

**OA Foot Steps Creative Reprieve
Committee Business Meeting Minutes
July 31, 2021**

A meeting the OA Foot Steps Creative Reprieve Committee Business Meeting was called to order at approximately 12:18am Eastern Time on Saturday, July 31, 2021 via Zoom

In attendance: {10 participants} including Alix Sandra, Ann, Chandra, Jan B., Lori J., Lori Lee, Marty, Sharon, Tonyia, Vicki C. We collectively represent a group of meetings on our OA Creative Reprieve platform. We are associated with the OA Foot Steps Virtual Intergroup.

Meeting began with the Serenity Prayer {we version}

Alix Sandra reviewed meeting ground rules and meeting agenda to:

- elect officers for the Committee (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer);
- receive the treasurer's Report; and
- discuss the following new business items
 - a. to hold the OA Creative Reprieve Committee business meeting on the last Saturday of the month following the 11AM Eastern OA Creative Reprieve meeting.
 - b. to close the "Car Park" (following that same OA Creative Reprieve meeting) on the last Saturday of the month after fifteen minutes so the Committee Business Meeting can begin; and
 - c. to consider revision of OA Foot Steps Creative Reprieve meeting scripts

Attendees discussed the structure of the OA "Committee" Business meeting and its role as distinct from OA Foot Steps Creative meeting representation. Attendees entertained motion to vote on slate of Committee officers at the next business meeting. Tonyia so moved; seconded by Marty and Lori. The motion passed by consensus vote.

Alix Sandra referred to June's financial report and stated she will make the July report available. She discussed the prudent reserve, stating June didn't put us in a position to make contributions to the OA Foot Steps Intergroup, Virtual region and also OA.org, but July is not far off the mark. Alix Sandra said we have paid for our Zoom platform for the year and that she estimates we will have a prudent reserve by September.

The group moved on to discuss the motion to hold the Committee business meeting on the last Saturday of the month following the 11AM Eastern OA Foot Steps Creative Reprieve meeting. Lori Lee and Tonyia seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

The next motion – that on the last day of the month, before the Committee business meeting, the “Car Park” be closed after 15 minutes – with a breakout room left available for extended conversation – was seconded by Tonyia and passed with unanimous consent.

Attendees then took up the matter of whether each autonomous Creative Reprieve meeting should select a representative to attend the OA Foot Steps Virtual Intergroup Meeting. Alix Sandra recommended that each Creative Reprieve meeting select a representative to attend the OA Foot Steps Virtual Intergroup meeting and reminded us that the representative must have 30 days abstinence. Vicki C. moved that the Committee encourage each Creative Reprieve meeting to select a representative, which was seconded by Lori J. and passed with unanimous consent.

The issue of meeting scripts and cross talk were discussed and Alix Sandra reminded attendees that, because each meeting is autonomous, it has its own group conscience process. Therefore, the Committee does not make decisions for individual meetings. Vicki C. moved that the Committee “uphold the sovereignty” of each meeting to change its script and make decisions within the guidelines and traditions, and that the Committee will offer help as needed. Tonyia seconded. The motion passed with unanimous consent. Alix Sandra proposed that group representatives take this information back to each individual group.

Alix Sandra called for New Business for the next meeting.

There is some discussion about how to handle meeting transgressions – either privately with the meeting leader or by going on to the Intergroup level if needed. Discussion continued about how to nominate Committee officers and about making announcements about Committee information on WhatsApp and the new Facebook group. Alix Sandra reminded attendees that the latter groups need representatives.

The meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:56pm Eastern Time

Respectfully submitted by Tonyia