

March 13th 2021 OA 90 Intergroup Meeting

Started meeting with the serenity prayer

Nikia read a meditation reading for the day

Introductions:

Nikia – Chair

Marcie – Vice Chair

Betsy – 8 am Sunday meeting

Kendra – interim secretary

April – Rep for Friday 9 am international meeting

Bob – 8 pm PST Monday group,

Jean – Monday night 8 pm meeting

Francoise – Treasurer

Spiritual time keeper today : Marcie Volunteered

Nikia made a motion to approve the minutes from last meeting

April seconded the motion

All in favor

Nikia, Betsy, April, Jean, Kendra, Bob, Francoise,

Abstained, Marcie

Officer Reports

President

3 members submitted their answers to the WSO survey

Hosted a meeting at the intergroup virtual workshop

Workshop committee met and we came together on a newcomer focused series which will be next Saturday and more information will be shared at the workshop committee, information has been shared with the virtual workshop committee and with Jean

I registered OA 90 Virtual 90 region assembly

One thing regarding the workshop meeting, we will need a couple of service positions for that

VC Report

No Report

Secretary Report

No report

Treasurer Report

Francoise shared report by screen share on zoom

\$2108.52 is treasury balance

In March we received \$ 141.77

Interest payment on account is 33 cents

Betsy asked if Francoise received 7th tradition donations or just Jan or both?

Francoise said people make donations to the venom and paypal

The paypal 7th tradition email is: 90dayvirtualig@gmail.com

Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Web Tech Committee

April is standing in for Jan for the Web Tech committee report

April said attached we have the OA 90 day website proposal submitted by April, Jan said she won't be able to attend IG meeting and has asked April to attend in her place. Thanks for your service, Jan B

April read the detailed proposal submitted by Heidi.

Jan included a report from our last meeting for your perusal as well and talks about all we did in the meeting and the website guidelines which yes we will, since we are using a template we can trust that everything is already following the guidelines and 7 or 9 intergroups have used it and it's tried and true and we can trust it. If anyone has any questions I don't know if I can answer them but I am willing to try or Direct you to Jan. I think we are voting tonight are we?

Betsy said she's on the committee so she can embellish or add. Betsy said essentially what they were given was a contract from HB tech, Heidi is a fellow and she has generously offered to cut her typical price in half from 2400 to 1200 and we talked a little bit about that last time and her contract is a lot of high tech nomenclature but I don't understand exactly what she is doing but the good news is you can look at any existing website to get a good idea. Jean and I are going to be the writers for the content and she and I will be the workmen for the content, so there's a lot to do in terms of deciding what we want to do and this committee will keep reporting back our progress and there is a time line in the contract and it's quite a process so it's not going to be baked over night so to speak but I trust Heidi really knows what's she doing and there's a payment schedule of having to put 50% down up front and then pay the remainder after the website has been posted. Jean is looking into the history of OA90.

Nikia reminded us to stay on topic and this was a time to ask questions.

Was there any other questions about the report on hand?

Workshop Committee

Bob reported he posted a flyer and the workshop is scheduled on the 3rd Saturday and they have 2 speakers and hope they can keep it going, they've advertised it 3 months out and the topics are relating to steps tools or other topics that would be useful to newcomers. I'll put the flyer in the chat if someone wants to download the flier

Betsy had a question: are we currently getting the word out about it by announcing it on our meetings?

Nikia said she mentioned earlier that she has gotten it out by the virtual Workshop committee so they are disseminating it, I've also submitted it to Jean who sends out the 90 day meeting list and I've asked others to announce it on meetings. 15 people have registered so far, the link is embedded in the flier as well.

Bob when you click on that link it will ask for your name and email address and you will immediately get the link to login to the meeting

Betsy: If I am on a meeting how do I receive the flyer?

Nikia: you can have them call me but I can also email it to you

Betsy: I get it if I am on an oa 90 meeting and I hear an announcement

Nikia: You can give them your contact information and you can send it to them or you can give them my information. Since you have the flier you can give it out.

Betsy: There are 30 meetings, so how does this word get out on as many meetings possible,

Bob: I guess it depends on us and how many meetings we attend

Nikia: I know for myself I talk to all of program friends about it

Jean: I know I've announced it on some meetings that I've been on and some people said I don't have internet and asked what the phone number is and the phone number isn't on the flier. My personal thought is that we put the meeting number and the pass code on the flier I know other people have done that.

Bob: So for this time around the easiest way to dial in is to the 696-900-9128 ID: 825 9900 9165

Betsy: Ok yeh that's helpful for dialing in without going to zoom

Thanks for your work all those who put this together

Nikia: it was Bob, Francoise and myself and the next workshop is March 20th at 12 pm EST. There is a need for service. But there is going to be a leader and 3 hosts so there's a need for 4 people who are able to do service. We are going to have a committee meeting tomorrow at 1:30 pm EST, let me know if you would like to join

Marcie: If you register will you be able to hear a recording for later?

Nikia: we haven't discussed if it's going to be recorded or asked for permission, we haven't determined that yet.

Bob: By the way if anyone registers for the 1st one they won't have to register for the next one. We have 24 people signed up now.

Nikia: Another thing is we are only advertising on the Flyer, March, April and May we are going to keep going through the end of the year and then we will see how the first three go. Any other questions?

None

Nikia encouraged people to announce at meetings that we need a secretary and hopefully will be able to join our next meeting.

Web Tech Committee questions

Francoise: I have a couple questions regarding the contract the \$200 monthly maintenance fee, is that every year or just the first year?

Nikia reminded everyone to raise their hand and not interrupt each other

Betsy: What I am looking at is on pg 5 additional items website maintenance, I am curious where you are getting the \$200? That is depending on how we want to proceed, it's ala cart.

Jean: It's either or, we can either do ala cart at \$50 an hour or we can sign up for a monthly maintenance plan where they would give us 2 hours per calendar year per month to do maintenance and then there is a discount for over the 2 hours per month. So it's not clear which we want to do but we don't have to decide that now.

Nikia: I spoke with Jan specifically and she said the hope would be we would have someone who would be able to attend to whatever services we need for free.

Francois: I think there needs to be clarity on the cost if there's going to be a cost for that, because what I understand it's either a la cart or monthly maintenance that there needs to be maintenance done on it every month. It then contributes to the cost of the website.

Jean; Ok well what I can tell you is from my experience that has a website has a person who is in program who takes and gets paid \$50 a month and who can post things to the website and updating the calendar and things like that. We don't need someone who has super heavy tech skills to do it and wordpress is fairly easy to learn and do. It's not difficult it's not. The other thing I would say is that right now we cannot predict exactly what would need to be done because it's possible that by working with this person and getting our content together ahead of time we won't need to post a lot of stuff additionally to the website and because we will already have it on there once the site goes live, MBI pays the webmaster \$50 a month and then pays a company for the web hosting, but the web hosting usually has one flat fee for the year.

Nikia: Thank you Jean.

Marcie says we are past our 5 minutes

Betsy: Word press is very user friendly and yeah.

Any other questions:

Francoise: is the 1200 an annual fee?

Betsy: One time, that's the price tag to get the website

Any other questions: none

If there are no other questions is there someone who would like to bring a motion to bring forward with the website

Jean made a motion to move forward with the website and sign the contract.

Marcie seconded motion

Any debate?

Francoise wants it on the record that she thinks we should have looked at less expensive ways to do it.

Bob wanted to... thinks there are far cheaper alternatives, gsuite for nonprofits is free.

Vote:

All in favor:

Marcie, Betsy, Jean, April, Kendra,

Abstained?

Opposed: Bob, Francoise

New business

Discussion about identifying a representative to attend the Spring Assembly 2021, OA is asking for a 7th tradition contribution. So that's that. I am not certain if there is more than one person who would like to attend the assembly, our group is registered but we need to identify who would like to attend.

Does anyone have any questions about it?

Betsy: talk a little bit about what the assembly does and its purpose?

Nikia: I just got notification about it and I don't have a lot of background information to be honest. I imagine Jean will have more for us.

Jean: Yes I did attend last year for the intergroup and for the newsletter committee. The group does at assembly is a business meeting so typically what is discussed are things like if there are any amendments or bylaws or amendments to their policies and procedures this can be a time when any offices that are up for election they have the election, so they discuss about what's going on in committees, what the virtual region is doing and what are they doing in the future. Its perhaps not the most interesting thing in the world unless you happen to be a policy nerd but it is very interesting to see how things come about. I know sponsors won't let you count it as a meeting because it's a business meeting. Most of the day will be spent on it. If you are not interested in business meetings you probably wouldn't want to go.

Nikia: Is there anyone who is interested in attending on April 10th at this time?

No one volunteered

If anyone changes their mind please feel free to let me know. We will see how we can proceed.

Jean: If we are meeting on the 2nd Saturday, the 2nd Saturday is April the 10th which mean our meeting will be after the assembly, so we might need to find someone before hand or tell them sorry guys no one wants to come.

Nikia: my thought is no one is interested I thought I would possibly do it but I'm not ready to make a decision at this time.

Kendra asked what time it was?

Nikia didn't know she's looking

Marcie: Aren't we parallel to them? Because

Jean says this is the Region Assembly, there is WSO, region and then intergroup. Each virtual group can send reps to the region, based on the number of meetings in our intergroup.

Nikia: Any additional new business?

Betsy: Quick questions of Jean, if I can asks question of region, how many intergroups are there? How many were there representative last year at the region?

Jean: I don't remember because there have been more virtual intergroups created since the last one.

If you go to oavirtualregion.com it should have a report about the last assembly and the time. They do them twice a year in the spring and in the fall. But for instance there is on virtual intergroup

Nikia; the meeting is 3-6 pm EST and I will attend that.

Questions from the chat: is there an abstinent requirement to attend?

Jean: Just 90 days to be a rep.

Any other business to be discussed/

Francoise: the budget committee

Nikia: Yes let's identify any additional committees, the budget committee, any other committees needed at this time?

Francoise: I think there might need to be an outreach committee to be on intergroup

Nikia: We have 2 proposals for new committees so at this time we will do one at a time.

Marcie this is just a possibility to have a bylaws committee.

Jean: The original bylaws that we have for were written by me and Larissa are taken by the original bylaws and what we don't have is a policies and procedures manual. That's the next thing we need, the

bylaws meeting would work on something like that, because if we make any changes to our bylaws they have to go through the region's trustees and that's complicated but if we put in policies and procedures then we can simply put the bylaws to a vote. So we could do that ourselves without involving a trustee, I was involved in policies and procedures for MBI and can share if it need be.

Marcie: How do I get our bylaws?

Jean; once we have a website we can put it there. I know I have a set, I believe I sent it to Nikia and it can be distributed to whoever needs it. MBI had printed copies and each officer had a copy.

Nikia: So it looks like we have a proposal for 3 committees, a budget, a bylaws and an outreach.

Is there someone who...

Move to establish a budget committee

Francoise: 2nd

All in favor: Marcie, Jean, Betsy, Kendra, April,

Abstaining: none

Opposing: none

Nikia moved we have an outreach committee

Betsy: 2nd it

All in favor: Marcie, Jean

Voting was stopped and

Discussion was made regarding have these committees with so few present IG members/attendees.

Nikia said she said we could prioritize committees hope to develop others in the future, motion was made to have these in the future:

All in favor: Marci , Betsy, April,

Jean moved to table the outreach committee motion

Motion passed

Marcie: Do we have member of the budget committee?

Nikia: Francoise do you have a thought about having a meeting at a certain time?

Francoise: No, if someone wants to chair it but I'll be a member of it. If someone wants to do it.

Marcie; so you are not volunteering to chair, by default if no one else volunteers I'd like to step aside.

Nikia: is there anyone who is able to chair the budget committee?

Marcie: I will do that but I may need some handholding

Nikia: Thank you so much Marcie.

Jean: I can be on the committee I have previous treasurer and budget experience

Marcie: Will you be on it please? I

Francoise: I am going on vacation for the next three weeks so I'll try to join if I can.

Nikia: Can we set up a time in April to set up a meeting?

Since we have those noted, perhaps you can start an email chain and set up a meeting.

Jean: May I suggest that maybe we want to simply wait to do that after our April IG meeting. We can decide what we want to do. Who knows maybe there might be more people at the next meeting who are interested in joining.

Nikai; let this be old business that we address at our next IG meeting. Thanks to everyone who is able to be a part of that committee

It's time to start adjourning

Betsy: I just wanted to acknowledge you Nikia and for the good orderly direction and for sending out the material about the policies, it's easier to come to a meeting that's streamlined.

Nikia: We are all learning and doing this together, so thank you. So we are moving forward.

You can email me new business anytime.

Meeting was closed with the 3rd step prayer.