

Central Office (CO) Representatives (COR) Meeting

September 13, 2020 Zoom Meeting

Board of Directors X = present

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

Staff X = present

Office Manager, Roy W	X Volunteer Coordinator, Chad C
X Newsletter Editor, Judy G	X Dist. 22 Convention Liaison, Bob R
X District 22 Liaison, Joan S.	X Web Master, Bob R

**COR's present:**

Dick B, Mesa Group AG  
Ellen, S Open Door, LO  
Jim L, Options, MB  
Kimberly, Pioneer, SLO  
Lori O, Liv-in The Steps LO  
Paul L, Harbor Lights, MB

This was a Zoom COR meeting hosted by Andrea.

8:49am Bonnie called the meeting to order, followed by the Serenity Prayer and a reading of the 9<sup>th</sup>Tradition.

**Reports from Officers:**

**Bonnie**, Welcomed all to the meeting and announced the following actions taken by the BOD since our last meeting;

They discussed the voted to continue with the BOD and COR meetings on zoom through the end of this year.

Decided to continue with our current "Curb Side" Literature Sales schedule. Mondays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 PM. We will continue to monitor this schedule for needed changes.

The Marathon meeting we hosted at the Convention "Your Central Office" was lots of fun and went well. There were about 25 people who joined in.

**Vice Chair/District 22 Liaison:** Joan said she attended the district 22 August zoom meeting for which she made the following report.

Valerie, DCM reported that due to COVID, they are unable to have the Traditions Workshop at the SLO United Methodist Church this year. Wayne made a motion to set a date to have it as a zoom meeting which was approved.

Hector Guerra with 11 years of sobriety and bank managers experience volunteered for the vacant Treasure position. He was unanimously approved for the position.

Wayne, Registrar noted that Bob R. has been doing an excellent job of keeping The sloaa web site up to date.

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Jeff L, CPC/PI announced the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Unity & Service Conference is having a Virtual work shop Labor Day weekend. Go to [unityandserviceconference.org](http://unityandserviceconference.org) for details.

Joan, Intergroup Liaison reported that the Central Office is continuing its Curb Side book sales each Monday and Saturday, 1-4. Need to call first.

It was reported that the GSO, in New York is in need of donations. Go to [sloaa.org](http://sloaa.org) for contact information.

Jim L, GSR Options Group, Morro Bay said that he observed a face to face meeting at the Pioneer Club and said they have ample room to hold the District Meeting there if it was desired. They voted on this and it was almost unanimous to continue with zoom meetings.

Lastly, they are putting out the word for individuals interested in District service.

**Secretary's Report:** Leonard stated that he had sent out the August meeting minutes for review with the meeting notice. He asked if there were any questions or corrections. There being none.

**A motion to approve them as written was made by Janice and seconded from Paul. They were approved unanimously.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Janice went over the Group contributions. We have received \$15,495.90 so far this year as compared to \$18,533.36 last year, a \$3,037.46 deficit. She said our Birthday contributions remained the same at \$307 for the year as compared to \$512 last year, \$18 from Can Do Cans (\$140 last year) and \$2,823.62 personal contributions (\$ 72.72 last year). We have \$14,164.91 in our checking account, \$100 in Petty Cash and a Prudent Reserve of \$15,958.38

During discussion, Janice noted that while our contributions have been down all year the trend appears to be improving thanks in large part to a \$2,000 contribution from the Melody Group. We still need to get the word out to all our groups of the need for donations.

Chad noted that setting up a zoom account for some is difficult and suggested a "how to" instruction be added to our web site. Something similar to our suggestion for setting up a group checking account. There was general concurrence to do this.

**A motion to accept the reports was made by Leonard with a seconded by Jeff. They were approved unanimously.**

**Literature,** Gil began a conversation about the abundance of AA literature on line today coupled with the interest of many who prefer reading on their personal devices. This combined with the ease of ordering something on line and simply having it delivered at home suggests to him that we need to question our present policy.

Every one seemed to agree that we needed to keep a good supply of the basics like the Big Book, 12 and 12, Daily Reflections etc. but perhaps we could have an order request format that would be filled periodically. This would apply to both World Service Literature and Grapevine Literature.

Some other comments were that not every one has an electronic option and rely on the written literature.

On stocking our supply, it is easier to order more than to sell more.

Using an order sheet would still enable us certain savings with possible bulk rates and shipping costs.

We would need two order request forms as AA World Services and Grapevine are two separate entities.

Gil was planning on ordering some 2021 calender's from Grapevine which several people thought was a good idea.

Gil also noted that World Services derives 80% of its income from Literature sales which is down and we should examine our GSO contributions.

**Communications Chair Report:** Jeff said the September Nameless NewsLetter has been posted on our web which you can read from our home page. It features a review of the just passed District Convention. Another Must Read from our editor.

He continues to make meeting changes for the regular meeting directory and answer questions arising from the directory, Bob is maintaining all the online meeting information on the web site. Jeff has some costs for printing a *Meeting in a Pocket* as requested for when we are ready for that discussion.

Bonnie said she misses having a printed copy of the NNL. She suggested we might want to have some printed to have copies available in our office lobby area. It was pointed out that we could self print a few for that purpose. She said she would do that. Andrea noted that some people are printing their own copy.

**Member-at-Large:** Andrea said she is updating the COR list. She sent out a questionnaire and is getting some feed back.

She participated in the Central Office Panel at the convention and attended meetings there as well.

She co-hosts zoom meetings as admin or back up admin for people who need to rotate out. She attended various Zoom meetings, Early Risers, 5 Cities, Sunday evening Rap Group, Open Door, and is available to attend other meetings. She makes announcements about the web site, the NNL and other CCCOI resources available. She also mentions the Book Sale hours, and Birthday and group contributions.

She mentions CCCOI service in the meeting she leads.

She answers questions from members and professionals.

She informs of AA links where appropriate.

She is helping with the office self-certification, and

She assists with Board and COR Zoom meetings for scheduling and document sharing.

**Office Manager, Roy W, (Roy Boy)** Bonnie noted the office keeps getting a little more organized and Roy has stocked some masks and sanitizer for volunteers. He also installed our cash receipt box in the storage room. We have some signs up in English and Spanish of requirements to enter the office and sanitation procedures for Volunteers. He is looking into the cost and effectiveness of an air sanitizer.

**Volunteer Coordinator, Chad C.** Every thing is working smoothly. He previously talked about having a tutorial on how to set up a Venmo account. He is planning to start adding online links to things like Venmo and other areas that would be helpful for the Volunteers.

Chad and Andrea both use phones to photograph the Venmo logo and paste that into opening their donation? Perhaps this can be explained so others may use this short cut.

**Newsletter Editor, Judy,** had nothing further to add to Communications Chair report.

### **Web Site:**

Bob reported that our Goggle site has now been updated with our new address and current picture. It opens with data, you can go directly to finding a meeting by inputting a time.

We have two new zoom meetings listed in the schedule. He noticed that two of our face to face meetings have changed back to zoom.

The Zoom administrator is now requiring that all meetings have security codes. He has noticed some of our meeting are not requiring them. He will be reminding those it is now a requirement to use the system.

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We are getting about 2,200 hits a day on our web site from 7 different countries. We have 233 remote meeting each week and 100 face to face meetings.

### **District 22 Convention:**

The Convention is over and all went well. There were no Bombers, (no interruptions)

Some statistics;

They had three separate Zoom channels operating during the Convention.

700 people registered

1600 people attended the talks

Sold 200 Tee shirts

Attendees were from 22 different US States.

Attendees from 10 foreign countries.

They had about 400 people make donations and they raised \$6,000.

**Speaker audios are available, go to the District 22 Convention web site.**

### **COR REPORTS**

Ellan S., Open Door, LO., asked about access to the convention speakers. Bob said google District22Convention.org Work your way to useful links and you can listen to any of the meetings. There is no fee.

Jim L., Options MB, Del Mar Park, reported their meeting attendance is up from when they were meeting at the Church. Their members see no need to donate as they have no expenses. They seem to have forgotten that they were helping to fund other aspects of AA.

Kimberly L., Pioneer, SLO said they have a Venmo account which works wonderfully. They have a great 7:30 Sunday Grapevine zoom meeting which needs support. Their Pioneer meetings are also in need of participants.

Lori O., Liv-in The Steps, LO., reported all their meetings are now on Zoom. They make their donations directly to their Treasurer who takes care of their expenses which are sufficient to do this. They are not using Venmo.

Paul L., Sunday Evening Rap, MB. Reported that financially they are OK.

Dick B., Mesa Group AG, reported that they have Zoom, Hybrid and Face to Face meetings and they collect contributions in many ways. The zoom meetings are paying the building rent. Their daily 7:00am zoom meeting has 6-20 people.

Ellan S., Open Door, LO said they are using zoom meetings and they will be having their business meeting following their next regular meeting.

9:48 a motion to adjourn by Leonard/Joan, was approved and we did so with the I am responsibility pledge.

Respectfully Leonard Lenger

Nameless News Letter and other Helpful links

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