

February 13th

OA 90 Virtual Intergroup Meeting

Started meeting with the serenity prayer

Nikia started with a reading on service from Voices of Recovery

Introductions and gratitudes

Nikia – President

Bob Linsey - guest

Betsy (FL) – Sunday 8 am meeting

Jan B (Colorado) – Saturday 8 am EST

April (PA) – Thursday 10 am EST

Marcie – Vice Chair

Francoise – IG treasurer

Kimberly (NJ) Thursday 7:30 am EST

Kendra (IL) – interim secretary

Betsy volunteered to be the spiritual time keeper today

Any other agenda items that need to be added to today's agenda? None

Jan 8th Meeting Minutes were read by Nikia

Nikia asked that the meeting minutes be sent in advance so everyone can review them and vote on them

Does everyone approve of the notes:

All were in favor

Officer Reports

Nikia made an announcement about OA virtual region convention coming up and service positions are needed.

Chair Report

Nikia passed

Vice Chair Report

Marcie passed

Secretary Report

Kendra passed

Treasurer Report

Francoise put her report in the chat and also emailed it out today

\$1961.42 is treasury balance as of today

Standing and Ad Hoc committee Reports

Website Committee

Jan B

Web tech committee met this same time one week ago, Jan set up meetings same time for the next 5 months. 5 people in attendance. It was voted unanimously to present the following to the IG meeting tonight:

The motion is to contract with Heidi B for \$1200.00 to adapt the template for the Colorado website,

Discussion or questions

Marcie asked if we are voting on the \$1200.00 and then we don't know how much the domain hosting will be?

Jan said it's about 3.90 per month depending on how many years you buy, it will be between \$106- \$177

\$1677.00 is the amount we are voting on

Jan added we would have another \$100.00 per month to maintain the website

Betsy said once we give the go ahead and pull the trigger, when can we expect to have a working website?

Jan said Heidi thought she could start the website by the end of March or April.

It also depends on how quickly we make decisions about the website

Marcie asked does that mean we don't have to put the expenditure out until March?

Jan said we put down half a deposit now and pay the rest later

Francoise wondered if they looked at other options?

Jan said we looked at them before but Colorado intergroup paid \$8000.00 for this one so we did invite people to come and talk to them but it's really a deterrent and \$1200 is really a fair price.

The other thing that's really technical about it is the donate button.

Francoise's understanding is that we get 3 quotes before moving forward.

Jean answered Francoise's question, Jean showed the MBI website information. She feels this is a fair price in her experience.

Betsy FL: First of all we have a designer who is a fellow and we have a template that is deeply imbedded in our program so I don't know if we could find an equivalent of that. She suggested Jan put in the chat the website that we would use as the template.

Bob asked who is the market out there looking for an OA 90 intergroup meeting website? He said the only website meeting he has searched for is the oa world website. He doesn't understand why he would need to visit the other virtual websites.

Jan B answered that the reason for having an OA region 90 virtual intergroup is to have a central place to put a lot of OA 90 information to in addition to have things like meeting lists and so forth and intergroup could do things that an individual couldn't do say like posting a workshop/holding a workshop, it can be a resource for people who are looking to connect with 90 day meetings who don't have an 90 day meeting in their area or who cannot get to zoom or telephone meetings for whatever reason. It's to provide services to the members, we can do things that meetings cannot do on their own like workshops or do a newsletter or have podcasts stuff like that. These are things that can actually help out people who are interested in OA 90 and the other thing is that this intergroup is a member of

the OA virtual region and the virtual region has a newsletter lists the groups and includes contact information for the regions.

Bob asked if the virtual region was registered as a 5013C because we could get a google suite

And a lot of the expense could be eliminated.

Jean is not sure if virtual region is registered as a 5013C.

Jan makes a suggestion we have 3 cons and 3 pros and they are times and then we call for a vote.

Bob says the gsuite for another nonprofit but there is a lot of other free services, when he hears the amount of money we are talking, he made a motion that we table the deliberation and the motion

Nikia said we would table the discussion and the motion and have an interim meeting.

Betsy asked Bob if we still have to pay someone to pay the website

Bob said he would like to ask them and find out more information, maybe it's nothing that would be relevant to us, but he would be glad to suggest it.

Jan reminded people to come to the next web tech meeting for discussion

Nikia proposed that all these things have been discussed at the committee meetings and that if we move forward with the motion and vote, and simultaneous information can be sought and it doesn't hurt to be informed

Francoise seconded bob's motion to table the motion

Betsy has entrusted a subcommittee to do the work and to bring to the group a motion which we have done.

Jean said technically speaking that if someone gives a committee report and says our committee is going to do a motion to do X, at that point you can either say you need to finish your report and I move that we do X and it gets seconded

Kendra Seconded Jan's motion.

Nikia said it sounds like we need to make it formal and do the pros and the cons

Bob says we have had a thorough discussion and don't need to move forward with pros and cons

All those in favor to table the motion

3 in favor

7 not in favor

Motion Failed

All those in favor of motion to move forward with the motion to move forward with the website

7 in Favor

Abstentions: 1

Oppose: 2 oppose

Motion Passed

Nikia suggested that we announce on meetings that we are looking for a committee secretary.

Is everyone OK with making announcements with making announcements on our said meetings

Yes

New Business:

Discussion about a 90 day workshop for newcomers, wanting to identify some dates 3 dates quarterly for the end of the year.

Francoise thinks we should be doing something to help the newcomer and get workshops happening and feel that that it's important for helping the newcomer.

Jean wanted to point out that another way to get people is to reach out to the Monday night newcomer meeting

Betsy asked if this was a 12 step within?

Nikia said we could call it anything we want, we are identifying that we would like to have a workshop committee. Francoise would like to head that up and Nikia is also interested in that.

All those in favor of solidifying the workshop committee all in favor

9 in favor

0 opposed

0 abstained

Motion passed

Nikia said Bob reached out to him and had an experience where he was on a phone meeting and a zoom meeting and he was

Motion on the table?

All in Favor: 8

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 1

Motion passed

Any other new business?

Jan wanted to mention that WSO sent out a questionnaire for intergroups to answer at the world service business conference. It's very long. This is something we would vote as an intergroup, if we want to pick it up or not. Some of the issues are regarding hybrid meetings or changing the wording on the preamble. Jean didn't know the due date.

Jan said it's done every year, we probably missed the deadline on it but it's very important.

Nikia said we need to find out when this is due and see if we need to have an interim meeting to decide if we can vote on the meeting

Francoise wanted to bring up new business, is there some kind of procurement buy laws for how we purchase outside services.

Jean said not specifically, MBI's bylaws states that if it's a large purchase there are multiple purchases; you do have to have the groups permission before making any purchases.

Jan said there is a group brochure on treasury.

Francoise said she thinks it's in the groups best interest to make sure there are guidelines.

Jean said having been an intergroup treasurer that the treasurer should do a budget for the year, and since we are new we don't know yearly donations but in the future we would set a budget. And want to make sure we have a prudent reserve.

Francoise is uncomfortable because we are making motions before having a budget.

Marcie said all of the meetings we have had up until now have been focused on getting the zoom and the website. She said this has been going on for months, this is what we need and this is what we are doing.

Nikia said the WSO questions are due by February 18th she just saw in an email.

Meeting was adjourned with the 3^d step prayer