

PLEASE TAKE TO YOUR NEXT MEETING / BUSINESS MEETING

WESTCHESTER UNITED INTERGROUP

MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 5, 2002

The meeting started at approximately 7:50pm with the Serenity Prayer, the reading of the Preamble, 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and 1-6 of the 12 Concepts.

◆ **Those Present:** Beatrice Mon am WP, Beth Tues pm Ttn, Bobbi V Sun St. Matthews, Bobbye W Vice-Chair, Carol B Newsletter Editor, Carol Fri nite Ossining, Eleanor Wed Yonkers, Felicia Mon nite Mt. Kisco (Sub), Jeanne Hotline Rep, Jim B Thurs pm Hartsdale, Karen Parliamentarian, Kathy D Mon pm Pelham/Speaker Bank, Larry Region 6 Rep, Mary T Recording Sec'y, Pat B Sun 4pm WP, Peter B Mon nite Mt. Kisco, Phil Chairman, Priscilla Wed St. Matthews, Roberta Z Wed HOW NR, Sandi B Thurs "For Today", Shirley Mon WP, Tom S Fri Ridgeway, Virginia Fri am Ridgeway.

◆ SIGN-IN SHEET CIRCULATED

◆ **RECORDING SECRETARY** (Mary T.) Some members did not get minutes last month; Kathy will add names to list for those who didn't receive. Motion to approve both July and August minutes – seconded – APPROVED.

◆ **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Jonathan) Jonathan not present so there was no report. Phil got checks to sign. He collected two bills from Beth (for Website software) and from Kathy (for copying the minutes) to submit to Jonathan to pay.

◆ **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT** (Betsy) Betsy not present but gave two letters received to Phil. The first was a reorganization survey for the group from the World Service Structure Committee. Per Karen, the questionnaire is to be filled out by local Intergroups, Regions and National Service Boards. Moved that we add the survey to the New Business at the end of the meeting, time permitting. The second item was the Region 6 Fall Assembly Mailing for the October 5th meeting in Waterbury, CT. We will be holding elections for the Region 6 Reps in October. The current reps were asked to bring their copies of this mailing to the October WUIG meeting to give to the newly elected reps, since the meeting is so soon after the WUIG meeting. Moved that we give the copies to the nominees at this meeting since we have 3 of the 4 copies. (This was not done at this meeting.)

◆ **PASS THE BASKET** Basket Passed

◆ STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Public Information (PI) Update** (Vacancy) The Webmistress transition took place this month from Karen to Beth. Beth investigated the pricing for being included in the advertising on placemats used in diners, etc. as discussed last month. For one month / one segment (8 restaurants) it would cost \$450. Vendor will consider negotiating price. We can get the back of the placemat for no charge. We could do a fundraiser to pay for the ads and possibly do a qualification story which would carry over to the back. Peter volunteered to negotiate a better price. Discussion about putting public service announcements in the local papers. In the past, members were all assigned a town to handle. Do we want to advertise by meeting location or a WUIG ad that gives the hotline number and our website address. A letter will be drafted on the website and Beth will take the information on who is covering which newspapers (sign-up sheet passed at meeting). We will discuss again next month. Carol volunteered to be chair for this committee when her tenure as Newsletter Editor is over and the Region 6 Convention is done.
- **Newsletter** (Carol) The deadline for the next issue is September 15th. She has 5 letters leftover from last month to be included in this edition. The topic is the same: "THE SPECIFICS OF MY PROGRAM – HOW I WORK MY PROGRAM ON A DAILY BASIS." She asked that we announce the need for articles at our meetings. Articles can be submitted through the website. Per Karen, no one is sending any emails to the website.

- **Speaker Bank** (*Kathy*) The Speaker Bank contact is now on the Meeting List. We will change the wording on the application as follows: ***If you need a speaker*** will be changed to ***If you wish to be a speaker***. Kathy will also send the form to Beth to be included on the Website. The Speaker Bank volunteer list will be included in a mailing of the minutes to be brought back to individual meetings and presented at Business Meetings to make groups aware of the availability.
- **Sponsor Bank** (*Vacancy*) Priscilla suggested we change the name to **Temporary** Sponsor Bank to encourage more participation by the Fellowship especially newcomers. The idea was briefly discussed and well received. However, it was pointed out that it would require a by-law change to officially rename it.
- **Hotline Update** (*Jeanne*) No changes listed this month; it has been fairly quiet. The Wednesday night Carmel meeting is looking for a new location. We are now able to change the menus. Jean will update the documentation about how to make changes to the Hotline menu and will forward to Beth to include on the Website.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ◆ **Elections** The elections will be held at the October meeting. So far, the nominees are:
 - Treasurer:** Betsy
 - Recording Sec'y:** Mary T
 - Corresponding Sec'y:** Priscilla
 - Region 6 Delegates (2 open positions):** Mary T, Carol B, Larry
 - PI Committee Chair:** Carol B. (the next issue of the Newsletter is her last)
 - Newsletter Chair:** No nominees yet; we are asked to discuss at our home groups to recruit a volunteer. Phil has offered to do the computer document layout so we are looking for a chair to do the text collection and editing. There are existing committee members.
 - Speaker Bank Chair:** Kathy
 - Sponsor Bank Chair:** This position has been dormant for a while and without a chairperson. There was some discussion about eliminating the committee or presenting this list as available "Temporary Sponsor Bank"; it may sound less overwhelming to volunteers if it isn't a "permanent" arrangement and it will allow sponsors who are "full" to accept a temporary commitment. Priscilla will arrange to have the list put on the website. Also considered the option of adding as an option on the Hotline if there is still a number option available.
 - Hotline Chair:** Jean
- **Region 6 Convention:** The Registration Fee is now \$45. A letter has been mailed out to the registrants about the fact that meal packages are not included in the registration fee. We are hoping to get more dinner registrations. A flyer has been distributed about the Talent Show (must be OA member unless approved in advance: e.g. husband of OA member is accompanist on piano). Please contact Lois K to pre-register (although no one will be excluded even if they don't pre-register). There are 320 people pre-registered. The next organizational meeting is 9/22 at 10:45 am after the WP Hospital meeting. We are finalizing the schedule and dealing with decorations. There is a flyer on the website about the request for basket donations. **We are asking each meeting to construct and donate baskets to be raffled off at the convention;** Jenny from Peekskill is coordinating. There will be some baskets raffled each evening so people attending for just one day will not be excluded. Anything but food can be put in the baskets: craft items, bookmarks, needlepoint, candles, journals, books, etc. Please print and distribute the flyers to your groups. Please email if you are doing a basket. Cathy needs registration table volunteer forms passed out at the previous meeting. Bobbye needs volunteers for the hospitality desk, hospitality room and meditation room. There will be no coffee, tea or food since the hotel will not allow us to bring in anything to sell,

and the cost of their set-ups is cost-prohibitive. There will be information in the hospitality rooms about the local areas, restaurants, maps, etc.

- **Region 6 Assembly:** Next assembly is October 5th in Waterbury, CT.
- **World Service Structure Questionnaire:** Read, discussed and filled out. Copies of the glossary of terms, Region map and OA's current service structure will be sent out with the minutes. The due date for the questionnaire is September 20th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The North White Plains Saturday, Tuesday and Friday morning meetings at Castle Heights Methodist Church will be moving. Effective September 30th, they will no longer be at that location. We will be advised of the new location when it is available.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Seconded and APPROVED. The meeting ended at approximately 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary T., Recording Secretary

**REMEMBER:
OUR NEXT MEETING IS OCTOBER 3RD, 2002**