

Vancouver Island Intergroup (VIIG) Meeting
March 11, 2023
11 a.m. in-person Nanaimo

Meeting started 11:12 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

Members present

Chair - Lorraine, Vice-Chair - Loretta, Literature Chair - Elise, Secretary - Kim, Group Co-ordinator - Rene, Michelle - Nanaimo, Rose - Nanaimo, Alex - Nanaimo, Jan - Parksville.

- Loretta read the 12 Traditions
- Lorraine read Concept 10

Review of Minutes from Jan. 14, 2023

Lorraine moved minutes be approved. Loretta seconded. Approved.

Review of Agenda

Agenda amended to:

- Add discussion of Region 1 gifts to Old Business as item b)
- Add sending Region 1 Representatives to Assembly under Old Business as item c)

Treasurer's Report - prepared by Lauren

Balance Forward: 7,675.88

Total Deposits: 162.55

Total Expenses: 129.24

Closing Balance: 7,709.19

Prudent Reserve: 2,000

Working Balance: 5,709.19

Literature Budget Report - prepared by Lauren

Bank balance : 3,179.47

Deposits: 158.53

Expenses: 0.00

Cash on hand: 41.80

There was a discussion about Intergroup and group finances. Michelle asked whether Intergroup needed more donations from groups.

Loretta said that early in the Covid pandemic meetings moved to an online format (Zoom) and expenses, such as rent, had gone down. With groups returning to in-person meetings, costs are likely to increase.

Michelle and Elise mentioned that their groups had savings from 7th Tradition donations that they were considering spending on public information campaigns through radio advertising to carry the message. Michelle asked if VIIG would support groups who take on such campaigns. Loretta said that intergroup would be open to contributing towards any public information.

Elise revisited the idea of having each group on Vancouver Island have a Public Information (P.I.) person. Then, all the P.I. people across the Island could perhaps co-ordinate efforts. Loretta added that having a P.I. person/ chair on Intergroup would help such efforts.

Loretta moved to approve the two budget reports. Elise seconded and thanked Lauren for her service in preparing the literature budget report. Approved.

Old business

a) Lorraine reminded everyone that elections for vacant Intergroup positions would be held at the Intergroup meeting on June 10.

GROUPS: PLEASE ANNOUNCE the following positions need to be filled: Newsletter Editor, Region 1 Rep (1 position), Public Information, World Service Business Conference Delegate, Event Co-ordinator.

b) Elise offered the following clarification for gifts of books from Intergroup to go alongside the gift of a book from Region 1:

- To be disbursed at the March 11 workshop, 1 new book for each group on Vancouver Island (there are 16 groups).
- Some information went out to people at the workshop, in regards to Literature, Thank you all. I welcome more comments and suggestions, to viigliterature@gmail.com
- Especially regarding Workbooks and Study Guides, as I need to know who will use these if they are brought in. (I know they get used because I went to a great 1 hour workshop at the Virtual Region convention. It was on a Worksheet on Old Beliefs taken from the Study Guide. I wanted to go to another workshop and I believe HP directed me to this so I could witness how this piece of Literature could be used. It was on Zoom with breakout rooms, writing, then breaking into small groups and sharing).

- Included below are links for U.S.A. pricing on the order form, and detailed description about the contents of literature.

<https://media.oa.org/app/uploads/2023/02/02153721/oa-literature-order-form-february-2023.pdf>

<https://media.oa.org/app/uploads/2023/02/02160128/oa-literature-catalog-february-2023.pdf>

Loretta moved the distribution of gifts be approved. Rene seconded. Approved.

c) Lorraine said Intergroup would like to send another person to the Region 1 Assembly in fall 2023. There was discussion about how to get the message out to members. Kim offered to draft an email that could be sent to Vancouver Island group members from Lorraine as Intergroup Chair. (Assembly is Oct. 11-12 and Convention is Oct. 13-15 at the Doubletree in Seattle, Washington).

New Business

a) New format for the Vancouver Island meeting list which was circulated. Rene reported the following:

Huge kudos to Lauren who proposed a new meeting list format and completed the first draft. This new meeting list is a word doc and cell phone friendly. Please note that two previously online meetings (online meetings are defined as only online at this time due to COVID-19) are now virtual meetings (no plans to be hybrid or face to face in the future). I chatted with each meeting contact and they agreed they are now virtual meetings and, therefore, not linked to the city (this is the case for both Nanaimo and Campbell River Monday meetings). As a result, I moved these meetings under the virtual heading. The proposed meeting list is up to date and ready for posting. If approved, OA.org will be updated to reflect that previously online meetings during covid-19 are now virtual.

Loretta asked that details (address) of any meetings held in a member's home not be included in meeting list. Rene said she would make sure that didn't happen.

Rene moved the new list be approved. Loretta seconded. Approved. The new list will be posted on the Intergroup website.

Announcements

When Intergroup renews the Zoom licences please consider there have been expressions of gratitude regarding the fact that we have them. Rose noted that members greatly appreciate that Intergroup has done this and members hope Intergroup will continue with the licences.

Committee Reports:

(Please email written reports to vancouverislandintergroup@gmail.com before the next meeting). Committee reports were dealt with in new and old business.

Group Reports (for groups who had rep/member present at VIIG meeting)

Since the meeting was running late we decided to ask groups to email group reports.

Victoria Monday night - Maureen reported the group continues to be a hybrid meeting. They have had 2 more newcomers who are coming regularly.

Miscellaneous

Please send e-transfer donations to VIIGTreasurer@gmail.com or send a cheque to: VancouverIsland Intergroup, P.O. Box 5332 Stn B, Victoria BC V8R 6S4. Please state whether the 7th tradition donation is a personal donation or a group donation. Please remember to state your group name and city location.

Serenity Prayer/ Closing at noon.

Attention: Next Meeting to take place May 13, 2023, on Zoom starting at noon.

Zoom ID 89789856841 Password: 854829