

Western Mass Intergroup  
April 14, 2008  
Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Beth, Sue, Jeff, Marie, Bill, Andrew, JoAnn, Francine, Donna, Carol, Phyllis, Mark, Rhea

JoAnn opened the meeting at 6:30 with the **Serenity Prayer**. We read the **Fourth Tradition** and the **Fourth Concept**.

**Roll call**, introductions, and newcomer welcome were done early for the benefit of newcomers.

Beth gave the **Recording Secretary's** report – the minutes were approved as changed by substituting the sentence “The hotel has been reserved but not paid for the two delegates staying in the hotel.” in place of the sentence “The hotel has been reserved but not paid for the three delegates.”

For the **Chair's** report, JoAnn stated that she will report on the Region 6 Assembly next month. For the **Vice Chair's** report, Jeff said that he had tried to put together a draft administrative calendar that would be considered during the 5:30 August 11 meeting.

For the **Treasurer's** report, Rhea said that the checkbook balance has been corrected on the February 08 report and that all airfares to WSBC have now been paid. Donations of \$1072.10, Expenses of \$1056.94, New Balance of \$2,642.38 as of 3/31/08.

There was no **Corresponding Secretary's** report because Martin wasn't present. Francine was present but did not have an **Archivist** report.

Carol gave a **Soft Literature** report for Terry. She has cash on hand of \$101.87, has a box of CDs, and will download speakers. Carol had a half-page flyer about the new pamphlet, Is Food a Problem for You? which Terry has on order.

Regarding **Hard Literature**, Beth reported she had lots of literature with her.

Sue reported as the temporary chair for **Professional Outreach**. She has a suitcase of literature, posters, the PI book. She sent the quarterly Courier to local dentists and gives newcomer packets and meeting lists to doctors. She reported that the Health Fair at Westfield State was very successful – the Wednesday Westfield meeting got two new women as a result. Francine reported that she had written to Margaret Ann Brady, the Region 6 Trustee, but had not gotten a response yet.

Beth reported on the **Newsletter and Meeting Lists** for the committee (Lyn, Lisa, and herself). The Spring edition of Recovery Lines is available at the meeting tonight with updated meeting lists.

The WMI WSBC delegates reported that all was set for the three of them to attend the **World Service Business Conference** in Albuquerque, NM, in May. We need a chair for the **Marathon** committee. John was not here to make a **12<sup>th</sup> Step Within** report.

Rhea reported that the **fundraising** was going very well and that if we could get candles and bookmarks to her by May 1, the delegates would bring them to WSBC.

Dan was not here to give a **Website Coordinator** report, but JoAnn said she had emailed him to give him older minutes. Jeff checked the WMI and Region 6 websites and said they were linked, but that the hard literature link on the WMI website is not functioning – JoAnn will check on getting that fixed.

Carol reported for Terry as **Phone Liaison** that we had 29 calls, 12 were for help, 15 were for business (?), 5 calls were for information, and there were 9 days with no calls.

There was no report for the **Communications Umbrella Committee** because John was not here.

### **Old Business:**

Francine presented the minutes from November 12, 2007, which were approved. She noted that she was not at WMI in December and Jeff remembered that he'd taken minutes and that Beth had sent him her notes. Jeff will prepare the December 2007 minutes.

Regarding the Berkshire telephone bill, we agreed to pay it up completely to avoid additional fees, so Rhea will do that.

Regarding the Genesis retreat, out of 54 possible beds, only 30 people are registered and only ten of them are from Western Mass, and no \$50 scholarships have been used yet. We need to pay Genesis soon. Last year 43 registered and three didn't show.

Francine said she would mail flyers for the 4/20 Holyoke Medical Center anniversary.

### **New Business:**

Sue read the OA promises at the end of Step 9 – “no longer do we need the crutch.”

There were no **Group Concerns**.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 7:40 p.m.