

## **Region One Board Zoom Conference Minutes Wednesday, March 25, 2020 – 4:30pm Pacific Time**

**Attending:** Cindy C, Pat O., Avi R., Laurie B., Margie G., Nadine D.

The Board meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer followed by a reading of the purpose of Region 1 and the Region 1 mission statement, and a reading from the AA 12X12.

### **ZOOM project update:**

Pat and Cindy had 25 people at Sunday's Zoom training session. Followed by 8 people (from 5 different Intergroups), signing up for Zoom licenses .

Discussion by the Board regarding the cost of Zoom was followed by Margie making a motion that Region 1 pay up to \$800 over 2 months for Zoom licenses. Laurie seconded the motion.

Pat is willing to do service by hosting noon Zoom meetings Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday. These meetings will be open throughout the region.

Discussion was held on how to best send out the information regarding the noon meetings and any up to date changes in meetings. World Service cannot keep up with the current demand for changes. Pat will discuss with Margie about the best way to handle the disbursement of this information.

### **Stamps.com**

Margie mentioned the ease of using this service since the post office suggested to try a different mailing service for Canadian shipping. Margie has been using Stamps.com for other region mailings and suggested that using this service would be a good way for her to be able to eliminate social interaction by standing in line at the post

office. There is a small service charge, possibly, \$5.00 per month. The Board agreed it was a wise idea.

Pat mentioned that it might be a good idea to do an Amazon “print on demand” order for our journals for those in Canada. She is willing to do the research on this.

### **Region 1 Speaker List**

Nadine has combined and updated our current speaker list with Greater Seattle’s speaker list. Also, many speakers have volunteered to include topics that they are passionate about speaking on. The list is in alphabetical order by first name and available by request to [mal@oaregion1.org](mailto:mal@oaregion1.org).

### **Board Travel Calendar**

**Big Sky** - Their March 21 retreat date was postponed

**Lake Country** for May 16. Cindy will call and give them the option of postponing, or having a Zoom meeting, or both.

**Southeast Alaska** – Margie will check in with Cassie and make a decision about their retreat.

**Strategic Planning** dates in Bellingham June 26-28, 2020. The Board will keep this on the calendar for now and is going to wait and see.

### **Avi – Financials**

So far we’ve had a little over \$5200 in donations for the year.

Pat mentioned that there has been a drop in 7<sup>th</sup> tradition funds as many small groups don’t have the capability

Avi mentioned Pay Pal accounts might be an easy way for groups to receive their 7<sup>th</sup> tradition funds. He is going to work with Pat and Margie on some suggestions to give to our groups on ways to be able to receive donations from their members.

Prudent Reserve

\$39,262 in bank account at the end of 2019

-\$21, 275 Prudent reserve for 2020

\$11,200 Targeted expenses for 2020

Discussion was held regarding the disbursement of amounts in our excess funds. The Board felt that it was prudent to keep the excess funds should we need them to serve our fellows, adding that we can adjust as needed in the future.

Board is accepting the recommendation for the use of the excess funds by the BFDS project team.

The amount of \$1,188 has already been dispersed from BFDS as grants to Intergroups for public outreach.

### **WSO - Pat**

As of this moment, the World Service Business office is closed through April 10, 2020. It is possible, that this year, the only business they will be doing at the conference is to elect Trustees by virtual means only.

Pat will update as information becomes available.

The Plan B for WSO. The minute they cancel, there will be a notice sent out that you must register within 24 hours to be a delegate as part of the voting process for Trustees only.

Cindy mentioned that Region 1 may want to look into virtual attendance at Assembly as our Plan B. The emergency nature of these restrictions allows this flexibility.

### **Convention 2020 - Laurie**

Sandy B stepped up to be quilt coordinator

GSI – Workshop, break-out sessions

Marjorie T. – working on speakers and working with GSI

Beverly – Brochure for Convention is ready to go to print. As the Canadian exchange rate appears to be changing quite frequently, it was decided by the Board to hold off on the brochure until after next month's board meeting. This will give us time to see what the situation in the world is by then.

Still Needed: Intergroups to volunteer to take care of Hospitality and Boutique/Ways & Means for Convention.

We also decided to wait on any more discussion about Convention until next month.

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 15, 2020, 4:30pm PST**

Respectfully submitted,

Nadine D.

Region 1 Member at Large and acting Secretary for this meeting

