

Minutes from FAA NY/NJ Intergroup Meeting

7/31/2022 6 PM

Present: Ann W., Chuck S., Dorene L., Ellen L., Linda S., Nancy, Phyllis E., Robin M., Tmima K.

Ann opened the meeting with a moment of silence for still-suffering food addicts. The we version of the Serenity Prayer followed.

Finances

There is currently \$1,344.63 in the PNC bank account. Ann reported that the payment to Steve was taken out of that account.

She also reported that there is currently a balance of \$1069.12 in the PayPal account, which mostly consists of ticket proceeds from the Waves of Serenity virtual retreat. There was a total of \$2413.75 in both accounts. The \$1069.12 will be transferred to the PNC account.

Ann shared a breakdown of income and expenses from the retreat:

\$1,375 was brought in from on-line and mail-in registration. This included ticket sales and \$175 in additional donations. Expenses were \$447.37 bringing us to a net amount of \$927.63 profit from the Waves of Serenity event.

It was noted that although there were less registrants last year, there was a higher amount of additional donations. This could be due to the current economic climate.

Discussion took place on how to distribute the funds that were raised. Last year, 40% was given to the World Service Office, 30% to the Convention Committee and 30% to our NY/NJ Intergroup.

Our group will have expenses of \$843.53 in the next few year, and Ann wanted us to keep that in mind when deciding on the breakdown.

Members asked what the funds are used for after we contribute – the WSO uses it for payroll, literature, rent, etc. Linda, an FAA board member, reported that Donna, our paid office administrator, just moved to a larger office and received an increase so there was a slight rent increase - \$25. However, Linda and Tmima said that FAA is doing well financially after Nancy asked.

The convention committee uses the funds we donate to fund the raffle, to contribute to hotel and catering expenses and to fund whatever other expenses come up.

Ann mentioned that we might want to contribute to equipment needed for hybrid meetings in the NY/NJ area.

After talking about possibly changing the percentages of the distribution, a vote was taken.

It was decided that we would keep the 40%/30%/30% distribution – the same breakdown as last year.

WSO will receive \$371.05 and the Convention Committee and our NY/NJ Intergroup will both receive \$278.29.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Sunday, August 28th at 6 PM.**

Discussion of Waves of Serenity Virtual Retreat

Everyone was thanked for their hard work and dedication to planning the event.

Ann sent a sheet of lessons learned, and all agreed that it went well but we can always do better!

Discussion took place regarding expenses for Steve, our excellent technical consultant. An additional \$50 was paid to him when slides were added to video presentations that had already been taped. Those on the program committee did not realize that Tmima or Ann, with their technical backgrounds, would be able to do that. It was just a slight communication breakdown but it's something to be aware of in the future.

It was pointed out that Tmima put all the videos on google drive...and we've learned that we can save resources that can be re-used for various events. The more we do and experience, the more we learn.

Having a hybrid retreat was suggested but a face-to-face retreat next year is the goal. Planning will have to begin soon.

We closed the meeting with the "we" version of the Serenity Prayer.

In Service,

Robin M.

Please review and let me know if you have any corrections or omissions to add within 5 days of receiving the minutes. The final copy will be sent to Laura for archiving.