

**Overeaters Anonymous
Greater Detroit Intergroup
Approved Meeting Minutes
Feb. 27, 2021**

Call to order

The regular OA Greater Detroit Intergroup Meeting was held Feb. 27, 2021 as an online/telephone meeting. The meeting began at 11:17 a.m. with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer followed by introductions. We had a quorum. The 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and OA concept of the month were read. Barbara and Pamalar helped get the meeting started; Judy had computer trouble and came on at 11:38.

Roll Call

Board Members and Committee Chairs Present:

Judy D., chair/region rep; Barbara D., corresponding secretary; Keri C., recording secretary; Lynn H., treasurer; Carol U., newsletter; Sue Y., 12 Steps Within; Pina, website; Verna, Helpline; Pamalar, vice chair; Sue S., adviser.

Group Representatives and Guests Present:

Carol U., Saturday St. Mary's Livonia; Susie Y, Wednesday Birmingham; Verna, Wednesday, St. John's; Pina, Celtic Cross, Saturday. Georgette, visitor.

Officer and Committee Chair Reports:

Keri C., recording secretary: Minutes from Jan. 23, 2021 meeting were corrected and approved. Keri asked for feedback on the detail in the minutes. There was discussion, including about length and about Robert's Rules regarding minutes, and Judy said she would contact Keri to discuss.

Judy D., Chair: No report.

Pamalar B., vice chair: No report.

Lynn H., treasurer:

Phone and rent paid through Feb. Paypal is a new expense since July 2020. Pina said the Website cost is paid for the year and that Andrea deals with that.

1/31/2021

Cash

Checking: \$11,629.12

Savings: \$9,080.43

YTD Contributions

Actual: \$7,300.26

Budget: \$5,250

YTD Net Income

Actual: \$428.42

Barbara D., corresponding secretary: The Intergroup vote for the WSBC resolutions was sent on Feb. 16. Thanks to all who participated. Got an email from Bonnie L., trustee; as a result of members' voices and from a subsequent board meeting, trustees voted yes to 15 of the resolutions and no to 1. The result of the local WSBC resolution vote was sent out as well as an updated meeting list for February.

On a sad note, Barbara told of the passing of Paula Z. on Feb. 27.

Standing Committees:

Bylaws: No report. Position open.

Finance Position: No report. Position open.

Pamalar B., Helpline: From Jan. 24 to Feb. 24, there were 5 phone calls. Looking for a chair. Verna K. expressed interested in position and will speak to Pamalar.

Cyndi K., literature: Not present.

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Carol U., newsletter: The March/April newsletter was released Feb. 25. Thanks to all who submitted articles. There are many people sharing their experience, strength and hope — and much recovery. The topic was Big Book quotes and what they mean to members. We are repeating this for the May/June issue, which has a deadline of April 10. However, articles can be sent at any time. Please send this or any other topic to llnewsletter.editor@gmail.com. Thanks to Mara for her layout and design of the newsletter.

PI/PO: Bobbi S. Not present. No report.

Judy/Region 5 rep: No response from region. Judy has not made up her mind whether I will be doing it or not.

Frank A., speaker sponsor: Not present. No report.

Susie Y., 12 Steps Within:

Susie thanked Sue S. and Julie G. for their service. All meetings are welcome to host a 12 Step Within program. All info about 12 Step Within programs are sent by email by Susie to those on her email list, sent to meeting contacts to share and passed to Pina for the listing on the website. Thanks to Pina for putting info on website. Susie is stepping down as chair.

12 Step Within programs:

- Feb. 11, Rochester, discussion meeting: 3 speakers talk about Loving Yourself in Recovery, then sharing.
- Feb. 28, 2021 – Unity Day, speakers from OA HOW, OA and OA 90-Day discuss how they live

in the program, planned by Sue.

Continually send out emails about OA programs and ask people to pass it on. Trying to reach as many people as possible; need everyone to pass this along.

- OA Spring Virtual Retreat, March 21, 2021, zoom link on the website. This is not a 12 Step Within Program; it was planned by the I am a Miracle meeting, co-hosted with Ferndale meetings.

See Local Events at oagreaterdetroit.org for all information. New information is added frequently.

Pina B., webmaster: Website changes and events are added to national/local tab. Look at the website frequently for updates. Anyone can add events – send a text, Word doc or pdf for ease of posting. Include Zoom meeting details. This info is posted and then passed to Susie and Barbara D to distribute widely. Pina also posts the Intergroup approved minutes and the Loveline. Pina's email address: barton_pa@sbcglobal.net

Old Business:

1. Revisited the idea of adding those willing to take calls to the speakers list. Pina was checking on logistics and security; Judy says bylaws has nothing on this. Pina: Frank sent me an update, but it was garbled and needs to be resent. On subject of security --- Pina asked Andrea for ideas. She will give it thought and touch base with Pina. Table until more info.

New Business:

2. NEW AND CLOSED: Judy reported that Region 5 sent questions for an Intergroup report by Feb. 20; they wanted a mission statement and goals. Barbara sent the information to world service.
3. NEW AND CLOSED: Diana Lee reported there was a letter from Joel at WSO about Zoom bombing with suggested solutions. Every meeting needs to have a host who can mute and uninvite people, Barbara says. Pina said a Zoom bombing had happened during a recent 8:45 a.m. Saturday meeting. She said anyone can find the meeting numbers. Ron locked the meeting and removed them from the meeting. Pina said the host has to watch and be prepared to use security controls. Each meeting needs to do that. Diana suggested an email should go out to meeting reps. Barbara will send it out.

Meeting Updates: Judy, Sunday a.m., could use some support; the Wednesday and Monday meetings were plugging along. Susie said on the fifth Monday nights of March and April, there will be special workshops. Sue S. reported that Monday-Friday Ferndale meetings are going well. She said the Friday meeting needs speakers with 30 days of abstinence to speak for 20 minutes with sharing afterward. If interested, call Pam at (248) 398-8930. Diana Lee reported that the Saturday I am a Miracle meeting is thriving at 25-30 participants, including people from California to Philadelphia. She said the 8:45 a.m. meeting fluctuates from 5-15 people. Verna reported the Wednesday St. John meeting is doing well with about a dozen people, including 5 men. Barbara said the Monday Detroit Unity meeting at 6 p.m., has two men. Carol reported

that the St. Mary's Saturday meeting also has a lot of men and had two newcomers this morning!

Next Intergroup Meeting: Saturday, March 27, 2021, at 11:15 a.m. after the Celtic Cross OA meeting.

**Voices of Recovery and For Today were read.
Third Step Prayer was said.
Judy D. adjourned the meeting at 12:43 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by Keri C.