

Central Office (CO) Representatives (COR) Meeting

April 12, 2020

Board of Directors X = present

X Chair, Bonnie N	X Vice-Chair, Joan S
X Treasurer, Janice E	X Secretary, Leonard L
Literature, Gil M	X Communications, Jeff L
X Member at Large, Andrea W	

Staff X = present

Office Manager, Scott L	Volunteer Coordinator, Joe R + Major
Newsletter Editor, Judy G	Call Forwarding Coord Craig A + Chad W
X District 22 Liaison, Joan S.	X Dist. 22 Convention & Web Master, Rob R

COR's present:

Dick B, Mesa Group AG
Kimberly L, Pioneer Group SL
Lisa S, Fredericks Friday Speaker SL
Lori O, Liv-in The Steps LO
Paul L, Harbor Lights, MB
Jim L, Options, MB

This was our first Zoom COR meeting. I had sent out an incorrect meeting ID (413 9211 1761 is the correct one) and Andrea hustled on the internet and got people on the right path. Our meeting started a little late.

8:57am Bonnie called the meeting to order, followed by the Serenity Prayer and a reading of the 4rdTradition.

Reports from Officers and Staff:

Chair's Report: Bonnie welcomed everyone to our first zoom meeting and gave a brief overview of the agenda.

She said it had been about 2 months since we began to prepare for a new office location. The search was difficult. We thought we had a space in SLO, but the security issues demanded by the owner made it impossible. We then found a space in Los Osos at a much more affordable rate, comparable to what we previously had been paying in a slightly smaller space. The New Office is now closed due to the COVID-19 shut down, but starting Monday April 13 the phones will be answered remotely by the Office Volunteers during their normal shifts and the after business hours volunteers as they have always done.

Vice Chair/District 22 Liaison: Joan said she attended last months District zoom meeting, April 5th and gave an update on the following; AA World Convention, Area Committee on 4/19/20, and the Area Assembly meeting on 5/17/20 have all been canceled. The World Service Conference has been postponed. There is a GSR opinion poll still in progress. There was also a comment expressed they needed to fill their vacant Inter-group Liaison position

Secretary's Report: Leonard stated that he had sent out the March meeting minutes for review with the meeting notice and asked if there were any questions or corrections. A motion to approve them was made by Joan with a second from Janice. They were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Janice passed out the group Contributions through the end of March which showed a total of \$7,824.18. Our Profit and Loss statement also showed \$120 from Birthday contributions, \$18 from Can Do cans and \$113 from miscellaneous sources. We have \$9,313.01 in checking and \$15,958.38 in our Prudent Reserve.

Janice also reported that she has set up a Venmo with our bank. You can also use the link to it on our web site (sloaa.org). Donations can also be mailed to our PO Box 12737 in SLO, 93406. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Kimberly, seconded by Jeff and approved unanimously.

Literature, Gil had no report but Lisa said that you can go to aa.org and read the Grapevine in both English and Spanish free of charge.

Communications Chair Report: Jeff said the April Nameless NewsLetter is on our web site along with archived issues. Our updated Meeting Directory is also on the web site. Neither are being printed at this time.

Member at Large, Andrea indicated that she is hearing from the groups a need for an updated 12 step list and that the Office Volunteers are eager to become re-involved.

COR reports;

Jim, Options, MB A new group, started a meeting in the City Park by Harbor Lites, but they are in limbo now as the City has closed the park. They are working on a solution.

Lisa, Fredericks Friday Speaker, SL Started an on line meeting and had 100 people attending. They have been told by the Church where they meet they need liability insurance. They are being quoted \$500/month.

Kimberly, Pioneer Group, SLO, had problems with "passwords", but likes the zoom meetings.

Dick, Mesa Group, AG. They have setup a Venmo account and a PO Box in AG. They are not using a password yet. He asked about how the Office Volunteers phone system will work.

Lori, Liv-in the steps, LO, are having meetings on zoom and working on making online donations.

Paul, MB, said that the GSO is providing guidance, or suggestions for conducting various meeting formats.

Sharon, Early Risers, LO, said they conduct their meeting on a regular format, similar to their old one. The speaker, at a recent meeting was from the east coast.

Office Manager, no report.

Volunteer Coordinator: no report.

Webmaster, Bob said that they have 105 meeting closures listed on the web site and 91 new remote meetings.

Some zoom meetings were getting “bombed”, individuals just interested in interrupting the meeting. Groups have added “pass words” and “waiting rooms” to their meetings which seem to have solved the problem.

He reported that the web site is very active.

The 12 Step Call List is on the web site but it has been four years since it was last updated. They have been contacting the 400 people on the list. About 50% of those they have reached, are no longer available. Bob estimates that in about one week, they will have finished calling them all. He is speculating that they will have about 10-15 names left for each City/Region area.

Charter has finished the installation of our internet connection and we will be able to connect our phones to this new service.

We are “beta” testing, on a trial basis, a phone managing system that our web site host has prepared. It alerts our phone volunteers of their upcoming shift and also alerts us if there is a problem staffing a shift. This system is something we were hoping to use and have included it in our budget for this year.

We will be using the system starting Monday, April the 13th and resuming our 3 hour office shifts by the day volunteers. They will be doing their shifts remotely using their homes.

Old Business: All previously discussed, nothing further.

New Business: There was some discussion about continuing paying the ALANO Club for our COR meeting rental. Paul, District 22 Chairman, said he was also planing to suggest they do the same. Andrea said there are possible grants available for non-profit groups which enable them to be compensated for their loss in revenue due to sheltering in place restrictions.

At this point, Gary, our web site host joined our meeting for a brief greeting and introduction.

After which, at 9:54 we adjourned with the Responsibility Declaration.

Respectfully Leonard Lenger