

FEB 26TH NOTES

OA Creative Reprieve business meeting Saturday 26th Feb. 2022 12.15pm (est time)

Read by Marty:

HOUSEKEEPING: Please do not eat or chew gum on camera please do not vape or smoke cigarettes. This meeting will be recorded for the purposes of minute taking only, the recording will then be destroyed.

Serenity Prayer

Marty Leads the Serenity Prayer

Step of the month (Step 2)

Alix reads the second step.

Tradition of the month (Tradition 2)

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Concept of service of the month (Concept 2)

Alix reads the service of the moth.

Establishing Ground Rules

Read by Marty:

1. The purpose of this meeting is to make decisions that affect our Creative Reprieve. I encourage everyone here to participate. Everyone here has a vote today, if they wish to use it. We welcome everyone's viewpoint; we can all learn from one another. "Please remember Tradition Five: 'Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the compulsive overeater who still suffers.' Therefore, anything we decide at this meeting must reflect that purpose. No matter what we believe as individuals, we must be united in our purpose to carry our message as best we can to the compulsive overeater who still suffers. That person is our focus. May we do our best for him, her, them.

2. Please use the "Raise Hand" function to be recognized by the Chair. Please only use the chat for sharing relevant links (if necessary) and to communicate "point of information" etc.

3. Should the meeting become chaotic, any member may make a motion to close the chat or remove the ability for participants to unmute. We will then take a GC before proceeding.

Approval of Minutes from last meeting (plus minutes from January meeting)

Moved to the agenda of the next meeting.

Review of Agenda

Reports (5 minutes plus 5 minutes for questions)

Marty is timing the following areas to keep us on track.

Marty reports that we got our first TikTok video with over 1,000 likes!

Alix reports that the website is still a work in progress and could use some help bringing things up to date.

OACR Treasurer's Report for November & December

Alix states the following:

- \$240 of contributions from this last month, minus the paypal fees
- \$800 sitting in our account
- We need more reserves to update our zoom platform
- We should stay month to month with footsteps while we wait for our reserves to rise
- Having 5 platforms gives us some room to maneuver if we need it in the future/ when hosting events

Sharon is happy that our donations are rising- says we should continue to post 7th tradition at the end as the speaker discusses it.

Alix says the bitly link is not reliable because it does not remain open so it is better to send everyone directly to the 7th tradition page.

(Vote to accept Treasurer's report)

Carly motions to accept the treasurer report

Jean M accepts it.

Updates on previous business (5 minutes plus 5 minutes for questions per item)

Sign up genius

Marty brings up GOOGLE DOC as a new method to sign up to lead meetings

- Ben likes the new system of google docs over the sign up genius
- Sharon agrees with the new system of signing up to lead meetings and points out that we are getting a lot of new members to lead.
- No one opposes the new method of google docs

Whatsapp non real time group -group conscience to private message regarding cross talk (Marty)

Marty brings up The Whatsapp daily chat and crosstalk- a new group conscious was taken to send a private message to anyone that may be cross talking

- Sharon is confused by the calendar for this meeting
- Alix clarifies that you can sign up for certain days but that multiple people can sign up to take on a day of the week- this is a work in progress as more and more people are interested in leading in this non real time meeting.

Review of OACR at convention (Marty)

Marty thinks we did an excellent job at the convention- “We really showed everyone what creative reprieve is all about”, ran into some issues with timing in the second studio but we made it work. Opens it up to suggestions and thoughts:

- Alix suggests we book our slots the moment the schedule opens next year and that we have a better plan now that we know the ropes.
- Alix suggests starting a committee of folks to start planning for the convention (perhaps in November) - Marty agrees.

New Business

We care list (Sharon/Alix)

Alix shows a We Care List from another meeting

- Consists of a link with a google form to fill out to be added to the list
- Consists of an actual list of the people already on the We Care List
- A way for people to connect and specify how they would like to be contacted

Sharon shares how We Care Lists were essential when phone call was the main medium for communication. These lists were not permanent, a new list each week

- Brings up how another option on the form should be “Can we leave a message on your phone?” Some folks may not be comfortable with this

Alix brings up how there are many different ways of getting in touch now and all of these should be options on the form.

Alix suggests we could clear the form once a week or that we choose a time frame in which we will start the list new.

- This could be a good medium for people to find sponsors and do service

Marty likes this idea and pitches how nice it would be to send letters to people- especially in creative mediums.

Marty asks if anyone opposes this idea.

No one is against the idea.

We Care List is approved (“*awesome sauce*”)

Potential new logo for creative reprieve (Alix)

Mike M. is a graphic designer and pitches an idea for a logo.

- Using a pencil and heart shape with different art on the inside
- Pencil is the seed of an idea - hard to incorporate all different art forms in one logo but pencil is a good start.
- Marty thinks the idea is a home run

- Jean also likes the logo
- Sharon is blown away and loves the idea
- Ben likes the pencil as well
- Carly also loves the logo and how adaptable it is
- Alix also likes the idea and pitches multiple colored pencil and incorporating all the different arts into the middle of the heart

Marty clarifies- if we want to use specific art then we have to get permission. Alix clarifies- we do need permission in that case.

“Back to the drawing board” - Alix

“Back to the future”- Marty

Marty asks if anyone objects.

No one objects.

Script Pronouns

Marty brings up how our language could be more inclusive and include all pronouns. Thinks that every script should include all of the pronouns to include everyone.

Alix agrees and says we need to vote on this by group consciousness for each meeting. Make this part of the announcements this week so that we can change this for each meeting. Reiterates that we cannot change the steps, or traditions, preamble- etc- this is part of the OA conscious- bigger than just us. We can however change our specific meeting guidelines, language etc.

Marty clarifies the language that we should add.

Monica clarifies that “He, She, They” should be sufficient.

Carly likes the movement towards more inclusivity.

Alix brings up how anyone can make a motion to change anything on the WSOA level.

Blog

Alix says that a blog would be another way to get out there and get into search engines. We would need submissions. Alix would like to start this as part of our website.

Sharon is asking for more clarification on what a blog is and how anonymity would be protected. Alix clarifies- no full names or faces- same rules as TikTok.

Marty is asking how this will play into our meetings and format.

Alix explains it will be part of our website- would be a submissions process- people would submit their work. We will need administrators within a committee to accept the work that makes it onto the blog.

Carly pitches the idea of a ZINE instead of a blog.- Alix states this is basically just a glorified blog.

People should get in touch with Alix if they want to be part of the Zine TEAM. - this will be added to the announcements.

Discussion on permission form for social media (Marty)

Alix- When people submit their work to us they will fill out a permission form for sharing consent on social media.

New meetings established (Marty)

Coffee House (Alix)

1 year and up anniversary parties (Marty)

OACR conference Virtual or in person (All of us)

Any other business

Motion to close the meeting

Serenity Prayer (We version)