

**CNMI Virtual Meeting
11-8-25**

ATTENDANCE: Leslie S-K, Chair; Carol S, Vice Chair; Mary S, Treasurer, acting ECC; Kathy, Secretary; Vivian, R3 Rep; Erin, Young Adults chair; Deborah B, WSBC Delegate; Trish, Newsletter chair;

Sarah, IR Sun 8:30; Annamaria, IR Tues 12 noon; Regina H, IR Friday 11 am; Afton IR Wed 6 pm; Laura, IR Monday 7 pm; Juliet B, IR Rio Rancho 5:45.

Judy R, guest, R3 Vice Chair

1. **Call to order:** 9:00, Leslie
2. **Opening**-Leslie
 - a. Serenity prayer-all
 - b. For Today, November 8-Carol
 - c. Step 11- Sarah
3. **Introductions**
4. **Agenda review**-Leslie moved to accept the agenda as amended. Seconded and passed
5. **Website**- See attached. Mary sent Deb M updates on the email distribution list. Going forward, Mary will have direct access to make email list updates.
6. **Secretary Report**- Kathy moves to accept the October minutes as amended, seconded, passed.
7. **Treasurer's Report** -Mary S. See attached. Mary pointed out a correction to this month's Income worksheet. Leslie has offered to take over bank and post office runs, so an incoming treasurer will not have to do those. Mary again encourages people to consider running for this office. You don't have to be perfect 😊. Essential functions of treasurer: Maintaining day to day records, balance to the bank records, collecting receipts and paying bills, bare minimum reporting is the Excel spreadsheets. Also filing a report with the Secretary of State, and filing tax document with IRS. Leslie and Mary are happy to help a new treasurer. Leslie again asked all to consider inviting someone to serve as treasurer.

Mary reported a hack on her computer, but no CNMI information was compromised. Financial report about October workshop is incomplete, will report next month.

Budget committee-will meet in December and present a budget in January. Someone is helping Mary to assess anticipated expenses for 2026.

Carol moves to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded and passed.

8. **Proposal to host fall, 2026 Region 3 Convention/Assembly:** Carol, Judy
Carol attended the R3 assembly and told group that CNMI would consider hosting the fall, 2026 convention/assembly. Carol had submitted a formal written proposal which was shared during the discussion. Carol described what the event looks like and stated that it is an outreach event, and hosting would be a boost for our intergroup and opportunities for service. Several people have already agreed to serve on a convention planning committee. OK City netted over \$3700. Income is divided between R3 and intergroup. Judy assured us that if the event loses money, Region 3 covers the loss. There are convention planning guidelines on the R3 website. There could be a contract with Hilton Garden Inn hotels to use them, would give us a better room rate, but this may not be in place by the time we needed to choose a hotel.
Leslie pointed out that we if we hosted the event, we would need volunteers and a planning committee for both this event and the silent retreat. Vanessa had said that there three key people needed to accomplish the retreat. Carol pointed out that these people would not be asked to be on the Convention committee. Annamaria is interested in being on a convention planning committee but is concerned about planning two events so close together. Carol replied that she is considering the first weekend in September, 2026, a date which would be well before the retreat. Or possibly August or the end of October, early November. Group discussed pros and cons of hosting convention so close to the time of the silent retreat. Mary asked if R3 supports online registration. Not yet, but Judy said Region can offer some help. Our website contractor would not take care of registration under the current contract. Leslie asked about registration fee for OKC-Judy thinks \$135, plus hotel if people stay there. Leslie pointed out that expense for these two events might be prohibitive for attendees. Carol replied that these are different types of events which would likely draw different attendees. We do offer financial assistance/scholarship for attendees for both events, but that would not cover hotel fees. Mary mentioned that there are often minimum hotel fees and food and beverage minimums. Carol replied that similar events, held at hotels with similar requirements, have been profitable. Leslie reminded that our decision today is whether we believe it is feasible to host both R3 convention/assembly and a silent retreat in fall, 2026. Annamaria mentioned that spring might be a better option. Spring 2027 might be spoken for, but could consider hosting further in the future. Kathy moved that we host the fall, 2026 Region 3 convention and assembly. Motion seconded. 5 in favor, 7 opposed. Motion fails.
9. **Making the Silent Retreat a separate committee:** Leslie. Kathy moves that we establish the Silent Retreat committee a separate committee. Seconded. Erin asked what the purpose would be. Leslie pointed out that it is to remove the Retreat from Special Events committee, so that the Retreat chair gets a vote. Motion to make Silent Retreat a separate committee passed. Leslie asked if we could appoint a committee chair. Kathy said she thinks we should follow the same process as with any other committee chair. Election for retreat chair is tabled to next month.

10. **Silent Retreat:** No report

11. **Bylaws draft:** Kathy . Kathy moves that the updated bylaws draft be accepted.
Seconded and passed. Kathy explained the process from here-ratification

12. **WSBC Delegate**-Deb B. No new info. Hotel reservations can be made starting in January. Sarah pointed out that we will need to review the agenda questionnaire. Mary thinks we have done our review in February in the past. Deborah will find out when the deadline is to send in our votes.

13. **Region Rep-** Carol (acting). See attached report. Carol reviewed results of the R3 elections. Focus of world convention was “The Power of We” and region suggests that intergroups plan some sort of activity to inspire the power of the fellowship. We can watch the video presented at R3. Could be an event or bookmarks, posters with Power of We theme. There is a national event called “Obesity week” and it is suggested that we be represented at this event when it comes to our community.

14. **IG Rep Reports**

Durango-Mary heard that a single person has been carrying the meeting, but it has not officially closed

Silver City-Mary S shared they have not been meeting since no attendees, but now may reinstate since some newcomers came

15. **Minors Attending OA Meetings**-Carol. See attached proposal. Carol reminded about the background on this: that OA BOT did not endorse children under 18 attending OA meetings. CNMI members met to craft a response that would reflect the attitude of our intergroup. The proposed CNMI statement would go on the CNMI website and would be a guiding document for groups who may have minors in attendance. Trish asked if this needs to be vetted by another group. Carol said BOT recommends that intergroups decide for themselves. Carol moves that we adopt the Minors in OA liability statement and that it be posted on the CNMI website. Seconded and passed

16. **Committee Reports**

Young Adults-Erin. Erin will propose a budget to send info to colleges about what OA is. Suggests that groups put a notation on their meeting listings if they are youth friendly. Annamaria asked for clarification about where these listings of “youth friendly” or “would prefer no minors” be posted. Either seems to be OK.

Archives-Vacant

ECC-. See previous notes under Website.

Newsletter- Trish. See attached proposal to streamline the website process to a digest format with 4 topics, with links to appropriate content. Trish moves that the newsletter be changed to digest format. Seconded. Leslie said she thinks the newsletter chair should decide. Kathy asked for clarification about what the new format would look like. Motion passes. Trish will work with Deb to set up the new format. Kathy suggested that we solicit feedback from members about how they like the new format, so Trish can see if these are successful

Special Events-

Tradition Workshop-October 25. No report due to running out of time

Outreach-. No report

PI/PO-. No report

12th Step Within-Frank. Not there, no report

IG Rep Support- Vacant

17. **Cell Phone:** 9 calls total. One was a repeat caller after having gotten info at a tabling event. One caller told Annamaria that the mailbox is full. That was true and Annamaria has cleared out the mailbox.

18. **Suggested topics for Dec meeting**

19. **Closing-** Serenity prayer
Adjournment: 10:46

Next Meeting Dec 13

Respectfully submitted

Kathy M
CNMI Secretary