

## OSPA Intergroup Meeting 10/4/2020

\*\*\*\*\*DRAFT MINUTES\*\*\*\*\*

- Meeting start, 9:23 AM
  - o Members present: Julie, Maria, Greg, Sachi, Amy, Rebecca, Julie
  - o Time keeper: Amy
- Minutes review
  - o Minutes are not on the website- skipped
- Greg reads OSPA traditions
- Treasurer report: Greg
  - o Posted on the google drive and gmail account
  - o Beginning balance 1483.47 dollars
    - Donations: 279 dollars
    - Expenses (Paypal fees): 11.59 dollars
    - Expenses (Zoom subscription) 14.99 dollars
  - o Ending balance: 1735.89 dollars
- Support E-mail Position: Gemma (not present)
  - o September: 8 e-mails to osparecovery.org
    - 1 spam
    - 1 marketing
    - 6 general question
- Webmaster: Maria
  - o 629 users
    - 540 new users
  - o 1221 sessions total
  - o 33 countries represented
  - o Four most visited pages:
    - Homepage: 28%
    - Meeting schedule: 27%
    - 12 Qualifying questions: 6%
    - Literature: 6%
- Chip Representative: Julie
  - o Currently possessing chips
  - o Suggestion at last meeting to review chips and certificates
    - Approached by two Intergroup members after the meeting: assistance for formulating motion to start a committee
      - Suggestion:
        - o Committee should be looking for trademarks for design
        - o 501C3 status?
    - Julie had initially offered to be chairperson of committee, but must rescind now.

- Available Positions:
  - Chairperson- no volunteers
  - Secretary- unfinished business
- Business:
  - Business carried over from last meeting:
    - Zoom account- 14.99 dollars/month
      - Greg proposes we continue with Zoom account as is, until it needs to be revisited. Sachi seconds.
        - Amy is against the motion.
          - Prefers we give funding to the groups that use the Zoom account in order for them to be fully self supporting. Fund for 6 months to a year to make them self supporting.
          - Multiple people are using the zoom account and changing settings which is making things confusing.
          - Read a quote- “what would effect OSPA as a whole?”
        - Maria is against the motion.
          - Feels usually each group makes a contract with a meeting and the current format violates tradition seven.
          - Groups may elect to separate into separate Zoom accounts if they’d like.
        - Rebecca
          - Thinking about the way we collect money is that everyone contributes to the same “pot.”
          - Makes the point that other multiple groups use the same zoom account under Intergroup. She is willing to do some research about how other Intergroups do this.
          - Also intergroup often holds insurance for all the meetings.
        - Greg
          - Makes the point that there are two different traditions: Tradition seven- self supporting, but there is also “each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or OSPA as a whole.”
          - Keep it simple
      - Amendment by Greg: OSPA intergroup pays 14.99 for the next six months and then revisit. Rebecca seconds.
        - Voting:

- In favor: Sachi, Greg, Rebecca
    - Not in favor: Amy
    - Abstain: Maria
  - Amendment by Amy: Amy wants to give funding to the Wednesday and Sunday meeting at 14.99 and they would set up their own Zoom account. Maria seconds.
  - Greg's Amendment passes
    - Voting:
      - In favor: Sachi, Greg, Rebecca
      - Not in favor: Amy
      - Abstain: Maria
- Unfinished Business: Motion to nominate up to three Intergroup members to be administrators (instead of current 15). These administrators should add new members, moderate the group per OSPA 12 traditions and replace the logo.
  - Amy: The reason this motion came up- Amy received three calls "can you please add me to the OSPA WhatsApp group?" Amy spoke with the person who started the OSPA WhatsApp group- it was started with Intergroup approval
    - Shouldn't be promoting outside issues
    - It was concerning to Amy that there are outside issues in the WhatsApp group and announcing in meetings for newcomers to join.
  - Rebecca: Shares a lot of the same concerns as Amy. Does not feel that an administrator makes a lot of sense for a WhatsApp group. Distinction for fellowship and being a meeting and the importance of traditions in that context. Telling that it was an official OSPA group, but not an administrator was put in.
    - Wants to make a motion that it is just fellowship and not be mentioned in meetings and to break the official link to it.
  - Sachi: Supports Rebecca. Should sever official ties and just let people know about it.
  - Greg: Supports Sachi and Rebecca. Keep it simple. Should sever official ties and just let people know about it.
- Motion to extend the meeting by five minutes: Amy. Greg seconds. No oppositions.
  - Maria: Feels that the WhatsApp group should just be made a fellowship group. Proposes that we vote on the current motion and then make a new motion.
    - Voting:
      - In support: 0
      - Not in support: Rebecca, Sachi, Greg, Amy

- Abstain: Maria
- Sachi makes a motion: Severing OSPA WhatsApp group from the Intergroup which would entail changing the name and asking the members not to mention the WhatsApp group in meetings.
  - Rebecca: Also wondering if a comment be made in the WhatsApp group about this or put in the byline that this is not an official group. Not sure if we can vote on this as Intergroup is severing ties.
  - Amy: Proposes we request that this not be put in as an official meeting. Also wondering who will do this.
- Slight amendment: Severing OSPA WhatsApp group from the Intergroup which would entail changing the name, asking the members not to mention the WhatsApp group in meetings, and requesting a byline be placed in the WhatsApp group that makes it clear that the WhatsApp group is not affiliated to OSPA as a whole. Greg seconds the motion.
  - All in favor of Sachi's amendment/motion: Sachi, Amy, Rebecca, Greg
    - Against: 0
    - Abstain: Maria
  - Rebecca volunteers to take it to the WhatsApp group.
- Closing with the "we" version of the serenity prayer.