region 2 Rep.

A Region 2 rep is needed, for next assembly in October. Intergroup will for travel expenses.

Website Admin. Janice T,

All is well, all updated.

Phone List, Elizabeth

Elizabeth has sent out the updated list yesterday, and reports that everyone on the list has been called, and updated with FISM status. F Means Food, I for Inventory, S is for Steps, M for Maintenance. Regular OA to be added? OK to add regular OA? Answer is yes.

Literature, Sue S,

Sue has sent out a sponsor guide and will need more soon. She asked if anyone is interested in the Literature position in Modesto. Is Becky still active in Sonora? We have a closet that is being maintained. Karen will take the Modesto Literature position.

PI Planning/Health Fair On Hold

Zoom Admin., Sonora area, Cat T -

Cat reminds people to ask for assistance from Janice for password when setting up on a new computer.

Zoom Admin., Modesto area, Janice T

• How are our Zoom, hybrid and f2f Meetings going? The Saturday 9:00 Modesto meeting will not meet on May 13. It will resume the following Saturday.

Elizabeth, 5:45 Thurs meeting going well, no disruptions, need people to do service.

Sonora Saturday and Monday meetings sparse, but we are hopeful that it will be growing.

Saturday zoom meeting (Modesto) - consistently 6 people, services rotating with people present.

To start a Zoom meeting, contact Cat (Sonora area) or Janice T. (Modesto area).

• Open Intergroup Board positions: Modesto area Literature Rep. and Region 2 rep

TOPICS:

Approve March minutes

Approved.

Update on written instructions for Intergroup board and committee positions

Lynne has submitted for Region 2 and Treasurer positions.

The World Services position can be gotten from them.

Secretary position, Phone and Meeting list instructions needed.

Web Administration position and how-to's also needed.

Once we compile information, will have available for people new to positions

Anyone interested in being our Region 2 Rep?

It is a 2-year term and involves going to Spring Assembly and Fall Assembly either in person or virtually, and serving on a Committee of your choice which usually has monthly Zoom meetings. The abstinence requirement is 6 months, which is set by Region 2. Lynne was our Region 2 Rep, ending 12-31-22, and it would be great if you continue her service on the 12th Step Within Committee. For Fall Assembly 2023 you could choose another Committee if you want. Intergroup pays all travel expenses if Assembly meets face to face.

A free pdf is available on oa.org and amazon.com for the OA pamphlet "Where Do I Start? Everything a Newcomer Needs to Know." (See 9-17-22 Intergroup Minutes email for the Attachment.)

There are several OA pamphlets, e-books and audio books available through Amazon Kindle, Audible, Barnes & Noble and Apple Books

Update about online 7th Tradition donations to Intergroup:

Have we received any input about procedures for adding a means of receiving 7th Tradition donations such an Intergroup link, or a bank link which can be put in Zoom Chat? The board rejected using Venmo as an option. Lynne was to check with the San Mateo area Meetings to get information about how they set up their 7th Tradition link on their OA Mid- Peninsula Intergroup website.

The OA Mid- Peninsula options for donating online.

Post online application for bill paying, online to website. Lynne will gather information to present for discussion.

Lynne update – see OA.org shows 7th tradition donations, via Stripe, a huge website that provides payment service. Lynne will check with our bank if can set up, gateway info, etc.

Help provided for making payments. Lynne to contact sales team to follow through. Lynne will investigate Service fee.

Lynne's update for this IG meeting:

*Her report on 7th tradition donations from mid-peninsula, screen sharing, are attached.
They post three ways to donate.*

Discussion - For the 9AM Saturday, will using Stripe encourage donations?

- Because of minimum plus charges, is it worth it? Consensus is that not worthwhile for small groups. Checks or Billpay might be better for small groups. We should put out information.*
- Motion: Suggesting to keep doing what currently doing, forget about Stripe, and to post our Intergroup name, address and PO box at all meetings and suggest Billpay as an online alternative.*
- Motion passed.*
- Continue to remind people to keep donating, and refer to information on top of agenda email from Sue.*

Please continue to remind members to donate to their Meetings – whether they attend in person or via phone or Zoom. Meetings that are Zoom only can donate directly to Intergroup. Donations can be mailed to our Treasurer, Cat, P.O. box above.

NEXT Intergroup [May 27, 2023, 11:10 AM](#)

7th TRADITION REPORT

We need to pay 9 dollars in rent.

Approve minutes if there is time

April minutes approved

CLOSING PRAYER.

ADJOURNMENT. Thank you, everyone!