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WESTCHESTER UNITED INTERGROUP

MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 5, 2003 WITH CORRECTIONS AS OF 9/7/2003

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The meeting started at approximately 7:45 pm with the Serenity Prayer, the reading of the Preamble, Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and 7-12 of the Twelve Concepts.

Those Present: Carol B. Chair, Mary T. Recording Sec'y, Larry F. Region 6 Delegate, Kathy D. Mon. Pelham, James. J. Tues. Pleasantville, Sue T. Tues. Somers, Janet Horrell Tues. Yonkers, Beth T. Wed. WP- United Meth., Eleanor B. Wed. Yonkers (last time as rep), Nicole N. Thur. WP-Temple Israel, Linda C. Thur. Yorktown, Carol C. Fri. Ossining, Virginia M. Fri. WP-Ridgeview, Denise B. Fri. WP-St. Matthews, Dee M. Sat. WP-Presbyterian, Pat B. Sun. WP-Hospital.

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SIGN-IN SHEET CIRCULATED

RECORDING SECRETARY (Mary T)

Minutes from February, 2003 and April, 2003 were accepted. The May, 2003 meeting minutes will be corrected to reflect inaccurate/unclear/omitted information, and are approved as amended. Corrected minutes will be sent to Beth to post on the website as will all approved and accepted minutes in the future.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Betsy K absent)

May financial report will either be mailed or will be available at the July meeting.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (Priscilla absent; Dee presented)

Updated meeting lists available; note changes: The contact names have changed for meetings on Sunday at WP Hospital, Mt. Kisco, Pleasantville Tues. night, and Fri. Ossining and the Tues. night Tarrytown meeting has closed and has been deleted. WUIG is providing 100 meeting lists for the Mamaroneck Fair this Sunday; expense was authorized by the Board and lists will be given to Carmela as PI Chair. The *Together We Can* update of the World Service Directory has been completed and reported to WSO. The Directory will be posted on the internet for people to find our meetings/contact person, and provide a contact person for mailings from WSO. The Directory will be updated quarterly and changes in your meetings/contact person/secretary should be given to Priscilla to update our submission. A copy of the **WSO Directory Update Form** will be posted on our website when Priscilla emails it to Beth.

PASS THE BASKET Basket passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Information (PI) Update (Carmela absent; Carol B. presented)

• There are 6 or 7 volunteers coming to work the Harbor Fair this Sunday. Literature and banners are at Carol B.'s house. The Fair will be on Mamaroneck Avenue from 11:00-4:00. We'll be setting up around 10:00 so stop by if you can. Carol B. has the assignments. Noted that we have info from WS about fairs and that it would be good to bring "before" pictures so that people can relate. • Peter will bring info and format for the PI Blitz placemats. • Nine (9) intergroups have gotten funding to do PSAs. There is someone in NYC/Manhattan OA who will format and personalize tapes for WUIG use. Beth found out that we can provide the tapes to the cable companies, but they don't have specific time slots and there's no guarantee that the tape will ever air. Beth's husband is looking into the pay schedule to guarantee showing. Beth agreed to work with the cable company to coordinate. Nicole agreed to contact NYC OA to follow up on tape reformatting. **We can always use more people to work on this project; they do not have to be in WUIG, any OA member can volunteer.**

Newsletter (Priscilla absent; Dee presented)

• Topic for July is **Dealing with Feelings of Deprivation** which will be a *Lifeline* topic in the fall. Deadline for submissions is **June 10th**. WSO acknowledged our Newsletter by saying, "Thank you for sending the WUIG Newsletter. It is full of excellent shares that can be used for future issues of *Lifeline* magazine. Some may appear in the August 2003 issue on physical recovery, depending upon space and the number of letters we receive." • Group anniversaries will be published in the Newsletter upon request if submitted by the 8th of the month preceding publication.

Speaker Bank (Kathy)

Nothing new to report. We are asked to announce at our meetings that WUIG has a speaker bank and a temporary sponsor's bank; we need to get the word out!

Temporary Sponsor Bank (TSB) (Priscilla absent; Dee reported)

• 3 requests for sponsors in the last month. • Please announce the TSB at your meetings as a source for sponsors, especially for newcomers. We have 30 people listed as temporary sponsors. All requests to date now have sponsors.

Some are first-time sponsors; this is a good way to begin sponsoring. • If you refer someone to the TSB, do not discuss the terms of the sponsorship. Since terms of sponsorship are individually developed between the temporary sponsor and the sponsee, please do not offer your advice about sponsorship as it may cause confusion for the sponsee if it conflicts with the temporary sponsor's philosophy.

Hotline Update (*Jeanne absent*)

Carol, Beth and Mary get calls from the Hotline referrals. Carol suggests that we have a monthly report to the Hotline Chair or email the webmaster with the frequency of calls and the status; that way it will be accessible on the web. We could also monitor the calls to meeting contacts listed on the meeting lists to monitor the success of the PI campaigns. To keep things simple, we will "measure success" of the Hotline calls only for the time being.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Website** Beth asked that the address be announced at your weekly meetings and perhaps put it in the We Care book. Motion approved to display the web address more prominently in larger type on both the Meeting list and Newsletter. A flyer of the announcements from the meeting will also be posted on the website.
- **Region 6 Convention Bus** Per Larry, the bus is completely sold out now. \$585 given to Carol tonight. The bus will be leaving from the A&P parking lot in Greenburgh near the movie theater on Route 100.
- **Tape Raffle** Bea has the tapes. Carol will look for raffle tickets from convention. Tickets will go to all meetings. Will follow-up when Carmela returns.
- **Prudent Reserve** Tabled to next meeting by vote when Betsy is present.
- **Monthly Mailing** Mary is taking over the job of mailing the minutes, flyers and financial reports. Kathy gave her all of the info and supplies tonight.
- **Promoting WUIG at Local Meetings** Kathy says that only the Sat. WP Hospital meeting lacks a rep. Larry will follow-up and advise Kathy who will tell Priscilla.
- **Donation Records in Newsletter** Priscilla and Betsy were to discuss and coordinate. According to WSO, we should make some mention of donations periodically to advise groups. For now, the donations by group should be listed in the Newsletter as voted on in past meeting. Will revisit this topic next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion to make Website a standing committee. Per the bylaws, it will be qualifies under Section F, and will be added in the next revision. Beth is the webmistress.
- **World Service Business Convention (WSBC)** (*Carol B.*) Review of the report by Carol. ■According to UNM survey, 20% of OAers referred by professionals, indicating that maybe we should do more outreach to professionals. *Lifeline* subscriptions have decreased and we are encouraged to donate copies to libraries or doctors' offices. The number of meeting groups in OA seems to have finally stabilized. OA is trying to make their website more user-friendly. Tapes available which address the many issues discussed, WSO will be publishing a pamphlet in August, there will be a report in September from WSBO which will be on the web, and there is an award-winning PSA available to download on the website (CD given to Mary to review). There were regional reports, discussion about crosstalk to keep the focus on sharing about the illness and the consequences not what happened during the day (Mary will make copies of *Lifeline* article on crosstalk). ■First item on our agenda next month: the **Dignity of Choice** proposal. ■Peter will get a copy of Robert's Rules for the group. We discussed the "green dots" mentoring program and its possible uses here at WUIG.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- See separate flyer attached

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Seconded; APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary T., Recording Secretary

REMEMBER: OUR NEXT MEETING IS JULY 10, 2003

ANNOUNCEMENTS AT WUIG JUNE 5, 2003 MEETING

- Announce the availability of *Lifeline* subscriptions at your group and encourage selecting a *Lifeline* representative to promote the value of the magazine.
- Have your members recycle old *Lifeline* issues...the disease and the recovery are never “outdated”!
- If you are looking for a sponsor, or wish to be one, speak to Priscilla R. at 914-722-9263 to learn about the Temporary Sponsor Bank.
- Westchester United Intergroup (WUIG) has a Speakers Bank with 30 speakers registered who have volunteered to travel and speak at meetings! Call Kathy at 914-381-4989 for names to contact.
- Don't forget to list the WUIG website in your We Care books at meetings: www.oawestchester-ny.org OR use the labels from WUIG which list the website address, as well as the Speaker Bank and Temporary Sponsor Bank phone numbers.
- World Service is selling cloth banners with the OA Twelve Steps and the OA Twelve Traditions (just like those from AA). Details to follow!