

**Pinellas Traditions Intergroup**  
**Saturday, February 15, 2020**  
**12 Noon**

**AGENDA**

- 1) Serenity Prayer
- 2) Read Step, Tradition and Concept of the month
- 3) Introductions, name and meeting you represent, or position
- 4) Approval of last month's minutes- Approved
  - a) A few changes have been on December's 2019 PTI minutes. The December 2019 minutes will be emailed again.
- 5) Treasurer's Report- Approved
  - a) There will future PTI record keeping changes with archives, reports, and PTI minutes- TBD & announced later time.
  - b) There was a discussion about individual groups who directly sent 7<sup>th</sup> tradition funds to WSO. This would mean including a separate Treasurer report which will document all local OA groups who made direct contributions to WSO outside of PTI WSO contributions.
  - c) There will be no Treasury audit right now- TBD later.
- 6) 7th Tradition
- 7) Break into committees (10 minutes)
  - a) A group conscious was voted & passed to have longer committee meetings because more time was needed to plan. (15 minutes).
- 8) Committee Reports including Retreat committee
  - a) Retention/Prevention
    - i) Fireside Chat Workshop which will be March 11, 5320 Riddle Rd., Holiday, FL @ 7pm-9pm (You are welcome to bring your dinner.)
    - ii) A May workshop is being planned- TBD.
  - b) Outreach
    - i) Please come to PTI and take the Healthcare information packets to distribute at local health professionals. See Outreach committee if you would like to obtain and distribute materials for your healthcare professionals.
    - ii) Healthcare Outreach Events are: Saturday Health Fair, 2/23/20 @ St. John Vianney Catholic Church, St. Pete Beach, 8am-1pm; Sunday Health Event on Sat., 2/29/20, at St. Raphael's Catholic Church, 8am-1pm, St. Pete; Awakening Event in Downtown St. Petersburg on Sat., 3/7/20. Healthy Life Expo Event @ USFSP on Sat., 4/18/20.
    - iii) Contact the Outreach committee if you would like to post a typed up "OA blurb" in the newsletter where your local OA meeting is held. This way, the church or the public building where the OA meeting is held can advertise in their monthly calendars to potential newcomers. The Outreach Committee has small typed up "blurb" you can use for all local meetings.
    - iv) Please register for the Franciscan Center Retreat on July 24-26, 2020 (ASAP)
    - v) Planning for the Franciscan Center Retreat will be held at St. Giles Episcopal Church, Pinellas Park, Saturday, 2/22/20 and 3/28/20 @ 10am.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) Bylaws Chair position open
- 2) Parliamentarian position open
- 3) A Treasurer is still needed; we have a temporary Treasurer right now.
- 4) Meetings in need of attendance- Please share which meetings are in need of attendance and get the word out!
- 5) World Service State Convention 2020 Orlando- Service would be greatly appreciated. Please contact our Chair for information.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Shirley and Linda made an executive decision to attend the Business assembly virtually. They researched the cost for them to attend, and the minimum flight price was \$1700.00 for both members. The PTI budget for the year is \$2200 for two Region Reps.
2. A member asked a question about reading the steps from the Big Book the way it is written. It is important to follow the traditions and read the AA Big Book 12 steps and traditions verbatim, not substituting the word "food" instead of "alcohol", or substituting "other higher power names" instead of "god". By reading the AA Big Book as written at OA meetings, it follows traditions and keeps OA united in its purpose by using universal language.

## **CLOSING**

Responsibility pledge followed by the Serenity Prayer

### **Things to Bring Back to Your Group:**

1. Unity Day Picnic sponsored by Suncoast Group 10:30am Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> at Ballast Point Park, Tampa
2. Region 8 Recovery Convention and Business Assembly March 20-22, 2020
3. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Retreat, Franciscan Center, July 24-26, 2020; flyers will be available at [oapinellas.org](http://oapinellas.org); applications are posted online and are available to print out.
4. Registration for the World Service Convention in Orlando, Aug. 20-22, 2020 is soon! Go to [oa.org](http://oa.org) for more information.
5. New downloadable literature: *OA Handbook for Members, Group and Service Bodies; Recovery Opportunities*
6. Body Image book coming soon to OA literature! The book has stories written by members.
7. Please remember to read the Big and Steps the way it is written at local meetings to not blur the message of recovery and maintain the traditions.