

REGION 1 BOARD MEETING

Saturday, April 4 2009

Calgary, Alberta

Call to Order – 9:50 am

Deb, Chair called meeting to order, Serenity Prayer read in plural

Martha, Newsletter Editor read the 12 steps

Holly, Treasurer read the 12 traditions

Deb read the 12 concepts of OA

Board member check-in to report on personal achievements and challenges.

Board member report on committees – Martha reported on Bitterroot Intergroup and Peninsula Intergroup. Holly no report. – suggestion was made for Intergroups to use phone bridges to allow remote groups to participate in Intergroup meetings. Mix up at 2008 Assembly regarding lost scholarship application – Holly awarded it retroactively to Southern BC Interior. Deb – reported on Emerald Empire; Jefferson State; Regina; Oasis; Sea to Sky; Eagle Cap; SAI; Snake River; Unity with Diversity.

Unity with Diversity Intergroup – difficulty setting up bank account – requested Region 1 Nonprofit registration # in order to open bank account. Holly will advise Mary to use her own social security # or obtain an Employer Identification Number for her Intergroup. Holly will provide signed letter providing permission to use name Unity with Diversity along with minutes from this meeting.

Suggestion that Intergroups who plan future events check the Region One website to plan their dates around events that have already been posted, to increase the opportunity for members to attend different events.

Bylaws and Policies: Request that Avery send the website person any updates. Deb to follow up.

Public Information: There was a request from Lake Country Intergroup (Spokane) for region one to match their purchase of Linline subscriptions for doctors in area.

Holly overviewed the procedure. PI Chair has discretion to give \$200 grant. PI sends forms to Board liaison, board liaison signs forms and needs to send information to Treasurer. Grant funds are not limited to events. PI must be measurable and apply for

funds if Intergroup does not have funds. Lake Country has clarified questions asked. Board member or liaison can approve or deny the request of the PI Chair. There is also a form available through WSO for applying for funds.

Audit Committee: Auditor has advised that funds add up and 90% of expenses have receipts. A few questions have been brought forward – receipts for airline expenses; everything Treasurer was able to answer she has done so; any outstanding items can then be noted in Audit report. Treasurer advises that she will take care in future to ensure that all receipts are provided as she is unable to provide some receipts at this time. Holly to write up a report in response to Deborah's audit, noting the missing receipts with brief explanations. This should be prepared for next board meeting for the board to overview, so that the audit can be complete. The audit results will also need to go into the reports at assembly. Deb asked Holly if she could get the 2008 books audited as well, so that the audits will be up to date for assembly.

Nominations: No report

Tape / CD / Library: rather promote recordings on MP3 so people can download from the Region One website.

Current Finances in comparison to Budget: Not completed – Holly will mail to attach to the minutes.

Unaffiliated Groups – Martha requested list from Deb.

Secretary – Stephanie has resigned from her position as secretary. Board would rather encourage Stephanie to take time to consider her resignation and to know that Board does not feel let down. Deb will approach to advise that Board will give time to reconsider.

Deb asked about cancellation insurance on Stephanie's plane ticket. Holly informed that it is board policy to not buy cancellation insurance. It saves money in the end. Region One – if flight over \$500 then Region One would cover insurance. Deb asked if she could be informed of how much was lost on this ticket to the region.

Martha – overview of newsletter – awaiting any information from board meeting to include in newsletter.

Chair – Asked others to review bylaws for July board meeting.

October 21 – 25th 2009 Convention – flyer for approval – OA Region One Assembly and Convention – Tacoma, Washington – insertion for pay pal will be provided once this has

been resolved. Banquet prices have been negotiated and meals are presented at cost. Approx. 70 people required to register in order to meet cost requirements.

Motion: Holly moved that the cost of Super Saving booking would be \$125.00. Martha seconded. Passed

Summer Board meeting – Holly is working with Intergroup to plan workshop the July board meeting – Deb is staying at Royal Scot with her family so that will save one more room.

Potential Tradition Break – Sea to Sky Intergroup – put out flyer – listing a speaker's name – Deb advised that it was a suggested guideline that the flyer be amended. Flyer has been amended.

Meeting closed with 3rd Step Prayer.