

**OA Foot Steps**

**Business Meeting April 2021**

**18 April 2021 / 3PM EST**

**Voting members present - 26**

**Observer non voter present - 5**

**(Zoom Poll used for the voting)**

**Serenity Prayer (All)**

**12 Steps (read by Pam or Pat?)**

**12 Traditions (read by Renee)**

**12 Concepts (read by Lisa T)**

**Establishing Ground Rules (Carrie / Chair read)**

**Approval of Minutes** - Motion to approve by Alix and 2nd by Rick, **no objections, Approved**

**Review of Agenda (Carrie / Chair read Agenda)**

**Election of Board Members**

1. Chair - Carrie, nomination by Alix and 2nd by Rick **100% Approval**
2. Vice Chair - Renee, nomination by Karen and 2nd by Sheena (waive abstinence requirement poll 100% to waive) **100% Approval**
3. Secretary - Pat volunteered for the month of May, (waive abstinence requirement poll 100% to waive) **100% Approval**
4. Treasurer - Alix S., nomination by Karen and 2nd by Rick **96% Approval**

**Reports - max 5 minutes each with max 5 minute Q&A**

1. Treasurer - Last month \$4594.72 income through member contributions. Money sent to WSO \$2172.74 and VR \$931.17

Average 613 fellows per day attending OA Foot Steps meetings, about .24 per person per day is being brought in via 7th Tradition.

2. Sponsorship - Leslie gave an update, planning a 12 Day Newcomer Sponsorship Workshop in June.

3. Literature - Janet gave an update and requested additional members, about 4 members right now. Janet gave a brief description of what the committee will be working on. They would like to be able to mail out literature for those who need it from fellows that donate literature for others.

4. Newcomer - Val gave an update and talked about all the ideas, such as small podcasts, website changes and working with other committees, mailing out pamphlets.

5. Virtual Region Assembly update - Claire M., she submitted an emergency motion to get clarification on screen sharing. Board for VR asked meetings not to screen OA Literature. Meetings risk being pulled from the meeting list if they screen share OA Literature due to copyright and possible harm to OA as a whole. There is a process in place for OA and meeting removal in the event that a meeting is not following overall law (example was given about meetings in person during COVID-19 stay at home order were at jeopardy of getting removed because they were not following the law). OA Board of Trustees does not want any screen

sharing regardless if the question on OA Footsteps meeting form is removed from the meeting application. (referencing the motion on the floor in the meeting). There are ideas on how to work this out for the long run.

Here is a list of literature that can be shared according to OA:

<https://oa.org/app/uploads/2020/02/Copy-Request.pdf>

**5. Security** - Renee talked about the security training and also asked that meeting reps and hosts/co-host become members to be part of the security WhatsApp and stay updated in the safety / security protocols for Zoom. She developed a card to quick reference in the event of an invader.

Carrie mentioned that all are welcome to look at the committee page or service opportunities that are listed on the website. There are a lot of service opportunities for the intergroup.

## New Business

1. Meeting Committee Responsibilities: Brought by Lisa T. and several other members, motion addresses the application process for a new meeting for the intergroup. The meeting committee added a question to the meeting application asking if the meeting applying agrees to not screen sharing. The motion is requesting that the question be removed from the new meeting submission form on OA Footsteps website. Lisa stated that the meeting application for OA as a whole and Virtual Region they do not have this question. Went to vote after a great discussion about all the facets and also the many other issues closely related to the motion. **52% Not Approved to remove question from the form for the time being, 41% said to remove the question, several fellows abstained from voting and there was not substantial unity on the topic. The VIG will reference the P&P.**

Motion to extend 15 minutes **89% Approved**

## Discussion items were **NOT** discussed due to time limitation

1. Electronically sharing OA approved Literature in meetings (visual/on screen, audio in Non Real Time meetings)
2. Switching Whatsapp conversations to Zoom chat, Signal, Slack or a similar alternative

## Motion to Close the Meeting

## Serenity Prayer