

WESTERN MASS INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES

Present: Joanne, John, Beth, Rhea, Lyn, Sue, Jeff, Michelle, Carol, Mary, Terry, Martin, Laura, Ann C., Marie, Rita, Francine.

Meeting opened at 6:35 with the Serenity Prayer.

We read Tradition One and Concept One.

Chair asked who had the sign-in sheet on their computer. Sue said Linda has it. Chair sad she would type it up if it doesn't appear before next month.

Chair/Vice Chair Report: none.

Treasurer Report: none. Rhea said that we do not yet have '07 budget. Draft and Review Process may not have yet begun.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: none. Martin received many checks which he will give to Frank.

Archivist's Report: none.

Roll Call.

Soft Literature Report: \$75 of lit. bought for rent. \$445 worth of literature brought to Marathon.

Hard Literature Report: Mostly Voices of Recovery sold at Marathon. Will get ATM card for Hard Literature account.

Professional Outreach: 68 professional letters, marathon flyers and meeting lists. Sue has copies.

- Prof. Outreach is TV, radio, news, Penny Saver, etc.

- Channel 4 asked to come to intergroup? The answer was “no” according to our 11th Tradition. They were told that an interview with Mary would be OK – in process.

Meeting list/Newsletter: \$40.95 spent for copies for Marathon.

- We are missing the Monday 7am meeting information. They are possibly registering through World Service?

World Service: Jeff filled out the registration and sent in the registration fee.

Marathon: Preliminary report:

- 135 members and 3 newcomers attended. 3 pre. registered members did not show?
- \$1,493 collected so far; \$241 in expenses; 36 surveys received.
- Survey is new. Thank you, Lyn!
- Great job to the committee!

12th Step Within Report: All are encouraged to put Welcome Back packets and 12th Step Within pamphlets out at meetings for this time of year.

Fundraising: T-Shirts: For 2006 we started with 120, sold 66. We sold a couple at the Marathon. We made \$292.50 profit.

Website: Dan not present.

- He had his laptop at the Marathon to show our website and announcements
- He is also filling out paper work to register at Region? for PI Blitz.

Phone: Sent out 3 meeting lists; had 1 call from the media; had 1 professional call.

Umbrella Committee: Did not meet in December.

- They will be meeting the last Wednesday of the month from now on at 7pm for an hour at the Church of the Atonement in Westfield.

Old Business: Discussion regarding new groups and reaching out to the Black and Hispanic communities (as well as other low represented communities).

- Region 6 did a survey and found that most groups consisted of white women. They found some groups were more diversified, depending on their location.
- IDEAS PRESENTED: more literature in other languages, posters in other languages.
- Perhaps bilingual people who could start a meeting.
- Suggested that we keep open to opportunities for diversity and outreach.
- Post information about OA on the bulletin board in Mason Square.
- Put flyers we have at present out to more communities. Include a meeting list of meetings in that area.

New Business: Mary may be doing an interview with Channel 40? She will make the diversity issue a part of the interview.

- Suggestion to advertise on a bus. \$ may be obtained from Region 6. This will be part of the PI Blitz Dan is doing.
- Suggestion to poster community centers.
- In the Marathon survey, about 5 members heard about OA from a doctor or professional.
- **Treasury:** to be done: Budget '07, Avdit '06, Report for January.
- \$50 available for new meeting – includes literature, start-up costs, etc.
- We have received 6 Genesis Retreat registrations!

- **'08 Marathon:** Lyn and John suggest meeting 1x/month, that we stay at the same church, and co-chairs for this committee. Motion was passed that Lyn and John will book the church now for next year. Motion was also passed that we give the church \$100, rather than \$50 (It was more than \$200 for the previous church).
- Lyn will put information on CD.
- Motion passed to ask groups if anyone would like to co-chair the Marathon.
- Marathon is always 1st Saturday in January.
- Contract for St. David's will be set up by outgoing chairs.

- Terry made motion to pay rent to hospital ahead of time, rather than playing catch-up. Motion passed. January and February paid.
- We discussed looking over the bylaws and updating them. We discussed how often this should be done...every 2 years? The committee will be Jeff, John, JoAnne, and Martin. Motion made to develop this committee which will report to Intergroup in a timely fashion☺

Group Concerns: Martin needs copy of bylaws?

- FYI: Binders exist for Intergroup Reps.!
- The Longmeadow meeting will be celebrating their 31st anniversary!
- The Friday, Source of Hope 100+ meeting in Southwick is a year old!
- Sue reminds us that the 12th of the month is 12th step call day☺

Good of the Order

Closed with Serenity Prayer