

Central Virginia Intergroup  
Minutes for February 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom  
Meeting results in **bold**

1. Welcome by **Catherine**: **Wendy read the 12 Steps, Dianna read the 12 Traditions, and Catherine read Concept 2**
2. Introductions: **Wendy, Mark, Catherine, Hope, Bob, Sarah, Susie, Dianna, Julie, Kathryn, Ann and Susan**
3. Questions on these reports: **no questions**

Chair—Catherine:

- a. The Virtual Region Convention will be Saturday February 20-Sunday February 21. For more information and to register:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/there-is-a-solution-2021-va-virtual-region-convention-registration-131929475613>
- a. The Region 7 Assembly will take place March 19-21. Susie and Mark are our reps but anyone can attend as a visitor for free (it's free for Susie and Mark too)! To register, go to <https://oaregion7.org/events/2021-region-7-spring-assembly/>

Vice Chair—Julie: no report

Treasurer—Sarah: Treasurer's Report- **no questions**

- We started the month with \$6282.80
- We donated \$1000 to the WS)
- We ended the month with \$5282.80
- Less \$1,000 prudent reserve
- Available funds: \$4282.80

I have a call into an accountant to ask what he might charge to help us get our books straight. I will update on that if I have an answer. Susie may have other updates on that front.

Secretary—Hope:

Approval of previous month's minutes. **A motion was presented and passed to accept the Jan. 2021 minutes as written.**

Region Rep/WSO Delegate—Susie:

Report on emergency WSBC meeting- **Susie stated that a vote will be taken as to whether to conduct the conference virtually. (Update: An email was sent by Region 7 stating the following, "As a result of the WSBC 2020 delegate voices at the Special Meeting of January 30<sup>th</sup> and a subsequent vote of the Board of Trustees (15 yes, 1 no), this is to advise that the World Service Business Conference for 2021 will be held virtually. Further details will follow as they**

become available from the Conference Planning Committee. Delegate registration has been extended to Monday, March 15, 2021.”)

Internal Communications--: no report- **Suzanne G. has volunteered to be the second Internal Communications chair.**

Telephone—Dianna: no report- **no updates**

Newsletter—Bob: no report- **Bob reported that the February Newsletter was distributed. He has contacted other Intergroups to get feedback/suggestions for the newsletter. Bob requests that contributions to the newsletter be submitted.**

Website—Mark:

As to the web and internal communication committees, we have just been doing regular maintenance and support activities. We have added a number of members to the mailing list. As a general rule, event notices that we get are placed under Events on the website and also sent out as an e-mail campaign. There have been a number of support issues with the Mailchimp e-mails going to SPAM or Promotions folders. It is basically a user education issue where the users either need to look someplace they don't normally look or setup special filters for the [cvigmail@centralva.org](mailto:cvigmail@centralva.org) e-mail address.

The e-mail sender has been changed to Central Virginia Intergroup of Overeaters Anonymous. It doesn't seem to have made much difference in the open rate. The WSBC motions summary e-mail only had a 40% open rate. It doesn't look like there is much interest in OA business.

**It was shared by several Intergroup Reps that they had not been receiving emails from Mark. He requested that if members are not getting emails to please email him at [markelliottva@gmail.com](mailto:markelliottva@gmail.com). He will assure that they are added back to the email distribution list.**

12th Step Within—vacant:

Retreat—Kathryn: no report- **Kathryn shared that she had contacted Massanutten and they are willing to hold the deposit of \$1669.16 until 2022, if we decide to not keep the 2021 contract dates.**

Public Information--vacant: **See New Business item c.**

Fun and Fellowship—April: no report

4. Old Business:

a. PayPal update—Susie and Mark- **Susie reported the below information to consider:**

- **Sarah learned that the EIN we used to establish our bank account was satisfactory to the bank, but I called the IRS and learned that it is not an actual EIN.**
- **Jan S. confirmed that we have never, in her recollection, had nonprofit status.**

- We would need a street address, not a PO box. This would cost about \$100 more per year than we currently pay for the PO box.
- We would need to apply for a new EIN. I think it would then be prudent to close our bank account and open a new one with the new EIN.
- We would need to complete articles of association. A template can be downloaded, and then we would fill in our information. It's a laborious process but can be done.
- We would have to put together standard financial statements. Our books are in good shape, and with some help from my husband I think I could generate the statements without too much trouble.
- We would apply to the IRS for 501(c) 4 status. This is nonprofit status, not charitable organization status. If we receive this status, our treasurer would have to file an annual IRS return via e-postcard, which is very simple.
- I have not done much research on parallel registration with the Commonwealth of Virginia, but this should probably be looked at.

After much discussion and debate, the Intergroup decided to table the decisions of obtaining a PayPal (or other vendor payment) account and whether to become a legal entity (non-profit status) until Jan. 2022. Susie, Sarah and Mark were thanked for their hard work in researching the matter.

- b. Nonprofit status update—Catherine – **After discussion, a decision was made to table this matter until Jan. 2022**
- c. Retreat update—Kathryn- **See above Retreat Committee Report**

5. New Business:

- a. Approval of January minutes- **See above Secretary Report**
- b. Need for second person for website and emails—Mark- **See above**

**Internal Communications Report**

- c. Approval of Professional Outreach to MCV—Catherine/Mark/Susie- **A motion was presented and passed that Alicia N. could participate in a Professional Outreach activity with MCV. Details will follow.**
- d. WSBC agenda proposals—vote. **The CVIG voting results for the WSBC Agenda items is attached. Catherine requested that any members who have questions or comments about the Agenda items and vote may email her at [catwry@outlook.com](mailto:catwry@outlook.com) .**

6. Closing: **The meeting was closed, with thanks to all who attended, at 7:54 PM with the “We” version of the Serenity Prayer.** The next Intergroup meeting will be Sunday March 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.