

PLEASE TAKE TO YOUR NEXT MEETING / BUSINESS MEETING

WESTCHESTER UNITED INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 3RD, 2002

The meeting started at approximately 7:50pm with the Serenity Prayer, the reading of the Preamble, 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and 7-14 of the 12 Concepts.

Those Present: **Phil S.** chair, **Karen S.** Parliamentarian, **Mary T.** Recording Secretary, **Carol C.** Friday Ossining, **Jonathan** Treasurer, **Shirley** Mon Night WP, **Eleanor** Wed pm Yonkers, **Kathy D.** Mon pm Pelham, **Carol B.** Newsletter Co-Editor, **Bobbye W.** Vice-Chair, **Jeanne** Hotline Rep, **Larry** Region 6 Rep, **Priscilla** Wed. St. Matthews, **Pat B.** Sun noon WP, **Tom S.** Fri Ridgeway, **Carmela** Mt. Kisco Mon, **Rita** Peekskill Wed, **Valerie**, **Fanny** Ridgeview WP Fri am, **Jim B.** Hartsdale Thurs pm, **Dee** Sat 10am, **Betsy** Corresponding Secretary.

SIGN-IN SHEET CIRCULATED

RECORDING SECRETARY (Mary T.)

- Motion to accept September's minutes – seconded - APPROVED.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Jonathan)

- There were two reports presented this month: August and September.
- Motion to file August's Treasurer's Report for audit– seconded – APPROVED.
- Regarding September's report, the Yonker's meeting which made the donation of \$25 was the Wednesday night group; Jonathan does not have a group number for the Tuesday night meeting. A check will be written tonight for the \$100 which has been allocated and held for the Region 6 Convention. It was noted that we underestimated the cost of the new Adobe Acrobat program which was purchased for the website management. Phil noted that if we plan to buy anything for the Intergroup, we should see him to obtain a copy of the Tax Exempt Certificate for WUIG. This is only to be used for Intergroup purchases, not local group purchases. It should not be used to purchase items for the groups' gift baskets which are to be considered donations to the Region 6 Convention. Copies of the tax exempt certificate will be mailed with the minutes. Motion to file September's Report for audit – seconded – APPROVED.
- Per the continuing motions of the WUIG, a donation of \$1234.80 will be made to World Service and Region 6 from the amount in excess of prudent reserve.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (Betsy)

- Requests for meeting lists have been very light this month; only two were requested. There were some changes to the list: North White Plains' 7:00am Friday and Tuesday meetings were deleted. Also deleted was the Wednesday night 7:30pm Carmel meeting at Guideposts. The Saturday morning meeting from 10:00-11:30 has moved to the North White Plains Presbyterian church.
- IDEA DAY flyer received detailing ads, etc for Public Information, including a skit. Comment was made to consider using the skit at the convention.
- Motion to print 450 extra meeting lists for the Region 6 Convention – seconded – APPROVED.
- Karen noted that we may want to monitor the use of the meeting lists to see if the usage declines since the list is now posted on the website. **ALL REPS ARE ASKED TO GO TO THEIR HOME GROUPS AND ASK IF HAVING ON-LINE LISTS REDUCES THE NEED FOR HARD COPY MEETING LISTS.**

PASS THE BASKET Basket Passed

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Information (PI) Update (Vacancy)

- The issue about placing ads on diner placemats was not discussed since Peter was not here and he was researching the issue.
- Also deferred was the discussion about newspaper ads since Beth was not here.
- Per Phil, a PI statement was drafted and put up on the website. The Journal News and the NCN are more event-oriented (ie., convention or individual meetings) rather than generic OA oriented. It was decided that we would place ads about the Region 6 Convention.
- An idea from the Region 4 Assembly: A magnet sheet which divides into return label-sized magnets which says “Do you have a problem with eating?”
- Bobbye contacted Pennysaver and they have two OA ads at present. If we give them a list, they will slot as many as possible in each issue.
- Not to report about the website since Beth was not here.
- There was discussion about “promotion versus attraction”, should we promote the website and/or the hotline or individual groups or rotating through the list of groups. Motion the WUIG will be advertised, not individual meeting. Groups may do whatever they wish independently. For this month, the Convention will be advertised. Motion seconded – APPROVED.
- Yonkers Recovery Day Carol, Carmela, Madge and several others attended these discussions on September 28th. There were representatives from detoxification, hospitals and treatment facilities, aftercare and self-help groups. It was the first time that OA and GA were represented. There was a panel and the professionals presented to the group, followed by lunch, aftercare and, at 3:00pm, the OA presentation. Madge spoke at 3:00, and Carol set up the literature table in the morning. Carol ordered materials for \$125.18 since it was needed in a rush and she was unable to reach Brian as he was out of town (he has PI materials). Carol offered to absorb the cost of the freight. It was noted that normally pre-approval for purchasing items on behalf of the IG is required. Motion to reimburse Carol for \$125.18. Mary amended the motion to add the freight cost for reimbursement. Seconded—APPROVED. Carol will be reimbursed \$148.98. Extra materials were available at the back of this meeting room.

Speaker Bank (Kathy)

- We are asked to show the forms to our groups and hand out to members. Try to get people to sign up. Ask the members to use these speakers at their meetings.

Sponsor Bank (Vacancy)

- No update

Hotline Update (Jeanne)

- Text sent to Beth for inclusion on website, including access to the voicemail.
- The meeting list on the message will be updated.

Newsletter (Carol)

- The current newsletter was finished at the last minute: the editorial committee wrote three articles and got it out.
- Last month, Intergroup voted to have group contributions in the Newsletter but it was not done for this edition due to inability to coordinate with the Treasurer. It will be included in the next issue.
- There were extra ads in the next issue about the convention.
- The December topic will be “How the Region 6 Convention enriched my Recovery”. Letters are due 11/15.

Region 6 Convention (Karen)

- We need the raffle baskets from the groups; contact Jenny from Peekskill. If anyone wants another autographed copy of *I Put My Hand In Yours* by Rosanne, ask Karen.
- We have 342 attendees registered to date.
- The last organizational meeting will be 10/20.

WUIG Elections

- Carol mentioned that she may have two people that will accept the Newsletter Chair Position
- New nominations: The only change from last month was Priscilla was nominated for Sponsor Bank Chair.

- The nominees are:
Treasurer: Betsy K.
Recording Sec'y: Mary T
Corresponding Sec'y: Priscilla
Region 6 Delegates (2 open positions): Mary T, Carol B, Larry F.
PI Committee Chair: Carol B.
Newsletter Chair: No nominee
Speaker Bank Chair: Kathy D.
Sponsor Bank Chair: : Priscilla
Hotline Chair: Jean

- Elections: Motion to vote by acclamation, except for the Region 6 reps since there were 3 nominees for 2 positions, was seconded, APPROVED.
- Motion to elect the slate as is seconded, APPROVED.
- The Region 6 Representative vote was taken by ballot. Larry received 15 votes, Mary received 14 votes and Carol B. received 12 votes. Larry and Mary are elected.
- Motion to vote Carol in as Alternate Region 6 Rep, seconded, APPROVED.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Phil may be leaving the area in the near future. That will leave a vacancy in the World Service Rep. That position will be required to attend the next World Service Business Meeting in Albuquerque, NM. WUIG budgets money for 7 day, airfare, car rental, hotel and a stipend for meals. We are entitled to send two members, although we have historically sent only one due to the expense involved. We will have to address and review the budget to see if it would be fiscally responsible to send two reps to the next meeting due to the cost of airfares.

Carried-Over Item:

- Discussion about the Service Body Questionnaire from last month was tabled until next month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mt. Kisco Monday Night will be having its 31st anniversary meeting on 10/07/02.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

- Motion to adjourn, seconded, APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm

Respectfully submitted by Mary T., Recording Secretary

**REMEMBER:
 OUR NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 7th, 2002**