**October 25, 2020**

**Central Oregon Intergroup**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Open-** Start time 6:00pm – Opened with Serenity Prayer

**Attendance-** Pat F., Helen W., Stephanie S., Dan P., Frank W., Alice H., Lanelle D., Lauren S., Louise, Maura W., Susie R., Diane W., Josh, Milton, Charyce M., Michael H., Tabitha D., Skipper S., Joan C., Becky G., Jena C.

**Verified Quorum of 6-** yes

**Tradition 10 presentation-** Diane

**Concept 10 presentation-** Joan

\*Volunteers for November- Becky G. Tradition 11, Louise Concept 11

**Recording Secretary-** Stephanie- Motion to accept last months minutes Louise, seconded by Diane- Minutes Approved. Thanked Igrs and Chairs for emailing reports.

**Treasurer-** Dan- I have attached a Balance Sheet showing current financial position as of 8/31/20 as compared to 8/31/19.I have also attached comparative Profit & Loss statements for August 2020 vs 2019 and January – August 2020 vs 2019.I never received any information for the month of September in order to reconcile that month and print out September reports. Renee sent the report to Dan, but Dan never received as he had some email issues. I will be going to Redmond on Wednesday to get the September information.The COIG Operating account had just over $7,000 at the end of August, plus the $2,000 prudent reserve that has been in place for many years.This compares to $2,876 (plus the $2,000 prudent reserve) at 8/31/19.Donations from groups and individuals are down slightly from the previous year.The main difference is not paying for purchases of additional books and coins.The new office manager will have to check to see where our inventory of these items stands – whether we need to be ordering more soon.Overall, the COIG is in a strong position financially, especially given the COVID challenges we all face.The next big step is transitioning in the new office manager.

**Chair-** Pat- Renee, office manager, resigned her last day will be 10/30/20 New office manager Joan Crosby voted in by Advisory Board. Advisory Board advertised job opening via indeed and coig website. Advisory Board committee went through 12 resumes, narrowed down to 4 candidates, Pat phone interviewed the 4, Joan is the best suited/qualified for the position. Hired Joan to start 10/30/20.

* Discussion-
1. Will there be additional office Hours?- Pat yes, looking into more hours, possibly an evening shift.
2. Will there be availability for volunteers? – Pat- board will need to discuss as we have not done volunteers in past but will consider it.
3. Manager Hourly wage? Pat- Renee, current office manager, hourly wage $16.00 IGR’s did vote on the wage increase the past two times. Pat states IGR’s can vote, Alice states it is the responsibility of the Advisory Board to hire staff and decide what hourly wages- not IGR’s – per bylaws. Job posting listed $15-17 per hour based on experience. Motion: to pay Joan Crosby Office Manager $17.00 per hour- motion made by Susie Seconded by Diane- Passed.

**Vice Chair-** Helen- Assembly Host Committee Chair: Christine B. Open positions on Host Committee: Alt. Chair Self-Support Chair Recap Chair Archivist They have a Logo Asking groups to consider donation a gift basket for a raffle drawing in December NEW BUSINESS: Bill H. from Safe Harbor asked if we could explore the GSO position that online meetings cannot be considered a recognized group because they have no physical address. He pointed out that, with the pandemic, online meetings now represent many alcoholics worldwide. With the GSO position, their voices are not heard. We will be looking unto this with the possibility of bringing a motion to the Area that these meeting be recognized, and silenced voices can be heard. Committee Reports: (time allowing) Access: - Open Archives- Open Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) - Carrie B. Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) – Open Corrections - Matt F. Grapevine- Open Public Information (PI) -Ryan Website- Ben R. Bonnie, our DCM, gave an informative presentation on the duties within each of open committee positions and asked GSRs to encourage group members to consider standing for them. Helen W., Intergroup Vice-Chair announced to open position of Intergroup Office Manager. She referred the member to the COIG website for more information.

**Office Manager-** Renee not present report- Book/Lit- $1,033.45 Coins/Misc- $354.92 Total-$1,388.37 Contribution- $1,472.47. Saturday employee and been trained, office will be providing him with a face shield as he is unable to wear a mask due to health issues.

**Newsletter Chair-** Molly- The next (Winter 2020) issue of the newsletter will be published on December 1st I will not be able to attend IG this Sunday 10/25. Thank you for your service

**Potluck Chair-** Alan not present sent report- Hi everyone on the Intergroup zoom meeting and those who are reading this report. I'm on a work trip in California with limited to no internet coverage so unfortunately I will not be able to attend this month's IGR meeting. The Covid-19 has certainly thrown a wet blanket on our monthly gatherings. Please accept this report that I'm still in the game and on standby for reactivating our Potluck Committee. This time of year is where we really step up our fellowship, with one another as members and most importantly an opportunity for reaching out to newcomers in what is traditionally a tough time of year. As our Tradition 4 clearly states and describes in detail in our literature, Each group is Autonomous but not in matters that can affect AA as whole. I have been to some home potlucks with a meeting afterwards and it was a nice experience. When it comes to the Intergroup, however, we have to consider our responsibility in our relationship with the general public. I'm not trying to fulfill a personal or political viewpoint, rather considering the reasonable and responsible approach in this unexpected and uncertain time. I'm not prepared to move forward in supporting large social gatherings or some zoom-type rendition of such. This is a time to be extra cautious as we prepare to spend holiday time with our friends and family. But from what I see in live in-person meetings, many members are not following suggested social distancing techniques.(i.e. mask wearing, food sharing, and social distancing). I'm actually surprised by the behavior and attitude of many longtime members who seem to disregard the pandemic altogether by hugging, hand holding, and close personal contact with minimal masks wearing. We have our personal thoughts and opinions, but we are also, and more importantly, "part of a whole" in the AA program. Those individuals or groups holding meetings establish a group conscious regarding guidelines and procedures. They hold meetings or gatherings outside of the Intergroup Potluck and Entertainment committees . I strongly believe that we cannot risk the bad publicity of large gatherings especially when we need to help others more than any other time. I don't know the answers on what to do or not do, but I'm following what seems the most logical and reasonable approach. A more appropriate approach is possibly through directly reaching out to newcomers individually or as a group to those who seek sobriety and the AA message of recovery. I'm grateful for recovery and the AA program as it works in my life and the wisdom of AA experience heard from you and others. As far as the alcothons, If the Intergroup decides to move forward with an alternative idea, I'm interested and open to how I could be a part of service. If the Intergroup wants to replace me as potluck chairperson, I'll cry all over the ground.

**Schedule Chair-** Maura- Thank you to all the IGR' who have checked their groups & meetings schedules on the website under meetings and online meetings tabs to ensure accuracy.As your trusted servant "Elected Schedule Chair" the bylaws outline my responsibilities to:

- keep track of active meetings, their time and location

- publish this information at least quarterly

- provide an opportunity for members of the fellowship to serve according to the third legacy.

As mentioned in my monthly reports since taking over this position, it is vital for the groups and meetings to provide me with accurate new or updated information for all scheduled meetings, both physical and online.

I then:

- compile & keep track of this information

- provide a copy quarterly to the printing company

- provide our Webmaster new and updated information to publish on our website.

I also would like to volunteer for having this position rotate out this December 2020 to assist COIGAA with staggering rotation.  I'm fine either way though.

**Website Chair-** Barry not present, no report.

**Entertainment Chair-** Open

**Hotline Chair-** Dan not present report- We currently have openings on Friday 5pm to 9pm and Sunday from 9am to 2pm. We are hitting the 1 year mark for some of the volunteers and I anticipate that we will have more openings as the year ends

We have expanded the hotline coverage to include Monday thru Friday, 9am to 1pm

We could use more people to perform 12 step work from all areas. If the IGRs could take this request back to their groups, we may be able to get more folks for this valuable service work.

**Alanon Liaison-** Milton present would like to ask if Intergroup would be willing to start putting on AA/Alanon events again, via zoom.

**IGR Reports:**

**Tumalo-** Greetings from Tumalo Monday book study and Friday speaker/discussion meetings.

Our Monday meeting is in person in the Tumalo church fellowship hall at 6pm. Attendance has been 16-20 people. The majority are homegroup members. Also attending, 4 people in their first year, and a couple people new to the area.

Friday night continues to be a Zoom meeting with an average of 20 in attendance,  certainly down from our average of 100 before the need to be virus safe occured. We have really enjoyed inviting our friends from other areas and previous homegroups share their stories!

We have agreed to do a basket for Assembly.

**New Horizons:** My name is Jena and I am an Alcoholic.  My Home Group is New Horizons.  I currently serve as Intergroup representative.

I would like to report that we now meet **7 days a week at 12:00** noon. Attendance has been great. We get anywhere between 35 - 90 people depending on the format of the day. We invite you all to come check out some of our new meetings!  We love local visitors from other groups! Come listen to our very own IG Chair Pat, who will be sharing his story with us on Sat the 14th. We would love to have you!

On the last Saturday of the month *(this Saturday)* we offer a **Beginners Orientation** over Zoom at **10:30am**. Please take this info back to your groups in case you have any new people who could benefit from this. The format includes:

* a brief Introduction to the A.A Fellowship
* a speaker sharing on their beginning into the program
* and 20 minutes of anonymous Q&A. *(There are no dumb questions)*

Again, please announce this at your Home Group, report at your Business Meeting, put this information into your newcomer packets, or let your sponsorship reps know to offer first time members this informative orientation.

I have attached the links to the flyers to share with your home groups.

Also, our website is for the most part up to date. Visit us at NewHorizonsAA.com

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Jena C (IGR New Horizons)

**Sisters in Sobriety-** Susie meeting is Saturday at 5pm via zoom.

\*Please Open Chat for IGR’s to share information/Flyers\*

**Primary Purpose:** Lanelle reports- Group is looking into renting an office space and inquiring if other groups interested in going in on the space- rent $425 per month. Please contact Lanelle via email if interested.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

1. Discuss Thanksgiving and Christmas Alcathons- Michael H. (WFS)
* Louise and Michael to form an IGR committee to get details on times, format, activities they will present via email to Intergroup. – this will be a zoom event. Pat will set up the Zoom meeting room.
1. November Meeting we will be voting in Chair, Recording Secretary, Two Advisory Board Members- please take back to your groups- position description on coig website.

November Meeting will be on 11/22/20

December Meeting will be on 12/20/20

Motion to Adjourn Susie, seconded by Alice

Adjourned at 6:32pm

Closed with Responsibility Statement

Minutes Submitted by Stephanie S. Recording Secretary