

January 5, 2010 GSI meeting minutes

The chair opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer, a reading of Tradition One, and a reading from Just for Today.

December's minutes were read and adopted after a correction to the price of newcomer packets from \$2.75 to \$2.50 was made. An additional correction was made to include the motion to purchase an audio recorder for workshops, marathons, and retreats.

Introductions were made and sign in sheet was sent around.

Chair Reports:

Barb: WSO 4/26-5/1/10. We still need more delegates. Those interested need to do work above the group level, have 1 year of abstinence and have given away their 5th step.

Events:

- 12th Step Within: was well attended, but still a deficit of \$15.00
- Serenity Night: was well attended approx 100 people, clothing exchange
- Burn Party: good turnout

Future

- Big Book Study Seminar on 1/22 & 23 2010.
- OA Retreat at Camp Huston, 1/29-31. There is still time to register. There will be a clothing exchange and raffle. Meetings can still donate baskets.
- Unity day will be on 2/27/10 with speakers and open sharing. It will be at St. John's on 55th and Phinney. Sharon L made bookmarks to be given out at meetings. Bookmarks will be available on the website.
- June HOW retreat at Camp Huston has co-chairs and committees will be formed.

Still needing a Secretary.

Jeri: Treasurer 's report available. Jeri is the outgoing Treasurer and Jenny Hi is the incoming treasurer.

Representative Reports:

Carol: Friday 7AM meeting needs support. She was referred to Connie – Public Outreach.

Ivy: New meeting Fremont 1 hour meeting Monday at 7AM.

GSI Meeting Minutes

We approved posting the edited and approved minutes from GSI meeting minutes, minus financial information and specific phone numbers, to the GSI website,.

Kevin purchased an audio recorder for events. It will be locked on the GSI cabinet at St. Paul's. Catherine B is taking the recorder to the Winter retreat.

Ways and Means

Sarah will have the Laurie, Steps 1 – 12 compact discs from Camp Huston to the Big Book Study Seminar on January 22 and 23. They will be on sale for \$20 per set.

Directories

New "Winter 2010" directories are available. Revisions have already been made to the web-based version.

Sponsoring

Anyone interested in being a temporary sponsor should contact Camille, the sponsor coordinator. Her contact information is on the GSI website.

Website

Catherine B. provided information about website templates for GSI. These templates provide OA world service information. Data entry is very simple. Jenny He will be working to make sure meeting information is correct.

Representatives will ask their groups about supporting the translation fund for World Service as well as discussing having "open" and "closed" meetings.

We currently pay \$40 per month for rent, and \$50 annually for the locker. It was agreed to sign an agreement for 2010.

ATTENDEES - 24

Sharon L – vice chair	Nancy B – Wed Shorleine	Fred S – Mon Bothell
Erin P – Sat U District	Jenny He – Thurs YMCA	Cheryl – Mon Burien
Barb C – Sat Seaview	Ruby A – Thurs Burien	Cindy H – Sun Edmonds
Ivy – Ravenna	Norma L – Tues Seward Pk	Brenda
Carolyn – Mon Phinney	Thomas- Fri Rec C & Sat Capital Hill	
Alicia – Webmaster & Sat Wdnl	Carol – Tues & Thurs Eastside Alano Club	
Marylouise – Chair Winter	Barb M – Chair & Tues Renton	
Retreat Sarah K- Sat & Mon Bellevue Alano Club		
Jeri K – outgoing Treasurer & Sat St Pauls	Catherine B – Tues Ballard HOW	
Camille U – Sponsor Co & Thurs Ballard	Jenny Hi – Treasurer & Sunday Ballard	
Kevin C – Thurs Mill Creek & Bylaws Chair		

GSI meeting minutes – March 2, 2010

The Chair opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer, Tradition Three, Service Concept Three and the day's reading from *Just for Today*. The meeting's agenda was adopted and February's minutes were read and approved after the addition of Norma's name as an attendee. It was noted that February's minutes should be available on the seattleoa.org website shortly.

All GSI reps are requested to go to the OA.org site to check that their meeting information is current and updated. A question was raised about who should be listed as the contact for a meeting: it was agreed that someone from the group who is going regularly would be a good choice and it was suggested that people talk to their groups.

Any necessary changes should be made on the OA.org website as well as sending information to the GSI contact email address on the seattleoa.org website. Groups without reps at GSI were contacted last month for the opportunity to update their information. All changes should be in by March 10th at the latest to make it into the new spring meeting list.

Rep Reports

Group opinions on the translation donation issue? There was a request for a specific question that could be taken to the groups and the agreed language was, "Do we want to donate to translation as an intergroup?" It was further clarified that individuals and meetings can also donate to the WSO translation fund. Unity Day collected \$44 to be contributed to that fund.

Individual group updates. The Monday morning Fremont Baptist Church meeting needs support and Lisa is the contact person. Bothell Monday night has speakers on the second Monday of the month. A flyer will be made for the website.

The format for the Sunday Capitol Hill meeting is changing to a literature study.

Board Reports

Delegate: Barb apologized for not submitting delegate information for motions to be brought forward at WSO so there will be no voting on motions. She will be going to WSO in New Mexico and will be mentoring a member from the Los Angeles Intergroup.

Treasurer: Not present. 3 big book study disc sets were sold at the Step Study marathon in January for a total to GSI of \$60.

Vice Chair: Unity Day was a success. Intake was \$143.38 at the door with \$35.38 in expenses. There's a brochure coming for the June HOW retreat.

Ways and Means needs a chair – Would be involved in retreats, marathons, literature. Some past ideas for raising money have included memo pads, T-shirts and book covers.

Question: Can we sell AA literature at an OA meeting? The general opinion was that AA literature is conference approved for OA...but nobody was sure where that is stated and suggested looking it up and writing to OA for information.

Question: Why weren't Big Books available for sale at the Camp Huston retreat? Each committee makes their own decisions about what's offered for a specific event.

Winter Retreat Speaker Files are Coming – Would people like to sell those? If someone volunteers to burn copies, convention CDs ready for copying. The Los Angeles intergroup site is recommended as a good site for speaker recordings. The Peninsula intergroup paid \$10 for a set of copies (\$5 + shipping as agreed).

Newsletter – Jamila has only two submissions for the spring newsletter so she's delaying it until there are more submissions. The topic is the tools. Reps are requested to ask for submissions at their meetings; the deadline is soon. This is the last month for Jamila to be chair of the newsletter. It was noted that writing from various sources could be used in the newsletter including OA publications with references and some of the Region One website resources. We can reprint from Lifeline as long as it is duly credited. Sarah has volunteered to take over as chair of the newsletter.

Sponsor Coordinator – Camille is trying to get the word out that she needs sponsors for the calls she receives. She requested that we ask our groups to please either fill out the sheet she provided to us in the fall or have them email her from the website. She's getting lots of newcomer requests and doesn't have enough sponsors. Particularly sponsors for men, H.O.W. and in south Seattle. It was suggested that she have people wanting a sponsor attend the meetings in Bellevue and Woodinville on Saturdays since there are a large number of people available as sponsors at those meetings.

Webmaster – Alicia noted that one of the writing projects at the January retreat was to write a Dear John letter to food and that there were plans in the works to post those on the website. There are apparently three different formats for meeting lists currently but now she's going to just post them in Word or PDF format. If people need another format, they can contact her directly and she'll work with them.

WSO Delegates – GSI still needs 2 delegates and 3 alternates. The WSO business conference is in late spring in New Mexico. The duties also include travelling to the various meetings and providing information on intergroup.

Website Redo – Catherine reported that the Junelaw template didn't install from the Region One contact person but that things are slowly moving. The free computer is working now for testing and there will be planning and information sessions in the future.

Brown Baggers – Will Camp Huston allow brown baggers? Yes. Can they eat in the dining room? If yes, then do we say they can come? 125 is the maximum capacity. The Winter retreat had 90 people, most of whom were overnights. There might not be room if a lot of unregistered people show up. It was noted that it's hard to plan for an open number of people who insist on just showing up at the last minute. After much discussion, it was decided that brown baggers should be allowed but that the planning committee has the authority to make specific decisions about how to handle them. The group voted to allow brown baggers.

ATTENDEES:

Janice – Denny Park Fri PM	Marylouise – Edmonds Sun PM
Ruby A – Burien Thurs	Sarah K – Mon/Sat Bellevue
Carolyn – Phinney Ridge Mon	Carol L – Bellevue Tues/Thurs & Rec Café Fri
Camille – Ballard Thurs AM	Barb M – Chair & Renton Tues PM
Julia M – Capital Hill Sun AM	Fred S – Bothell Mon PM
Sharon L – Ballard HOW Sun PM	Catherine – Ballard HOW Tues PM
Thomas B – Capital Hill Sat	Erin P – U District Sat AM
Norma L – Seward Park Tues PM	Alicia – Webmaster & Wdnvle Sat AM
Ivy – Fremont Mon AM	Kevin C – Bylaws Chair & Mill Creek Thurs PM
Constance – Northgate Tues PM	Paradie – University Mon PM