

Central Virginia Intergroup
Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2022
Results in **bold**

1. Welcome: **Susie opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with all reciting the Serenity Prayer. Alicia read the 12 Steps, Kipton read the 12 Traditions and Susie read Concept 5: Individuals have the right of appeal and petition in order to ensure that their opinions and personal grievances will be carefully considered.**

2. Introductions: **Susie, Mark, Alicia, Kathryn, Jan, Kipton, Tiffany, April, Catherine and Hope**

3. Questions on these reports:

Chair—Susie: no report

Vice Chair—Alicia: no report

Treasurer—Jan: **The treasurer report was distributed by email. No questions were asked. Jan reported that she has not received the \$50 deposit back from Community West Church. Kathryn will follow up with the church.**

Secretary—Hope: see minutes

The previous month's minutes were approved.

Region Rep—Tiffany: no report

Internal Communications--Suzanne: **not present-no report**

Telephone—Dianna: no report-**not present.**

Newsletter—Bob: no report

Website—Mark: no report

12th Step Within—Wendy: has resigned. **This position is open. Please announce at meetings. It was suggested that an in-person Service workshop focused on the topic of Sponsorship be planned and held. Groups are to announce and ask if group would take on this opportunity. Susie shared that being a member on the WSBC Literature Committee she has been involved in working on a Sponsorship pamphlet.**

Retreat—Kathryn: no report

Public Information--Debbie: see under Old Business below

Fun and Fellowship—April: **Asked members to submit ideas for activities.**

WSO Delegate- Tiffany: **Attended the virtual WSBC 2022 and submitted a report. There were pre-conference meetings April 22-25, then the business sessions were April 26-28. She found the experience “interesting and intense”. In attendance were 218 delegates from 21 countries. Below are highlights of the WSBC:**

- **WSO will be creating a Lifeline blog to post on its website.**
- **The 12 Traditions workbook has been approved for publication.**
- **It is recommended that we state the OA Responsibility Pledge on literature and publications. This will be eventually be done on future printing of literature.**
- **Delegates voted to not repay Payroll Relief loan that was forgiven by the government.**
- **The motion designating July as “Service Month” was not passed.**
- **Newcomer literature and other pamphlets will be available on the WSO website to download as free PDF files. This includes the pamphlet, “ Where do I Start”.**
- **The topic of how to promote Diversity and not being North American centric was discussed.**
- **Trustees are not required to represent their own region. The board was reduced to having 17 trustees. There is no distinction in the types of trustees.**
- **WSBC Board members were elected.**
- **A motion presented that bound the WSBC to having different types formats-virtual, hybrid and in-person was defeated. The BOT will determine what type of format.**

4. Old Business:

- A. Using funds for public outreach—Debbie reports: During the April meeting, the possibility of an advertising campaign was discussed and the results of the 2019 Google and Facebook advertising were reviewed. With the changes brought on by having Zoom meetings, instead of in person meetings, the geographical “reach” has changed. The local meetings now include attendees from other states and countries. Therefore, local/regional advertising may not have the same value as it did several years ago. One suggestion was to donate the money that may have been used for a local advertising campaign to

OA for a national campaign. There is no separate fund to which this money can be donated with a designation for advertising. The contact for OA's public relations is Carla Wagner, Banyan Communications, 363-373-8236; cwagner@banyancom.com. **Debbie is still waiting for a response for her on other suggestions and ideas she may have and will follow up with this contact. It was suggested that when Debbie does this that she find out specifically what the WSO Public Relations does and what they have available. It is known that a PSA video and a Facebook page are resources.**

5. **New Business:**
 - A. Nomination Committee- Is needed for Intergroup Officer elections in September 2022. Susie, April and Kathryn volunteered to serve on this committee.**
 - B. New local in person meeting- Kipton announced that a new in-person only meeting would be starting May 18th to be held on Weds at 5:30pm in the St. Stephens Episcopal Church's library. The address is 6000 Grove Ave. Richmond, VA. This meeting has been posting on the WSO and our local website. Kipton is the contact person. The format of the meeting will be determined during the first meeting.**
 - C. Contact persons for meetings- Listed on the WSO website is not correct: Susie volunteered to go the website and make corrections.**

6. **Closing: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm with all reciting the Serenity Prayer. Our next meeting will be held via Zoom on Sun. June 19 at 7:00 pm.**