

July 17, 2023 LMI Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened via zoom at 7:00 pm

Roll call: Barb H, Alex R, Kathy C, Lori H, Traci B, Cynthia G, Brooke S, Anna E, Laya S, Amy A.

Meetings needing support: In person-Saturday 9:30 am. St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Sunday 12:30 Ice House 1400 S Shelby Street

Meetings needing support: Phone-W/F phone meetings are well attended but need coordinators and meeting chairs

Meetings needing support: Zoom

Friday 6:30 (needs locals to do service)

Sunday 2pm (needing more attendees and leaders)

I. Reports from elected officers (Alex)

- A. Minutes from June meeting (Amy) Moved to approve Traci, Second-Lori. Approved unanimously.
- B. Treasurer's Report (Lori) Moved to approve Amy, second-Traci. Approved unanimously.
- C. WSO (Debbi) no report
- D. Region 5 (Kathy/Barb) Kathy attended the zoom summer business conference and will attend the October Convention. Region 5 will pay for a second person from LMI to attend the WSO Convention, assuming they are a Region 5 member, since they would be attending as a region 5 delegate. There is a form on the website to complete so that our attendees can share a room.

II. Reports from volunteer service positions (Alex)

- A. Communication and Website Administration (Sharon) No report .
- B. Meeting List Coordinator/Zoom Captain (Kathy) No meeting changes. The zoom account was threatened due to being locked out of our yahoo account. The threat was averted by working directly with zoom to change our email address.
- C. Retreat Chair (Traci) Registration information will be sent out to members via email soon.
- D. Newcomer advocate continues to send out packets.
- E. Membership Services survey (Alex) The committee will begin examining the information to report at next LMI meeting. This information will also help craft LMI goals for 2024.
- F. Outreach Advocate (Barb) Barb sent Suzy information from Region 5 about professional outreach.

III. Ongoing Business (Barb)

- A. Barb expressed gratitude serving as co-chair for the last two years. LMI is such a great group well organized with many committed individuals that allows the work to be spread among many people.
- B. Membership survey (Cindy)The group will examine/summarize the data in the coming month.
- C. Sponsor/sponsee workshop (Anna) *Walking Hand in Hand in Abstinence* August 19, 2-4 will be a hybrid workshop. Anna, Kathryn, Julie, Sonja, Barb and Sherrie joined forces to design this hybrid workshop.
- D. Token distribution (Cindy) Received requests for 3 tokens this first month which Cindy will mail this week. She welcomes requests for tokens from either group representatives or direct requests from members.

E. Study feasibility of recording meetings (Kathy) After studying the issue by looking at different groups' experience (including Region 5's, the virtual intergroup's and other groups' experience) looking at how recordings are stored and the expenses of storage, and looking at what recordings are available on other websites, Kathy recommends we do not proceed with recording our meetings, speakers or workshops. She does recommend we consider posting links on our website to the several OA websites that do offer extensive recordings (Report attached)

F. Review of LMI goals-great progress on completing goals. Still working on developing guidelines for workshops.

IV. New Business (Barb)

A. Alex-The following people were voted to fill these positions:

Co-chair-Amy

Treasurer-Lori

Region 5 Rep-Barb

Secretary-Brooke

B. The following items were brought up and tabled for August meeting:

1. If and how LMI might support individual meetings' attempts to get more members to participate in service positions (such as meeting coordinators and chairs.)

2. What other OA Intergroups are in our area? What meetings are without intergroup affiliation?

3. Consider putting the OA standard meeting format on our website rather than posting individual meetings' formats.

Submitted by Amy Allegrini

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Report from Kathy Christian on Goal #4

Goal #4

The Zoom Administrator will be investigating the recording of workshops and speaker meetings by doing the following:

- A. Research the capabilities and limitations of Zoom to record specific people i.e. the speaker etc.
- B. How then is that information stored for future use?
- C. What are other Intergroups doing around this topic related to member anonymity and things that they do and don't do?

I have attempted to contact the Virtual Region about our questions above but received no response. So, I talked to Barb Keyes who knows about most everything. These were her questions/information she was able to provide.

- We will have to have written permission from anyone who is a speaker. If recording continues for the shares, then we will have to have written permission from each of them as well. She recommended having them change their names, but that is optional.
- There must be a disclaimer at beginning or end saying that the are individual opinions and do not represent OA as a whole (something to that effect). Might need to have video editing capability for that (just my question).
- Question—how do we plan to provide access to the recordings?
 - If posted on our website it is accessible to anyone
 - If posted on our website these files are quite large and it will cost us additional money for storage of these files.
 - If we are thinking of email blasting it to mail list—the file is too large.

My recommendation is that we not record our speaker meeting, workshops, etc. I believe that there are already many resources for taped recordings of every topic that we could want in OA. Maybe instead we could provide some links to other sites that have OA recorded workshops or podcasts as an additional resource for our members. I know that we have had some members ask for this but I personally do not believe that it is good use of our resources since so much is already available to our members.