

OA Foot Steps
Regular Business Meeting
May 15, 2022, 3:00 PM EST
Held Via Zoom Platform

Agenda

Chair Renée H. Presiding

All board members present. Quorum Met.

Serenity Prayer - Said by all

12 Steps – Heather

12 Traditions - Juliet

Establishing Ground Rules

No eating or chewing gum on camera. Beverages permitted.

There will be a center mic model used today to field all questions for The Chair.

Chair Notes –

Welcomed New Meeting Reps

Review of Agenda by the chair Renée H.

Approval of Minutes – minutes were approved with no objections.

Treasurer Report

Alix S reported there was \$1587.79 Canadian dollars in checks deposited last month. In addition to the checks, there was \$3085.39 Canadian received from individual 7th Tradition donations from the website. The goal is to continue to build up the prudent reserve enough to send 9 delegates to the WSBC in 2023 at the cost of approximately \$2500 per person.

The Treasurers report is approved with no objection.

Committee Reports

1. Info Committee

Lisa T reported they are requesting volunteers to join their committee. They have been responsible for answering emails from people inquiring about meeting details on the meeting schedule. They are listed as the contact on all OAFS meetings to protect others privacy. They can be contacted at info@oafootsteps.com

Sponsorship Committee

Leslie reported there are 109 available sponsors listed. She is asking people to share the sponsorship form from the website and not the sponsorship email address to people

searching for a sponsor. She reminded the VIG that she is looking for someone to take over her position as chair of the committee. And is hoping to have more volunteers to join them as there are currently only two members. Leslie Mentioned that the safety and security of the information provided by each potential sponsor is being looked into. And the committee is hoping to collaborate with the virtual region.

Security Committee-

Janet security chair – reminded everyone to never cohost anyone you don't know. The next training session will be June 11. Next Meditation Intrusion Support meeting is June 4. They are also looking for volunteers to join the ad hoc Security Emergency Support Team especially during the evening hours is most needed. You can contact the security team at security@oafootsteps.com

Meetings Committee

Juliet is the new chair of the Meetings Committee. They are responsible for updating OAFS meeting calendar and updating oa.org of any meeting changes. They are working on strategies to have non-real-time meetings function as actual meetings. They are also working on defining protocols for removing dark meetings from the schedule and hope work with the security and leadership committees to update any outdated leadership manuals. Juliet is looking for new committee members to join them. If you are interested in joining the meetings committee, you can reach Juliet at meetings@oafootsteps.com

Committee Discussions

Martine is proposing for a language committee that would like for it to be joined by a diversity committee and is asking for anyone interested to please contact her by email at: martinecohen@cordessensibles.be

WSBC Report

Alix S reported the WSBC went well. It was held virtually this year. OA Foot Steps sent seven delegates and submitted one motion requesting the conference would be hybrid with virtual attendance going forward. However, the motion was defeated. Next year attendance will be in person only. Alix reported that another group put forward a motion regarding screen sharing OA copyrighted material during meetings, ultimately, we are only able to screen share portions of OA literature, and are not able to screen share if the text is going to be read in its entirety.

Establish Voting Numbers- 36

Quorum Met

New Business

Motion- Alix proposed a Motion to create OAFS Public Information and Professional Outreach {PIPO} Committee. Motion was seconded by Jammie.

Motion Discussion:

Pros/Cons

Pro-

Alix- stated that keeping with tradition five, she proposes that Foot Steps creates a PIPO committee in order to meet the unique needs of the virtual community. The projects would be geared towards those still suffering that may not even be aware that OA is here. Another facet of the committee would be to inform professionals such as doctors and other professionals to inform their clients that OA is here for those that may be suffering from compulsive overeating. It will be an ongoing committee with different projects and have potential to integrate other existing committees already in place.

Heather- feels that we need to get out into communities, so people know about OA. She feels that people need to know that we exist here in zoom meetings.

Sandi R- PIPO extends a hand to people for experience strengthen and hope. Seeing content from OA on social media has helped her feel that she's not alone, especially when she was still out there in the food.

Cons- None

Vote

The motion was voted on via zoom poll. **Motion passes** with 86% in favor.

Updates/Discussions

Jammie made an Motion to postpone the discussion items 1. Virtual Region Monthly Mass Email 2. Creative Reprieve Platform Motion (Nov 2021) 3. OAFS Phone Number, to be postponed to the next VIG meeting. Brenda N seconded. A vote took place by way of raised electronic hands. Motion passes.

General Announcements

New PIPO committee meeting tomorrow Monday, May 16, 2022 at 12:15pm EST. Meeting details are on OAFS calendar.

Adjournment

Claire made a motion to close the meeting, it was seconded by Janet. Meeting officially closed.

Closed with the We version of the Serenity Prayer.