

**OA Foot Steps  
Business Meeting  
March 20, 2022**

**AGENDA**

**Serenity Prayer - All**

**12 Steps – Ruth**

**12 Traditions – Susie**

**Establishing Ground Rules-** Renee D. -Secretary

Voting members Established – **36**

**Chair Notes –**

Welcome New Meeting Reps

Approval of Minutes – minutes were approved with no objections.

Review of Agenda by the chair Renée H.

**Treasurer Report**

Alix the Treasurer gave the report. There was \$2704.91 in donations this month

The prudent reserve currently has enough for 6 Reps to be sent in person next year to the WSBC. The full report is listed on the OA Foot Steps website.

**Motion** -Claire made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. There were no objections, the report is approved.

**Committee Reports**

**1. IR Basics**

Ann P. Workshop presentations for this month will be April 6 at 9 PM EST and April 18 at 9 AM Eastern time. She encouraged everyone to attend and to feel free to contact her ahead of time for the presentation notes at [irbasics@oafosteps.com](mailto:irbasics@oafosteps.com). The meetings will also be listed on the calendar.

**2. Security Committee**

Claire H reported. The Security Committee has taken on the task to update the announcements on the OA Foot Steps website.

**3. Creative Reprieve**

Alix reported that she provided the link to the report for the TikTok committee. The report can be found at: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1q-tO1CzhTwx32WWjVSPVc5B93P531TLi/edit>.

Marty reported that Creative Reprieve is going strong they have a very dedicated team to share experience strength and wisdom.

## New Business

### Discussion

The chair reviewed the recent security breach and the response to that breach. One of the emergency intervention procedures that was implemented was the removal of personal phone numbers and email addresses from the meeting calendar. The personal info was replaced with an OA Foot Steps email address [info@oafootsteps.com](mailto:info@oafootsteps.com) on the team up calendar. OA Foot Steps does not require a phone number for contact information for each meeting, however oa.org does. Some best practices that other Intergroups have used, is they have a dedicated phone number for their Intergroups. OA Foot Steps does not currently have an Intergroup phone number at this time. The chair is looking for volunteers to research what it would take to get a phone number for our intergroup.

**Motion-** Cheryl made a motion to form an ad hoc committee on what it would take to get a phone number. Alix seconded. Motion passes with no objections.

**Volunteers** - Cheryl C, Corrine, Ruth, Ron & Rachel W.

## New Business

### Voting Members established- 36

**Motion** Renee D submitted a motion to change the date of the VIG business meeting from April 17 to April 10, 2022. Motion seconded by Ron.

#### **Motion Discussion:**

Pro-

Renee D.-April 17 is a holiday, there would be fewer people in attendance which would not make it efficient to do intergroup business.

Con-

None

No questions or discussion needed.

### **Vote**

The motion was voted on via zoom poll. **Motion passes** with a 97% in favor.

**Motion-** Lisa T and Brenda D submitted a motion to remove the TikTok link/logo from OA Foot Steps website. Motion seconded by Ron.

#### **Motion Discussion:**

Pro-

Lisa T- believes OAFS is overstepping OA as a whole, by allowing the TikTok link

Jen- believes the message should be spread in person. Hasn't watched all of the TikTok content but would like more information on how the videos and the content are created.

Brenda D- stated that OA is a program of attraction rather than promotion and feels the TikTok account is missing the mark and that it feels like advertising & promotion.

Con-

Claire - it's PIPO & assists to make the public aware that OA exists. She feels we have a responsibility to Tradition Five to spread the message to those who still suffer which is our primary purpose.

Marty B -Reminded people that this is a new medium to get the message out, and feels that sometimes new things are hard and confusing for some people to accept. But wanted to let people know that the Creative Reprieve TikTok account has reached over 30,000 people that wouldn't have been reached otherwise.

Alix- Stated that the creative reprieve TikTok account is not a violation of Tradition 4 and has been working closely with OA regarding the TikTok account. Encourages everyone to read the TikTok committee report. Alix quoted the Big Book page 568 "There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all arguments and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance—that principle is contempt prior to investigation." —Herbert Spencer

### **Motion Questions**

Ron- Asked if there has been any communication from OA stating they have had a problem with this link? Marty answered the question that there has been no inkling from World Service of them having an issue regarding the TikTok account. And stated that they have been working hand-in-hand with them through this entire process.

Stella- Questioned the location of the link. Suggested that it might be better if it was listed under the non real-time meeting section. Alix answered the question stating the motion today is not about the location of the link on the website. Alix also stated that the TikTok account is not a real-time or non-real-time meeting so it would not be appropriate to be placed there.

Linda- Asked if all of these same rules apply to the Facebook page posted on OA Foot Steps website as well. Lisa stated that on TikTok you don't know where the videos come from, unlike the posts made on Facebook. Alix clarified that it is actually clear where the videos are coming from, which is directly from the Creative Reprieve TikTok account.

Alix- asked if the maker of the motion has been in contact with OA directly to identify any specific breaches of traditions or guidelines of service, and if so why were they not included in the motion? Lisa T, the maker of the motion, stated that she had not been in contact with OA, and that her experience with 12 steps groups where she felt a tradition was not being upheld would be to speak to the group directly about it, and stated that's what she was doing today.

Cheryl asked if the TikTok videos specifically list people's names in them. Alix referred her to the TikTok report, but also added that there are no specific names listed on any of the videos.

Lisa T- stated she is a believer in the PIPO committee that's part of World Service and believes that they should be involved in what presence OA should have on TikTok. She also asked if OA or PIPO have been involved in this and if so, have they been consulted? Alix answered by stating to read the TikTok committee report. Because every step of the process is listed there and they have received no negative feedback and have only received encouragement.

**Motion-** Nancy D Called the Question, Alix seconded.

### **Vote**

The motion was voted on via zoom poll. The no's have it, and the **motion has lost**.

### **Discussion/Announcements**

Ruth- wanted to know what happened to the webmaster. Renée H the chair, stated that recently she sat down with the committee, and they are still working on it and stated that we should have more information coming very soon.

Alix touched on the new host key distribution. Suggesting that we. Look at possibly changing it monthly. Renee D thanked all the intergroup reps and the board for their hard work and coming together with getting the new host key distributed to 150 meetings. And expressed gratitude to have been a part of it.

### **Motion To Close**

Nancy D made a motion to close the meeting, Alex seconded. No objections, the motion to close the meeting **passes**.

Closed with the We version of the Serenity Prayer.