

Lynne's 2021 Region 2 Fall Assembly Report

I, Lynne T, our Region 2 Rep, attended the Region 2 Fall Assembly on Oct. 22, 23, 24th, 2021.

This year was my first year as a Mentor - I had one Green Dot Rep that I helped for her first time serving as her Intergroup's Region 2 Rep. I called her on the phone Wednesday night before the Assembly and I attended the Friday night, October 22nd Green Dot Orientation with her.

This year for our Region 2 Fall Assembly 2021, we had -

Roll Call: 38 Region Representatives were present, in addition to 3 Visitors, 6 Board members, 1 Trustee, and 1 Parliamentarian.

The first General Session of the Region 2 Fall Assembly started at 8:30 am on Saturday, October 23, 2021, with a Welcome by our Region 2 Chair, Lynn K. She thanked our retiring Reps and Board members. Next Anne O., our Region 2 Trustee, read the OA Concepts. Anne is finishing Hannah's last year as Trustee. Hannah had to retire for health reasons. David M., our Parliamentarian, read the Region 2 Assembly Rules. Jeremiah, our Board Secretary took the roll call. Quorum established.

We voted on Motion 1, to adopt the Minutes from our 2021 Region 2 Spring Assembly, previously submitted by email in our Region 2 Fall Assembly Packet to all Region 2 Reps. Motion passed, unanimously.

Jeri, our Region 2 Vice Chair, led an icebreaker - meetings with 4 or 5 in breakout rooms answering questions such as - What is your favorite piece of AA or OA literature? What is the most important gift OA has given you? The 1st Tradition is Unity. What would happen without this Tradition?

At 9:32 am we had Board Reports -

Chair, Lynn K - OA World Services is asking for OA members' stories, especially with Diversity. The "Chat with the Chair" meetings were successful but not well attended. They have been discontinued, but Lynn is working on more means to communicate.

Vice Chair, Jeri

Secretary, Jeremiah

Treasurer, Patti - On oar2.org, our Region 2 website, now all financial application are online. When you submit your application, it goes directly to the Treasurer.

Events Coordinator, Lynn H

Publications Coordinator, Luanne

Region 2 Trustee, Anne O.

At 10:11 we started our New Business Motions.

Motion 2 - Amending the 2021 Budget - Move to increase our World Services donation from \$250 to \$86,310, which is 10% of our cash on hand at the end of 2020 minus a 9-month Prudent Reserve. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion 4 - Amending Section 3 of the Assembly Rules to add to "All speakers must speak from the front of the room" to "... in person, or when called on in a virtual setting." Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Motion 4, Second Part - Amending Section 3 of the Assembly Rules to add to "Pros Will line up on one side of the room with the Cons lined up on the opposite side of the room" the wording "in person, or when called on, in a virtual setting." 1 objection. Motion opened for debate after which the Motion passed unanimously.

Motion 5 - Amendment to Section VIII of Assembly Rules - Add Section 8 - "If a Region Representative who is registered cannot attend, an alternate selected by their Intergroup may be sent in their place." Motion opened for debate after which the Motion passed anonymously.

Motion 6 - Amend by substitution to Section 15 of the By-Laws - The Budget is "Based on the average costs for 3 prior years as chosen by the Budget Committee and approved by the Fall Assembly." This is so our Budget is not too low using a year such as 2020 when COVID prevented f2f Meetings and Assemblies, and we had virtual meetings where costs are significantly less. Motion opened for Debate. Motion carried by 2/3 majority.

We were sent to breakout rooms for our Committee Meetings.

There are 7 Region 2 Committees: (1) Bylaws, (2) Convention, (3) Diversity, (4) Intergroup, (5) Public Information, (6) 12 Steps Within, & (7) Young Persons.

I continue to serve on the Twelfth Step Within Committee. We have just recently been accepted by the 2022 Region 2 Convention Committee to present a panel/ workshop on the Twelfth Step Within. It is scheduled for 1:30 pm to 5 pm on Saturday, July 9, 2022. We began discussion to organize this.

At 11:43 am we had a wonderful presentation by the Region 2 Convention Committee about the 2022 Convention. Volunteer positions are still needed. Contact JoAnn S, Convention Chair.

From 1 pm to 1:25 pm we had a speaker, Suzanne, who told her OAstory.

Next we had introduction of Green Dots and final matching of Green Dots with Mentors.

Next Jeremiah, our Secretary, led a session of answering Ask It Basket Questions.

Next Intergroup concerns were discussed

At 2:45 pm we addressed more New Business Motions.

Motion 8 - To amend something previously adopted - Motion to amend our Region 2 Fall Assembly roll call of the morning to include registered members who were late due unavoidable issues such as Internet malfunctions. Motion carried with 93% Yes votes.

I, Lynne T, wrote and presented this Motion!

Chair, Lynn K, called for a roll call of registered Region 2 Reps who were not included in the morning's roll call.

Motion 7 - By-Laws Amendment - Move to amend current policy - "Elections to be by secret ballot" to "Elections shall be by secret ballot in person or in a virtual setting." Motion passed by unanimous consent.

3:15 pm - More Committee Meetings in breakout rooms. Our Twelfth Step Within Committee voted in a new Committee Secretary, Jill H. Our Committee Chair, Kathleen, sent our "The Message is Hope" guide

we wrote last year which was approved by the Region 2 Board to World Services for their approval. They requested she shorten it and remove local references. They will put it on OA.org under "Documents" if approved. We also discussed our panel/ workshop for the 2022 Convention more. I, Lynne, agreed to continue to be our liaison for this Convention panel/ workshop. I was voted in as Committee Vice Chair which will mostly be the liaison responsibilities.

Next a Workshop was presented by Jeri, Region 2 Vice Chair. She scheduled 7 speakers to speak 5-10 minutes each from their personal experiences on these topics -

1. Anorexia, 2. Bariatric Surgery, 3. A long-timer in OA, 4. Surviving Relapse, 5. Having a Non-Traditional Higher Power, 6. OA-HOW, 7. Medical Conditions and OA Recovery.

I, Lynne T, was the speaker on OA-HOW!

We had journal writing and then sharing on what we wrote.

Our next session was at 8:30 am on Sunday. We started with The Serenity Prayer and roll call. A quorum was established. The OA 12 Concepts were read by Anne O. The Parliamentarian, David, read the Region 2 Assembly Rules.

We had Ask It Basket Q & A.

At 9:01 am our 2022 Budget was presented by our Treasurer, Patti. She went through lines on the Budget in detail.

She reported that we had cash on hand in excess this year, which is an anomaly. She proposed a "Contingency Fund" to increase funding to Region 2 members, e.g. to go to Region 2 Assemblies, WSBC, for health fairs, for Committee projects, for language translation for Conventions, for Intergroups, such as 1st and month's month's rent to start f2f meetings, for PIPO, etc. Patti answered detailed questions about the Budget.

Motion to approve the 2022 Budget. Motion passed with 96% Yes votes.

9:45 am - Ask It Basket Q & A.

10:02 am - Region 2 Board Elections - applicants gave presentations.

Secretary - Ken F. voted in by unanimous vote.

Events Coordinator - Lynn H, currently our acting Events Coordinator, voted in by unanimous vote.

2 more positions are open with no applications submitted and will be filled by Board decision as "acting" positions. These are -

Vice Chair
Publications Coordinator

10:28 am - Committee Meetings in breakout rooms. My Twelfth Step Within Committee enjoyed more discussion on our panel/ workshop for the 2022 Convention. Suggested title: "From Desperation to Hope."

10:45 am - presentation by OA World Service Office on the restructuring of the Board of Trustees, followed by Q & A by Anne O., Region 2 Trustee.

11:32 am - Committee Reports

11:55 am - General Questions and Clarification

12:00 noon - graduation of Green Dots.

12:02 pm - Closing by Lynn K, Chair

12:05 pm - Closing song by Ella. Guitar presentation by Jesse, promoting the 2022 Region 2 Convention, July 8, 9, 10 in Burlingame, California.