

**Overeaters Anonymous
Greater Detroit Intergroup
Meeting Minutes
Nov. 28, 2020**

Call to order

The regular OA Greater Detroit Intergroup Meeting was held Nov. 28, 2020, 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.

Roll Call

Board Members and Committee Chairs Present:

Judy D., chair; Barbara D., corresponding secretary; Keri C., recording secretary; Lynne H., treasurer; Carol U., newsletter; Susie Y, 12 Steps Within; Bobbi S., bylaws; Sue S., adviser

Group Representatives Present:

Cyndi K., Rochester; Carol U., Saturday St. Mary's Livonia; Diana Lee Moseley, I am a Miracle; Paula M., Friday Ferndale; Karen, Grand Blanc & Fenton.

Officer and Committee Chair Reports:

Keri C., recording secretary: Minutes from Oct. 24, 2020, meeting were corrected and approved.

Judy D., Chair:

- No report. Following three meetings online.
- World Service Business Conference – April 21-24, 2021. Registrations opened in September 2020. Go to oa.org for more information.

Pamalar B., vice chair: No report.

Lynn H., treasurer:

Phone and rent paid through Dec.

10/31/2020

Cash

Checking: \$15,527.93

Savings: \$9,080.43

YTD Contributions

Actual: \$5,156.66

Budget: \$4,410

YTD Net Income

Actual: (\$72)

Nov. 30, 2020

Cash

Checking: \$16,942.61

Budget: \$5,250

YTD Contributions

Actual: \$6,259.26

Budget: \$5,250

YTD Net Income

Actual: \$1,008.12

Budget: --

Barbara D., corresponding secretary: Going over emails to make sure she has all. Sent out information from Region 5, plus flyers for local events. Received a few calls from members about face-to-face meetings. No changes to the meeting list.

Standing Committees:

Bobbi S., bylaws: No report. Resigned. Position open.

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

Pamalar B., Helpline: Read by Barbara D.: Phone calls for Oct. 23-Nov. 27, 2020: 25 (new) 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 info, people can call or text Pamalar at 313-522-6122. See NEW BUSINESS.

Cyndi K., literature: Not present.

Cyndi K., office manager: Not present.

Carol U., newsletter: The November/December newsletter released Nov. 1 on oagreaterdetroit.org/intergroup. Carol thanked all who submitted stories and is grateful to people for sharing their experience, strength and hope. She also thanked Mara for designing and formatting LL. 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.

PI/PO: Bobbi S. volunteered to take this position before the meeting. It was stated that she can refine the position.

Frank A., speaker/sponsor: No changes in the list. In Oct., noted some improvement/changes to expand list to add an additional column where willing members could be listed as open to receiving calls. During COVID, this will help connect fellows better. Frank is recovering from a fire and defers changes until next meeting. He is still soliciting input.

Susie Y., 12 Steps Within:

Susie Y., Sue S. and Julie G. providing programs every month. All meetings are welcome to host

a 12 Step Within program. All info about 12 Step Within programs are sent by email by Susie on her email list, sent to meeting contacts to share and passed to Andrea for the listing on the website.

12 Step Within programs:

- 11-20-20: Idea Day (2 speakers on emotional and physical abstinence)
- Thanksgiving Day Virtual Marathon, each hour had about 15 members.
- Dec. 12: How to stay abstinent on the holidays (three speakers)
- Dec. 30: Open meeting, hosted by Birmingham Unitarian meeting
- Jan. 30: Open meeting, hosted by I am a Miracle meeting, Celtic Cross
- Jan. 10-16: Celebrate OA's 61st birthday.

Save the date:

- Feb. 28, 2021 – Unity Day, details forthcoming
- OA Spring Virtual Retreat, March 21, 2021, info to come.

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

Pina B., webmaster: Not present.

Old Business:

1. Open. Review possible donations to WSO/Region 5 from excess funds. Lots of discussion on this item, which was tabled in September and discussed at length at this November meeting, with the feeling that groups should have a say on what to do with the excess funds.
 - Lynn H: We should hold a prudent reserve for in-person meeting obligations i.e. rent and office expenses, phone, internet access in office. Treasurer will need new software from Quickbooks. Not sure how much money should be reserved. We have money in savings to pay for our office. Some excess in checking (\$16,000) to donate to WSO. Safely, \$5,000 (maximum) could be contributed somewhere. Discussion? Take back to meetings?
 - Susie Y.: This is a conundrum – we ask people to say where they want the money allocated, some don't, so it ends up in Intergroup money. If they wanted it divided with Region 5, they would have designated that. People might be upset about doing that. We want to avoid controversy.
 - Lynn: Is it right for us to give to WSO or Region or just hold on to it? What do other intergroups do? A standard? Maybe donate \$500 to each and increase in spring. Then contributors would not think we used their money in the wrong way.
 - Judy suggested asking people to talk to group members to designate monies they donate. Judy volunteered to contact Region 5 treasurer to see if there is a need. Judy polled those present. Some advocated a 60%, 30%, 10% split if it comes from groups. Lynn says there is no structure to do this.
 - Carol U: Suggested telling people about the 60, 30, 10 split by putting it on the

website so all have the choice.

- Judy tabled this until January, after it was suggested a letter be sent to all groups for input. We need more info. A letter composed by Lynn will be assessed at the Jan. meeting before distribution and then meeting reps will report back to Intergroup.

New Business:

1. Open: Need new person to assume responsibility for the Helpline. Also open: bylaws (Judy put this on hold). Susie suggested publicizing in Loveline.
2. Open: Revisit 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.

Meeting Updates: No reports

Next Intergroup Meeting: Saturday, Jan. 23, 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 12:20 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by Keri C.