

**WESTERN MASS INTERGROUP MINUTES**  
**NOVEMBER 12, 2007**

Opened with Serenity Prayer.

Read Tradition 11.

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**Recording Secretary:** No minutes to approve.

**Chair and Vice Chair Reports**

**Treasurer's Report:** Rhea gave us a sheet for our 2007 budget. Committee set up to figure out which expenses recur: Joanne, John, Jeff, Rhea and Sue.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Got information on IDEA Day (International Day to Experience Abstinence), Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> from North Shore Intergroup; Western Mass Meetings List. Tabled discussing IDEA Day for W. Mass for next year.

**Archivist's Report:** No Archivist at this time.

**Roll Call:** Joanne, Francine, Lyn, John, Carol, Martin, Beth, Teri, Rhea, Andrea, Jeff, Marie.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Soft Literature:** Teri has some. Both she and Beth got the W. Mass Int. stamp to stamp the literature.

**Hard Literature:** Beth finds she doesn't sell that much.

**Professional Outreach:** No PO person at this time.

**Newsletter/Meeting List:** Lyn printed more meeting lists. Pocket Meeting List: sent around for corrections – hadn't gotten them beforehand.

**World Service:** Jeff gave us an update.

**WMI Marathon:** We were introduced to the December/Member Blitz. Please encourage your groups. Newcomer Lottery. We discussed adding Lifeline subscriptions to the recovery baskets.

**12<sup>th</sup> Step Within:** We went over questions to ask yourself and your group. They are not approved yet. Tabled vote.

**Fundraising Committee:** *Direct Appeal:* Rhea introduced the Delegate Fund which we can put in the binder. Going back to the committee for rewording.

*Products:* Rhea filled us in on the top 2: The Serenity Prayer Candle of which they will buy 2 cases, and/or the bookmark. Francine will contact WS to see if we can use the OA logo on the bookmark.

**Website Coordinator:** Can we put the Connecticut Retreat on our website? Question about the minutes getting to the site: Joanne will email them to Dan to put on the site.

**Public Information Blitz:** No one blitzing at this time.

**Phone Calls:** 1 call for a meeting list. Others were pranks, hang-ups, etc. 5 calls total in November. Question: Are we paying while caller is on hold? Finance Committee will look into?

**Communications Umbrella Committee:** Packets to groups: Old Lifelines have been dispersed; group information is being updated?; business cards to be included?; need clarity on who literature people are; include new OA group handbooks?; include Delegate Fund Form?; envelopes, labels, catalogues, order forms and 7<sup>th</sup> tradition pamphlets are ready to go. Packets will be put together at next CUC meeting. Most will be dispersed at Marathon. Yeah CUC!

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** Question about Berkshire Yellow Pages bill. Difference in amount by paying minimum vs. paying the rest off. Got clarified: we will pay off next month.

Received Meeting List from WS asking us to update information. We will get some corrections at the marathon (hopefully for Intergroup too).

WS nominees were nominated: Jeff, Beth, Rhea and Joanne. All accepted their nominations. We will vote next month.

We will vote in people for WMI positions as well next month.

2 motions made: a) not more than \$400 will be spent on Fundraising, and, b) 50 OA handbooks will be used for binders? Motions passed?

**Group Concerns:** Jeff suggested having 1 or 2 WMI meetings in the Berkshires per year.

November 17<sup>th</sup> is the Sponsorship Workshop in Ashley Falls from 9-11am.

The Southwick meeting will be at a member's house this Friday, not at the church.

Question as to how we get late information, such as the above 2 announcements, out quickly. Possibly by email list.

New pamphlets are available from Teri?

**Good of the Order**

Closed meeting with the Serenity Prayer.