

INTERGROUP MINUTES - June 26, 2021

Valley Sierra Intergroup OA/HOW #09599

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June 26, 2021, 11:10 am, Zoom Meeting

Serenity Prayer. Twelve Traditions. Seventh Tradition (Is anyone attending from the Alano Club? Or by Zoom and Zoom phone only?). *No one attending today at the Alano Club - Zoom and Zoom phone only, so no Seventh Tradition for today.*

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

Joan M. Secretary

Lynne T. Chairperson

Cat T. Phone List

Janice T. Website Admin

Linda B. Sonora Monday Rep

Sue S. World service Rep

Jennifer C. co-chair Day in OA

Mary B. Sonora Saturday Rep

Establish a quorum (6).

Established.

INTERGROUP REPS -

Sonora Monday 5 pm hybrid meeting - Linda B -

Sonora Thursday 5:45 pm Zoom meeting - Violet Y

Modesto Saturday 9 am Zoom meeting - Karen K

Sonora Saturday 10 am hybrid meeting - Mary B -

FIND A TIMEKEEPER.

Sue S.

BOARD MEMBER AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS -35 minutes

Chairperson, Lynne T,

- *Motions passed WSBC, changing OA.org meeting format, adding a paragraph on diversity, and*
- *New definitions of abstinence and recovery, for groups to add if they vote it in*

Co-Chairperson, Sue S,

- *Caveat to above, we are still HOW Intergroup and have similar format, so if other meetings make changes please inform Intergroup.*
- *Reminder that Region 2 convention. coming up on Zoom – 9th, 10th, and 11th of July.*
- *Our website has information and registration.*

Secretary, Joan M,

Nothing to add

Treasurer, Cat T, (5 min. each)

- *See attached. Sue has been paid, resolving problem with Lynne's reimbursement.*

World Services Rep. Sue S (retiring)

- *Comments in Topics section.*

Region 2 Rep. Lynne T

- *enjoying the Assembly and committees (12 step within). The October assembly to be in Burlingame.*

Website Admin. Janice T, (5 min. each)

- *no report*

Phone List, Cat T, - *no changes*

Literature, Sue S,

- *She has literature to send out to meetings.*
- *Intergroup asking her to come to Sonora with Literature, show and tell.*
- *Janice has literature from closed Wed Modesto meeting*

PI Planning/Health Fair, Elizabeth C,

- *There will be a PI/PO meeting, for intergroup reps, Elizabeth invited.*

Zoom Admin., Sonora area, Cat T

- *Motion to approved payments to members.*
- *Motion passed.*
- *Zoom meetings are going well.*
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Zoom Admin., Modesto area, Kevin V

Co-Chair, May 22, 2021 Day in OA Violet Y

- *No report*

Co-Chair, May 22, 2021 Day in OA Jennifer C

- *It was nice to be a part of it, thought it was well attended, see comments below.*

TOPICS -

- Report on Day in OA by our Day in OA Co-Chair, Jennifer
 - *Went well, God box demo wonderful (Violet and Jennifer), speaker's share was great.*
 - *How many people attended? About 23 attended*
- WSBC 2021 Report from Sue S. We thank her for her service!
 - *Thanking Sue for her service*
 - *See attached report to see motions, all of ours were discussed.*
 - *About definition of recovery: much discussion*

- *Motion B, put definition of recovery it back to way it was, and not to revisit. Motion not carried.*
- *New definition has been adopted.*
- *Discussion of gender fluid pronouns did not get to floor.*
- *On hybrid meeting, wording about registering discussed. Decided that hybrid + face 2 face meetings will register as only one meeting in Intergroup.*
- *Cleanup of wording in Voices of Recovery in 2nd edition. No stories changed.*
- *Emergency motion: in WSBC, having translator services? Not carried.*

- **Elect new WSBC Rep, who will submit an application for financial assistance to Region 2 by 10-1-21 for WSBC 2022, which will hopefully be in Albuquerque, New Mexico. It is a 2-year position with minimum 1-year abstinence by April 2022 (required by WSBC), and attendance at WSBC 2022 and 2023 in Albuquerque, or via Zoom if they do hybrid (not determined yet).**

- *If anyone interested, WSBC needs to know by August.*
- *Announce at meetings.*
- *Also provide requirements for that position, as above.*

- **OA 24/7 Welcome Room pilots have not started yet. WSBC Board of Trustees has approved our Policies and Procedures! We are going before the WSO Board for approval to put the 24/7 Welcome Room link on OA.org, which would be a BIG WIN for our project! Pilot projects will start soon after that!**

- **How is Modesto's Zoom meeting going? Our Thursday 5:45 pm OA-HOW Literature Zoom meeting continues to run smoothly, although we did have to remove 2 intruders, but only at one meeting., about 3 months ago. We have 6-14 OA members attending each week from OA.org as well as our usual Intergroup members, and a couple members from the San Mateo OA-HOW Meetings. To start a Zoom meeting, contact Cat (Sonora area) or Kevin V. (Modesto area).**

- Modesto Saturday discussing with church on going back face to face.

- Attendance variable, but group is still going on.

- Having secretary for the month only, for flexibility.

• Thursday OA-HOW Steps and Traditions Zoom Meeting has successfully transitioned to a Literature Meeting and is currently reading the Overeaters Anonymous “brown book” which is much more user friendly to our OA newcomers and returning members. We also have been having an OA-HOW member tell her story when there are several members brand new to OA who came in from OA.org. Please share at your meetings and invite regular OA and OA-HOW Sponsors, and all your members to attend. Thank you!

- Question: Can sponsors use intergroup zoom not being used for scheduled meeting?

- Answer from Cat that it is OK since Zoom usage is not limited. But for west coast, east coast meeting, need to be cognizant of time.

• Form a Committee to Update our By-Laws. Or address at today’s meeting. Region 2 has asked all Intergroups to update them and send them to Region 2, who will send them to World Services. Ask Sue S. - did WSBC 2021 approve any By-Law changes that needs to be changed in Intergroup By-Laws (they would have told Sue and the other WSBC Delegates to make sure your Intergroup updates this in their By-Laws). We should also update our abstinence requirements in our By-Laws to none for Intergroup service positions such as Meeting Intergroup Rep, Secretary, Literature, etc.

- Discussed need to conform with WSBC suggested changes in bylaws. Sue and Lynne will meet to discuss.

SET NEXT Intergroup Meeting: JULY 24th, 2021, 11:10 am, Zoom Meeting.

TOPICS FOR NEXT INTERGROUP MEETING -

• Fill any needed Intergroup Board Positions

- Have OA 24/7 Welcome Room pilots started?
- How are our Zoom Meetings going? To start a Zoom meeting, contact Cat (Sonora area) or Kevin V. (Modesto area).
- Updating our By-Laws - Committee Report

7TH TRADITION REPORT. READ/APPROVE MINUTES. CLOSING PRAYER.

- *Minutes approved*

ADJOURNMENT. Thank you, everyone!

<https://oa.org/app/uploads/2021/05/wrap-up-report-21.pdf>

<https://oa.org/news/abstinence-and-recovery-policy-revised-at-wsbc-2021/>