***Overeaters Anonymous***

***Greater Detroit Intergroup***

***Approved Meeting Minutes***

**October 24, 2020**

**Call to order**

The regular OA Greater Detroit Intergroup Meeting was held Oct. 24, 2020 as an online/telephone meeting. The meeting began at 11:20 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer followed by introductions. We had a quorum. The 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and OA concept of the month were read.

**Roll Call**

**Board Members and Committee Chairs Present:**

Judy D., chair; Sue S., adviser; Barbara D., corresponding secretary; Keri C., recording secretary; Cyndi K., office manager and literature; Carol U., newsletter; Pina B., webmaster; Frank, speaker/sponsor

**Group Representatives Present:**

Cyndi K., Rochester; Carol U., Saturday St. Mary’s Livonia; Verna, Wednesday Birmingham

**Officer and Committee Chair Reports:**

**Keri C., recording secretary:** Minutes from Sept. 26, 2020 meeting were corrected and approved.

**Judy D.,** **Chair:**

* No report. Interested in going as a visitor to convention. Will seek necessary approval from Region 5 secretary.
* World Service Business Conference – April 21-24, 2021. Registration opened in September 2020. Go to oa.org for more information.
* World Service Convention – August 26-28, 2021 in Orlando, Florida. Registration will open in January 2021.  Go to oa.org for more information.

**Pamalar** **B.,** **vice chair:** No report.  
  
**Lynn H.,** **treasurer:** No report (medical reasons). She will catch up next month.

**Barbara D.,** **corresponding secretary**: Sent out information from Region 5, plus flyers for local events. Received a few calls from members about face-to-face meetings.

**Standing Committees:**

**Bobbi S.,** **by-laws:** Not present

**Finance Position:** This position is still open. No report.

**Pamalar B., Helpline:** Phone calls for September 25-October 23, 2020: 12 and numerous robo-calls and sales calls.    
Pamalar asks if anyone would be willing to do service by taking full responsibility for the helpline. She asked that this position be announced through emails and on the website. For more information, people can call or text Pamalar at 313-522-6122. See NEW BUSINESS.

**Cyndi K., literature**: No new materials have been bought and only a few items have been sold. She will send in that money. Literature is stable.

**Cyndi K., office manager:** Nothing new at the office.

**Carol U., newsletter**: The November/December newsletter will be sent soon. Board members to get a draft next week. Carol thanked all who submitted stories and is grateful to people for sharing their experience, strength and hope. She said our intergroup has lots of recovery. She also thanked Mara for her graphic work on the newsletter. Deadline to submit articles for the January/February issue is Dec. 10. Articles can be submitted at any time. Send to [llnewsletter.editor@gmail.com](mailto:llnewsletter.editor@gmail.com). Procedures were sent to Judy and Keri.

**Barbara J., PI/PO:** Stepped down. Position is open.

**Sue S., region rep/delegate:** Nothing to report now.

**Frank A., speaker sponsor**: He followed up on his suggestion to restructure the list and expand it with those willing to take calls during this time of virtual meetings. He suggested putting the list behind some kind of screening method to make it more secure. Some people are reticent to put their first names and phone numbers. He had questions: Who would implement it and coordinate what is needed to upload. Would there be an approval process? Gatekeeper -- webmaster? He requested clarification so he can report on it next month. Discussion followed. Judy D. wants to check on the by-laws and revisit in November as new business. Pina asked if he needed input from anyone. She also wondered about the logistics for the website and security there, and if Frank would just give her a list. She would talk to Andrea about these questions. Sue S. replied that he does not need permission. It’s his idea and he can go forward, adhering to the guidelines of anonymity.

**Susie Y., 12 Steps Within**:

On Sunday, Oct. 18, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., a virtual workshop, “A Day of 12 Steps,” featuring four speakers was hosted by the Monday night West Bloomfield meeting and was facilitated by Susie Y. and Sue S. 23 people attended the workshop, which replaced the Fall Retreat that was canceled because of the pandemic. Feedback was positive, but Susie Y. was dismayed by the low attendance despite plenty of advanced notice. She thanked Julie G., Sue S. and Ellie S. for their participation. Susie was the fourth speaker. She announced that Sue S. and Julie G. have joined her on the 12 Step Within committee. They have planned a Thanksgiving Day Virtual Marathon on the holiday from 9 a.m.-noon.

The OA Spring Virtual Retreat will be Sunday, March 21, 2021 — more information to come.

Please go to oagreaterdetroit.org often for updates on meetings and events information.  New information is added frequently.

**Pina B., webmaster**

Additions and changes to website included creating another tab for national events, making it easy to attend virtual events happening all over. Updating local events will be the priority; national events will be updated as time permits. Anyone can send meeting updates to Pina at [barton\_pa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:barton_pa@sbcglobal.net). Include text that can be copied and pasted or a flyer as well as a virtual meeting link. Pina will pass the info along to Barbara D. and Susie Y. for wider distribution. Pina explored putting approved minutes and other reports on the website, and it’s very doable. Ann Arbor already does. They are easy to add; and we can start posting from this meeting. Sue S. suggests just posting approved minutes. Others agree. These can be added under the Intergroup tab. SEE NEW BUSINESS

**Old Business:**

1. Open. Review possible donations to WSO / Region 5 from excess funds.

This topic was tabled until November. However, the following items should be considered at the November discussion:

* We should hold a prudent reserve for in-person meeting obligations i.e. rent and office expenses i.e. phone, internet access
* Groups should have a say on what to do with the excess funds.

Lynn noted that most personal donations are not designated as a split, hence part of the reason for our excess. Sue S. recommended that people announce at meetings that when donating you should indicate if you want your donation split.

1. Closed. The group decided the Newsletter contact email in the IG Agenda that currently is Carol U’s personal email address should be replaced with the LoveLine editor address ([llnewsletter.editor@gmail.com](mailto:llnewsletter.editor@gmail.com)).

**New Business**:

1. Closed. Sue formally suggested posting approved minutes on the website. Pina has investigated and says it’s doable. Sue proposed starting with the next approved minutes to go on OA website. Cyndi seconded. Vote called. Passed unanimously.
2. Open: Pamalar would like to step down; we need a new person to assume responsibility for the Helpline.
3. Open: Revisit the idea of adding those willing to take calls to the speakers list. Pina was checking on logistics and security; Judy wanted to check the bylaws.

**Meeting Updates:**  Sue S., Ferndale (Mon-Fri) going quite well on virtual. Need speakers for Fridays; speakers talk for 20 minutes and just need 30 days of abstinence. Contact Sue 248-408-2340.

Judy – Friday Taylor night meeting has moved from a parking lot to a mall.

**Next Intergroup Meeting**:  Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020 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 12:20 p.m.**

**Minutes submitted by Keri C.**