

WILLAMETTE VALLEY INTERGROUP Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2023, 7:00pm

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Robert's Rules: no interrupting; raise hand and be recognized before speaking; state your name and your group/position when you do speak.

Meeting was started at 7:02PM

1. Open with Serenity Prayer **All participants remain "muted" unless speaking**
2. Reading: Twelve Traditions-page 562 Big Book read by Tricia
3. Introductions
4. Review & Approve minutes from previous meeting
Motion to Approve 1st Quent, 2nd Anthony , accepted as written.
5. Advisory Board Reports
 - Chair – Cathy C.
 - Cathy will be in the position until January.
 - **Accepting nominations for the Chair position beginning in Oct 2023**
 - Vice-Chair – Susan K.
 - Reorganization of the central office is being planned.
 - Oregon Area 58 Potluck and Service Workshop is 11/4/2023 and they need assistance. Amber is here to tell us more.
 - Treasurer – Jane – Absent Review and approve Treasurer's Report
Treasurer's Report was previously sent out with Agenda.
Motion to Accept 1st Trevor M., 2nd Cora C., Accepted without corrections.
 - **Accepting nominations for the Treasurer position beginning in Oct 2023**
 - Secretary – Sherrie A.
 - **Accepting nominations for the Secretary position beginning in Sept/Oct 2023**
 - Central Office – Cathy C.
 - Bills are being paid.
 - Member-at-Large A – Matthew S.
 - We will be uploading tonight's WVI Meeting minutes to the website. Starting with this month's and going forward.
 - Member-at-Large B – Donna H. - Absent
 - **Accepting nominations for Member-at-Large B position beginning in Oct 2023**
 - Member-at-Large C – VACANT
 - **Vacant – Accepting nominations**
6. Intergroup Rep's (IGR) Reports – *all IGR's in attendance*
If you want to make sure your report is correct in the minutes, please send a written report to wvisecretary@comcast.net

Quent O. – Primary Purpose – In-Person, Open Meeting, M-F 6:00AM at the Salem Alliance Church - Will be shifting around trusted servants. Cathy will be the new IGR. Asked other members to fill other various positions. The meeting is going well.

Jodi K. - YANA – You Are Not Alone Women's Online Zoom Meeting at Noon, Introduced Jeri F. as the new YANA IGR. They recently held elections and have a great roster of new people holding positions as trusted servants. Attendance is growing.

Maureen H. – Rebellion Dogs - Open Meeting, Sunday 6:00PM at Bethel Baptist Church in Aumsville – Tricia was introduced as the new IGR. Meetings going strong 40-60 people, it is a guest speaker meeting and has a zoom component when needed.

Sherrie A. – Good to Be Here Women’s Group, In-Person, Closed meeting – Monday 7:00PM at St. Paul’s, well attended, good core group of Homegroup Members.

Living Sober Beginner’s Meeting, In-Person, Open meeting – Friday 7:30 at St. Paul’s, great group of core attendees with a decent amount of sobriety. Great snacks and always coffee and tea.

Brian S. – Capital Discussion – 7PM Thursdays at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, steady meeting averaging 12-13 with a lot of sobriety . IT is a Closed until last Thursday of the month. Business meetings are too much fun. And they have great cake for Birthday’s.

John B. – Action Group – Tuesday’s 7:00PM Salem Alliance Church Annex, things are going well, attendance is 30-42 with a lot of newcomers.

Trusted Servants – Monday’s at 7:30 at Unitarian Universal Congregation Church things are steady and they have a new GSR, need more women to attend with more sobriety.

We Are Not Saints, In-person, Open Meeting, 7pm Sunday at Woodland Chapel, all positions have been filled.

Lynn J. – Women of Principle – Tuesday’s at 5:30PM at First Congregational Church, attendance is growing a little , 6-8 every week can get up to 14-15. Several newcomers but not new regular members. New Treasure & Secretary and service things are planned for the holidays.

Trevor M. – Sunday Keizer Big Book Study - In-Person, Open Meeting Sunday at 8:00AM at the Keizer/Salem Senior Center. averaging 35-45 and looking to get a larger room. Good Attendance and good recovery. Solution focused. Childcare needs have been sporadic. Many go to breakfast after.

Anthony J. – Children of Chaos – Thursday’s at 7:00pm at First Congregational Church, speaker format meeting, shoutouts and heckling, a lot of young people, you either love it or hate it. Attendance can be 60+, added lemon water to the drink selection along with coffee.

Henry H. – Daily Reprieve, M-F at Noon at Woodland Chapel, Good attendance of 30-40 a day, sometimes can hit 50.

Terry F. – Downtown Group, In-Person, Closed Meeting at St. Paul’s, M-F 7Am, Sat 7:30, attendance averages 30-35 variety of sobriety, last day of the month is muffins for birthdays.

Keizer Morning Coffee Group, 8AM at John Knox Presbyterian Church attendance averages 20-25 people.

Lloyd B. – Group One, Wednesday’s 7:00PM at the SOS Club, Still meeting.

Kayla L. - Just Breathe is a closed women's meeting on Tuesdays at 5:30 - 6:30 at the Foursquare Church in Independence, attendance averages 20-25 women, changing format big book, 12x12 and meditation.

Carlina W. – Mt. Angel 12 & 12 Meeting , In-Person, Sunday at 7:00PM , Mt. Angel Abbey Guest House, Attendance ebbs and flows yesterday was 10. They have a birthday card and cake on the last Sunday of the month.

Amber W. – Visitor came to share about the upcoming Oregon Area 58 Potluck and Service Workshop is 11/4/2023:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TMIQ140GUwhrDUlr-jqil8ltuPtsi0nX/view?usp=drive_link

She welcomed questions. Potluck and Service Workshop what that looks like for the in-person is a tentative agenda of 1st Potluck, 2nd Welcome, followed by a couple of analysts explaining what AA is and isn’t. If you would like some experience speaking at non-aa meetings this is the thing for you. Finally, there will be the fun event of Service Speed Tables, where you can go around and find out about service opportunities in the different entities. There will be sign-up sheets, Susan will be at the workshop and is hoping to have someone there to help.

7. Sub-committee Reports

- A. Webmaster – Position has changed from Webmaster/Computer Administer to IT Coordinator position (handout provided)
- B. Volunteer Coordinator – **VACANT**

- C. Events Chair- Rokki P
An upcoming event is the Sponsorship Celebration Dinner on 11/10 at 6:00PM, cost is \$30.00 and this year there are digital ways to register <https://forms.gle/qwV5Wj14YmotgVCw9>. Can register up to 4 days ahead of time. Great food.
No additional events are currently planned. People are stepping down from the committee so there is room for new people interested in service.
Next Event Planning Committee Meeting is Monday October 23rd at 7pm!
Zoom ID: 864 105 1384
Password: ODAAT
New Committee Members Needed!
- D. Outreach Coordinator – **VACANT**
- E. Meeting Schedule Coordinator- Quent O.
Was accidentally missed, no report.
- F. Telephone Coordinator- Carlina W
Afterhours phone chair, all positions are filled. Doing ok, always looking for backups. Not a lot of calls.
- G. H&I Liaison- **VACANT**
- H. Al-Anon Liaison – **VACANT**
- I. District 4 Liaison – Cora C. – Also see attachment
District 4 Report
New DCM: Debbie D.
New Alt. DCM 1: Cora C
New Alt. DCM 2: John B.
District officer positions currently rotating and available include Treasurer, Alternate Treasurer, Secretary, and Registrar. Additionally, District 4 has committee chair positions that are vacant including: District 28 Liaison, Accessibilities Chair, and Grapevine - La Vina.
Next meeting Nov. 9, 2023, 7PM - 8:30PM)
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Area 58 Assembly

Our next quarterly assembly is coming up on November 17-19th. It is being held at the Holiday Inn Portland Columbia Waterfront. Attached is the agenda for the meeting.

YPAA – Lincoln City Campout, there will be Tent & RV camping. Great attendance for meetings, there are 12-14 on the committee and a lot of open positions. Low threshold for sobriety to hold Service Positions. Working on a Chili Cookoff Event.

- J. **Newsletter – Need new person starting 1/24**
- K. **Events Coordinator – Need new person starting 1/24 (put events on website)**

Cora asked how she can do Outreach, not asking for action just saying out loud.

8. **Old Business:**

- a) Positions, nominations, voting – any nominees at the meeting this evening?
Michael Mee attended and has been nominated for the Volunteer Coordinator position.

9. **New Business:**

- a) A suggestion was made at last WVI meeting that we consider hiring a part time Central Office Manager. WVI Central Office used to have a paid part time manager, but when COVID happened, the position was eliminated.
Discussion

Cora – one of the traditions is to pay special workers. We should pay someone to do the job.
Cathy – The previous central office manager would get on the phone to find someone to cover if a volunteer called in to miss their shift. Rose was just a volunteer coordinator and would work to fill the position or would go in and fill it.

John B. – Asked How many days were the offices closed due to volunteer's missing shifts?

Maureen H. – Asked on What days is the Office open? What is the foot traffic like? They sell Literature and coins, record phone calls and deal with walk ins.

Someone provided - Volunteer shifts are M-Sat 10-2 and 2-6.

Quent O. – Alex has been acting as a substitute Volunteer Coordinator and Quent helps with getting the phone forwarded when needed. Maybe address the number of hours. Making reactionary changes currently is not a good thing.

Lloyd B. - What are other districts doing, are they having the same kinds of issues? We have not approached them.

Mike M. – Has been a volunteer for the last 7.5 years. A sheet is filled out and a logbook of calls, sales, walk-ins. He has worked every shift at some point or another. Sometime people do come in. Office is open for 8 hours. They do have a hard time getting volunteers.

Cora – What does the Office Manager do. Duties? The information from the by-laws for the position were posted in chat.

Susan K. – Has been at WVI a long and a long time at the district, many areas do not have an Intergroup to support them. Two service entities, if intergroup goes under, worse case. Some of the duties will fall under the liability of District. How would we cover these areas of service?

Mike M. has been appointed since it is urgent as Volunteer Coordinator and will be trained by Rose or Alex. In December Elections it can be made permanent for him to fill the 2 year term.

As far as filling or doing anything about a Central Office Manager that is postponed for now.

Sherrie – We should review what services we provide, Central Office.

Cora – Create a subcommittee to perform an Operational Audit. Bring up at next month's meeting.

Susan K. – How do other districts operate that do not have Intergroup. We are not receiving enough support. Where can she get that information and feedback?

Cora - Page 24 of the AA Service Manual speaks to what intergroups do and districts do.

Leona H.– in the future some ideas around getting coins and literature from Central Office maybe and Uber for coins. 😊

Rokki P – seems like the most objective way to approach it.

John B.– emergency survey, do groups still want to support intergroup.

Rokki P.– Survey Monkey

Matthew S. – Motioned to table this to the next meeting and come back fresh . John B. 2nd and will readdress this next month.

Tabled for next month to discuss will we have verbal Group Reports or submitted ones, so we have more time for business.

Next WVI Meeting: November20, 2023

Adjourned at 8:31PM