

**Overeaters Anonymous
Greater Detroit Intergroup
Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2023**

Call to order

The regular OA Greater Detroit Intergroup Meeting was held May 20 as an online/telephone meeting. The meeting began at 11:15 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:

Verna K., chair; Lynn H., treasurer; Keri C., recording secretary; Irene, Loveline editor; Julie G., Helpline; Pina, Webmaster; Meeting Reps: Irene, Sat. Garden City; Carole Ann, Thursday, Plymouth; Sue M., Sterling Hts., Barbara D., Detroit Unity, Monday.m Carol P. Wed 8am Livonia, Mary S. Wednesday Living in the Solution mtg. Guest: Monica S.

Officer and Committee Chair Reports:

Recording Secretary, Keri G: Minutes reviewed from April 22, 2023.

Chair, Verna K.: May 2023

Some decisions made at the World Service Business Conference:

- Delegates gave the Conference Seal of Approval to *Diverse Voices: A Common Solution*. When published, this new pamphlet will replace *A Common Solution: Diversity and Recovery* (#265)
- Delegates approved changes to meeting descriptions:
 - “Open” meetings are now **“Meeting with Visitors (Open)”**
 - “Closed” meetings are now **“Meeting without Visitors (Closed)”**
- Delegates voted to change “special-focus meetings” and “special-topic meetings” to **“specific-focus meetings”** and **“specific-topic meetings”** to be more inclusive of all OA

members. You will see these meeting description changes implemented in Find a Meeting on oa.org sometime in 2023.

- World Service Business Conference Wrap-Up Report will be available May 29 on the WSBC web page.
- 15 countries sent reps to the conference.

Vice chair: open position

Lynn H., treasurer:

4-30-23

Cash

Checking: \$7,432.28

Savings: \$9,082.71

YTD Contributions (11-month budget)

Actual: \$7,811.53

Budget: \$9,476 (\$1,664.47) (under budget)

Expenses: \$8,197.57

Budget: \$9,548.72 (\$1,351.15) (under budget)

YTD Net Income

Actual: (\$386.04) Rent and phone paid through April.

Lynn: \$2,000 on deposit for Columbiere retreat, will be getting this back.

Corresponding secretary: open position.

Standing Committees:

Bylaws: Position open

Finance: Position open.

Helpline: Julie G., May 20, 2023

- 28 total calls March–YTD. 1 legitimate, 27 spam
- May had 7 total calls, all were spam
- The phone was not booting up correctly and I followed the prompts to reset it. It's stable now and I will monitor to see if the issue reoccurs.

Verna K., Literature: April 22 - May 20, 2023

- No literature sales to members
- No new literature purchased

Irene R., newsletter (Loveline):

The May/June issue of Loveline was released at the end of April. Thank you to committee members Carol U. for reviewing and editing the articles, and Mara S. for the newsletter's design. I also appreciate the efforts of Pina and Barbara D. in getting the issue out to the membership.

The theme of the July/August issue is "The Fellowship of OA," but members should feel free to submit articles on any recovery-related topic. The deadline for submitting articles is June 10, 2023. Sharing your Experience, Strength and Hope in the Loveline is 12th Step work, reaching fellow compulsive eaters in a way that no one else can simply by telling your own story. Please send articles to lnewsletter.editor@gmail.com.

Office manager: position open

PI/PO: position open

Region 5: position open

Speaker Sponsor List: position open

12 Steps Within: Open position

Pina, webmaster: Changes made to the website since 4/19/23.

- Posted February and March approved Intergroup Minutes
- Posted May/June 2023 Loveline

Old Business: none

Budget approval: Barbara D. moves to vote to approve budget. Lynn seconds. Keri, yes. Lynn, yes. Reps: Sue M., yes; Carole Ann, yes; Carol P., yes; Irene, yes; Barbara, yes. Pina, yes; Julie, yes. Passed unanimously.

OA office: Verna read the letter (script for meeting reps) from April meeting. Changes to letter -- \$1600 deficit (was \$2,000). Lynn says we can amend to the newest number before sending out.

Lots of discussion ensued. Here are some viewpoints: Verna – we want to get to as many meetings as possible. Need accurate contact info. Barbara has those contacts on record. Suggested calling reps to alert them to the

letter. Lynn: Can also verify contact info while calling. Carol P. says each meeting should get a voice and people should be able to vote at each not just once. Lynn: I am worried about being fair. Are we being fair by letting people vote more than once? Pina: Meetings collection point for vote of the people – one vote, one person. Lynn: someone with a strong opinion could vote often. Carol P: KISS. One vote, one person. Barbara: I go to 4 meetings; I will vote at home group. One vote. Can bring the info to other meetings, but not vote and still bring votes back if other meetings don't have reps. Monica S.: Where would equipment go? \$600/month – where will it go? I went to the OA business conference; they do have money. PI/PO could be funded to build membership. Verna: Leave in the two bullet points. Rep. must attend to give meeting vote to IG. Agree? Leave as is. Julie: Add to letter that one rep. could represent meetings without a rep. Volunteers to make calls: Sue M. , Barbara, Verna, Susie, Keri and deadline by June 6. Barbara can send the letter out. At 12:46, Monica proposed extending 10 minutes. Julie seconded. By end of next week (May 27), get the word out that letter is coming. Barbara can send the letter out ASAP by next week. Vote will be June 24.

Fellowship Group report, Julie G.

FELLOWSHIP GROUP REPORT

General Information

1. Group of OA Fellows planning activities for the Greater Detroit Intergroup area.
2. Calendar year divided into 4 quarters with a theme for each quarter:
Quarter 1: July-September 2023 Theme: OA History
Quarter 2: October-December 2023 Theme: Abstinence
Quarter 3: January-March 2024 Theme to be determined
Quarter 4: April-June 2024 Theme to be determined
3. Planned activities include some in person events, some virtual
4. We welcome any additional OA fellows who would like to join our planning committee.

Exciting Plans for Quarter One!

Saturday July 29, 2023 In Person Fellowship Gathering

10:00AM-12:00PM

Birmingham Unitarian Church

38651 Woodward Avenue
Bloomfield Hills

Come and learn interesting OA history

Hear long time members share their experience, strength and hope

Time for sharing and fellowship

Inside/Outside Event weather permitting, bring your lawn chair

Tuesday August 15, 2023 Virtual Event

7:00-8:15 PM

Free Conference Call OA West Bloomfield Line

Hear our founder Rozanne share her experience, strength and hope

Time for sharing with fellows

Saturday September 30, 2023

All day In Person Event

Travel to Akron, OH visit Dr. Bob's house and more!

Details to follow

5. Support requested from OA Greater Detroit Intergroup:

Fee to use the church 7/29: \$69, 7th tradition will be collected at the event, all donations collected will be sent to the Intergroup Treasurer.

Funds **may** be needed for future events such as a deposit for bus rental.

This money would be returned to the intergroup when registration fees are paid by members participating. Details not complete at this time.

Save the dates and registration flyers posted on OA Greater Detroit website.

New Business: none

Meeting Updates:

Carole Ann: Thursday, Plymouth: Virtual and going well. Averaging 4-8 people. Good meeting.

Irene: Sat. Garden City: going well. People showed up for in-person meeting and international people join phone meeting.

Sue M. Wednesday, meeting going well.

Barbara: Detroit Unity, Monday: three new people. Info on website helping.

Next Intergroup Meeting:

The next meeting will be Saturday, June 24, 2023, at 11:15 a.m. after the Celtic Cross OA meeting.

**Voices of Recovery and For Today were read.
Third Step Prayer was said. (p. 63 BB)
Verna K. adjourned the meeting at 12:57 p.m.**