

Steering Committee Minutes
March 15, 2023
Meeting Commenced 7:30 pm

OPENING CUSTOMS:

Serenity Prayer

Introductions – no new people present.

Voting quorum (1/2 of the following number): 22 voting positions* less any vacancies
13 total as of today, Quorum met 9 present and one more a bit later. (13 currently filled positions, 7 needed for quorum)

Approval of previous month's minutes

Christopher noted that the Chat was deleted from the February minutes due to the personal nature of some of the chat comments. There was some discussion about whether or not to have the chat attached, some comments were made.

The chat was removed, and the minutes as presented were approved 7:37 pm

REPORTS:

*Chair – Christopher A – Finance committee has not met, but will do so soon. Anyone is invited to attend. Kimberlee asked about the guidelines and the fact that they say, “there shall be a finance committee” and Christopher asked if there was a clarifying question, and there was not and therefore we moved on to Treasurer report.

*Vice Chair - VACANT

*Treasurer – Matthew W, numbers are difficult since the data is brand new in QuickBooks, but the process has begun to keep an ongoing record. Budget has been pushed back a little bit. He's going to read up about Financial Guidelines on Monday. Asked for questions, all financial reports were attached.

Office Manager – Kerri F. Report was provided. Some activity about planning for St Patrick's Day and Spring Fling. She had some conversations about group inventories. World Service is going to increase prices, and a lot of groups are going back to in person. The tax credit is being worked out Employee Retention Credit which will provide \$15,000 to Central Office! There may be a little interest added also. The Diverter needs a chair, and Kerri's been monitoring the daily coordinators. People come into the office and request service positions. She has the list and is keeping an eye on it.

*BSM Chair – Ed O. Father Tom is in Oakland, so we're not offering gas money, so there won't be any travel expenses offered. Kerri said there may be standing room

only, and some people are concerned. Ed's going to double check on room capacity. We can use Early Riser Chairs just in case. There will be a Google Drive for Audio

*Activities Chair – Kimberlee K. Bylaws questions regarding advanced planning. Magi noted that “outgoing” activities would pass projects along to incoming Activities chairs. Concern was expressed for the attendance of the March event. Cruzypaa had plans for hosting a drink counter, and called in sick, but Christopher noted that they will work it out, and plan on being at the event. The DJ didn't work out, and it seemed like an expense for only an hour of music, so Rob is going to set up our amp equipment for music. Deposit has been paid for Spring Fling at Harvey West Park.

*Diverter Chair – VACANT

*Newsletter Chair – Lucie has no report – Deadline date will be March 21st and April 21st, all the same deadlines for the newsletters. Only approved minutes to be published so the February approved minutes will be provided to Lucie.

*Bylaws Chair – Sarah – read her report at Intergroup Meeting. Will be meeting next Tuesday. Time is being changed to 5:30 for Bylaws Meeting.

*Website Chair – Mark B. We have an audio page for the Birthday Speak Meeting – Intergroup link – “BSM RECORDING” Jan and Feb are published.

A Google form has been created to allow the audio files to be uploaded.

The committee met last week – a few members were present, and discussed documentation. Sarah sent an email asking about anonymity. The problem being when “we” send out mass emails to large groups – some people may want to receive reports, but want to protect their anonymity.

Christopher sent out an email to Intergroup and copied all, and so the issue was brought up regarding mass emails showing people's full names in their email addresses.

*Delegate at Large – Magi R – no real report, but then she discussed performing a group inventory that she believes would be beneficial to our group. She noted that people didn't feel safe at Intergroup Zoom meetings. There was discussion. Kerri noted that other groups took the discussion of money off the table, and wrote a spiritual inventory on the group as a whole.

*Recording Secretary – VACANT - Kimberlee wrote the meeting minutes as they happened, and Christopher recorded the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

-Finance and Budget to be tabled again pending Finance Ad Hoc committee meeting on Monday March 20th.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Welcome more new officers & area reps which were not here.

Area Rep Reports:

*Area 1 (Watsonville/La Selva): VACANT

*Area 2 (Aptos): VACANT

*Area 3 (Greater Soquel): VACANT

*Area 4 (Soquel Main St): VACANT

*Area 5 (Capitola/Live Oak): Rob Mc – Early Risers is doing great! Magi brings an awesome report to the group. Jade Street has a new Intergroup Rep. Saturday Nite Live Meeting is hosting the May BSM, and are also going to be a part of Saint Patrick's Day Event.

*Area 6 (East Santa Cruz): Mary K absent by plan

*Area 7 (Downtown Santa Cruz): Dave H. Santa Cruz Fellowship will be holding elections Wednesday March They are having a St Patrick Day Event. He posted service positions for the fellowship. Kimberlee complained about the fellowship calling their BSM, the BSM, when Intergroup has the BSM and Ed said he talked to Nicole about it, and they're considering changing their name.

*Area 8 ("Little Red Church" Downtown): VACANT

*Area 9 (Westside/Davenport): John J – Has not been to any meetings, but he mentioned that the State of California Smt of Info needs to be updated. Kimberlee offered to go in as Secretary to be changed later, and Magi offered to go in as a back up to Chair if needed, but Kimberlee thought the Stmt of Info could have just the Chair And Treasurer.

*Area 10 (Scotts Valley/Emeline): VACANT

*Area 11 (SLV): Jackie absent – first meeting.

Discussion:

-What's on your mind?

Mark is thinking ahead and publishing ahead for publishing agenda's online and also minutes. John had some ideas about a Google Drive. Rob has an idea about how to upload the speaker files. Kimberlee and Christopher have all of John (outgoing Secretary Files)

Christopher brought up that Mark wanted to dissolve the cloud storage committee, since everyone who was involved is no longer a part of Intergroup, but to continue to look for storage solutions.

-Any more thoughts about last month's discussion regarding a group inventory? Specifically, if it should be on the level of general council. John wants to know what the value is for two separate inventories for Council vs. Steering.

Magi had multiple people very disturbed about things going on. People wanted to vent to Magi, who said they didn't feel safe, like racial remarks. There was lots of discussion.

Motion to close 8:58 pm.