

Western Mass Intergroup
July 14, 2008
Meeting Minutes

Present: JoAnne S., Beth B., Sue S., Jeff A., Bill B., Carol Ch., Phyllis H., Rhea, Walter, Susan G., JoAnn (from Berkshires), Terry D., John C.

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

Beth gave the **Recording Secretary's** report – the minutes for June 9, 2008, meeting – which were approved.

JoAnn had no **Chair's** report and Jeff was not in attendance, so there was no **Vice Chair's** report.

For the **Treasurer's** report, Rhea said that there was income of \$223.45, expenses of \$415.95, and a new balance of \$1,607.55 as of 6/30/08. She explained that the new Yellow Book ad for the Berkshires was no longer under Social Services but was now under Weight Management, which is a new category in the Berkshires phone book, and costs \$55 per month. She also reminded us that we should plan to audit the hard literature account and the ~~marathon~~ ^{marathon} accounts in January.

For the **Corresponding Secretary's** report, Martin is no longer serving so Rhea is acting and she reported that WMI had received two Census cards from WSO: one for the Palmer Saturday 10:00 meeting and one for the Holyoke Sunday evening meeting. Bill took the Holyoke census card. We also received a Region 6 Newsletter – the next Assembly will be on 9/20/08 back at the Best Western hotel, and applications are due on 7/22 for Region 6 Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee. Also, we need a new Corresponding Secretary here at WMI.

Francine was not present so there was no **Archivist** report.

Roll call, introductions, and newcomer welcome were done.

Terry gave a **Soft Literature** report, and said that she has a lending library of CDs but would like to buy new (blank) CDs (to record on).

Regarding **Hard Literature**, Beth reported she had lots of literature with her and submitted a written report with \$991.35 in books, \$822.18 in the bank, and \$21.05 cash on hand, for a total inventory of \$1,834.58.

For **Professional Outreach**, Sue (acting) said that the Feeding Hills meetings sent out copies of the Courier, 15 questions, and meeting lists to local area dentists. Then Wednesday night Westfield and two Southwick meetings sent packets to all doctors and dentists in the Westfield/Southwick area. We were also mailed an invitation to send members to serve at the OA booth at the American Psychological Association fair in Boston. Sue noted that The Courier is a quarterly publication for professional

outreach which can be downloaded from the OA WSO website and can be copied. Terry says that she's gotten phone calls from the ad in the Daily Hampshire Gazette.

As for the **Newsletter and Meeting Lists**, the committee is looking for someone willing to update the meeting lists.

Jeff was not in attendance so there was no **World Service** Business Conference report.

Sue S. will chair the **Marathon** committee and it met on July 14, at 5:30 p.m., just before this WMI meeting. There were six people in attendance and they agreed on a title for the marathon, OA Recovery: A Nourishing Way of Life. The next meeting will be August 25 from 5:30 to 6:30 here in this same room.

For his **12th Step Within** report, John reminded us that we could make outreach phone calls on the 12th day of the month.

Rhea reported that the **fundraising** had nothing new but was selling a few items and brought in \$28 this month. We agreed to sell the CDs at 1CD (1 Speaker) for \$4.00 and 6 CDs for \$24.

Dan was not here to give a **Website Coordinator** report, but JoAnn reported that she was getting all WMI meeting minutes posted on the site.

Bill and Carol, the **PI Subcommittee** chairs, mentioned that they could put PSAs on WFCR but they can't be put on the WFCR Bulletin Board online, so they will try a commercial radio stations.

Terry reported as **Phone Liaison** that we had 27 calls: 4 calls were for help, 6 callers were given information, 1 was an emergency, 3 calls were wrong numbers, 10 calls had no one on the line when answered, and 2 callers just hung up.

John suggested that the ad hoc **Communications Umbrella Committee** be dissolved and WMI voted to dissolve it.

Old Business:

We discussed the idea of reimbursing WMI attendees for their gas to encourage reps to attend the intergroup meeting. We have two or three workable concepts to vote on in September. One is \$.25 per mile like Region 6 or another idea is a flat fee. We would need a system and would need to vote on a new budget line item. Reps would submit their request, the Group secretary would receive the check and would pay the rep. Bill will write up a proposal on paying a certain amount within a certain radius. Carol will propose adding "if your group is in need." We already have the \$.25/mile wording from Region 6.

Re: the Corresponding Secretary vacancy, Rhea nominated Sue S. for the position, which includes going to the Post Office Box once a week and updating the meeting list. Sue was voted in as the new Corresponding Secretary.

New Business:

Terry asked for funds to purchase a set of 15 CDs called "No Matter What." The set costs \$60 but she has \$40 from selling tapes. ^{CDs \$20 CDs} ~~We agreed to give her \$20.~~

Group Concerns:

Feeding Hills will not meet at St. David's on 7/15 and 7/17 – they'll meet at the Agawam library instead.

On 8/16 the Saturday Hobby Club meeting will have a workshop on OAs come in all sizes.

The 32nd Anniversary of the Friday morning meeting at St. Barnabas will be held 7/18 at 9:30 a.m.

The WMI meeting was adjourned at 8:15.