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WESTCHESTER UNITED INTERGROUP

MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 10, 2003

Since we were unable to get into the church for the meeting, it was held at the Pleasantville Diner. The meeting started at approximately 8:00 pm, eliminating the usual formalities due to the public area.

Those Present: Carol B. Chairperson, **Bobbye** Vice-Chair, **Betsy K.** Treasurer, **Mary T.** Recording Sec'y, **Priscilla** Corresponding Sec'y, **Kathy D.** Mon 7:30pm Pelham, **Carmela S.** Mt. Kisco Mon Night, **Beth T., Beatrice S.** Mon.WP Ridgeview a.m., **Shirley A.** Mon. WP St. Matthew's p.m., **Phyllis S.** New Rochelle Wed., **Eleanor B.** Wed. WP United Meth., **Lionel G.** Thurs. Hartsdale, **Madeline B.** Friday Carmel, **Carol B.** Fri. Ossining, **Virginia M.** Fri. WP Ridgeview a.m., **Helen S.** visitor.

SIGN-IN SHEET CIRCULATED

RECORDING SECRETARY (*Mary T.*) Corrections were made to June's minutes. If anyone has corrections to this month's minutes since they were distributed at the meeting rather than before, email Mary T. or provide them at the August meeting.

CORRECTIONS NOT PRESENTED AT MEETING: Mary T will not be at the August meeting so submit them to the substitute Recording Sec'y.

TREASURER'S REPORT (*Betsy K*) Four (4) financial reports handed out: April, May, June and the 2003 YTD Group Donations to WUIG, WSO and Region 6 (totals only, splits not detailed). "Initial" means the balance in agreement with the bank. April was revised since the incorrect initial balance was recorded. "Expected Exp" are the budgeted items. In June, we are \$350 over the prudent reserve in addition to another \$805 left over from the 2002 WSBC allocations). It was decided to move the extra \$805 to the working balance. Betsy will try to identify the annual expenses to determine whether the prudent reserve of \$3000 is appropriate. Decided to wait until after the September inventory to determine contributions to WSO and Region 6 since we may want to allocate funds for Public Information which is currently not funded.

Question as to preference of Treasurer concerning whether groups should send WSO and Region 6 donations directly. She would prefer that only WUIG be sent in to us, since splitting the donations causes financial report to be more complex. **MOTION** to have meetings send their own contributions to WSO and Region 6, **SECONDED. Discussion:** may have less donations to WUIG, may reduce WSO and Region 6 donations since when you divide responsibilities less tends to get done, Lionel instituted system as a service for the groups.

VOTE: In Favor-5, Opposed-7, Abstaining-3. **MOTION DID NOT PASS.** System will remain as is.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (*Priscilla*) Updated meeting lists distributed. The following changes were made: a) WUIG website appears on the top right, directly below the hotline number, b) Wed. night How It Works Big Book meeting at St. Matthew's Church has a room change and now meets in room 107; the meeting is now wheelchair accessible. If your meeting is wheelchair accessible and not listed as such, email Priscilla with info. To quiet rumors that the *Voices of Recovery* will replace *For Today*, Priscilla contacted Publications Manager at WSO who said that both will be published; *For Today* does not replace the other. Changes in group secretary or contact person should be emailed or delivered to Priscilla.

PASS THE BASKET Basket Passed

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Speaker Bank (*Kathy*)

Temporary Sponsor Bank (*Priscilla*) Four requests since 5/31. 3 of the 4 were placed with sponsors. The TSB needs men who are willing to sponsor. Please announce this at your meetings, and email thunderstorm6@msn.com with information. Please remember to announce the TSB at your meetings, especially for newcomers who have not found sponsorship.

Per Bea, "it works". She was a temp for about 2-3 days. It is the responsibility of every group to not let a newcomer out the meeting without a Temp. Sponsor. Priscilla tries to match up with a temp at the same meeting as the newcomer. Still, the TSB should be the second line of defense, not the first...the meeting should be the source if possible.

Hotline Update (*Jeanne Absent*) Jeanne will not be attending anymore but has agreed to update the hotline until a new person takes over and train them. We will elect a Hotline chair at the Oct. elections. The requirements are found in the By-Laws section which will be included when these minutes are mailed. This will be mentioned again in August. If no one here is interested, will consider going to general OA population to get chair.

Public Information (PI) Update (*Carmela S.*) Article from Mamaroneck Fair held June 8th is printed in this issue of the newsletter. Nine OAers worked the booth during the day, and distributed 100 welcome packets. When the measuring spoons left over from the Nov. '02 Regional Convention were handed out free of charge, more people stopped at our booth, including health care professionals, teachers, doctors, as well as the general public. Carol met with addiction counseling center reps. After the fair, Carmela has spoken to newcomers who heard of us at the fair or on our website. Beth got similar information on the website. Next year's fair will be June 6th, 2004.

PI Blitz: Peter B. was not present so we do not know status of his information gathering for the proposal to Region 6 to place an OA advertisement on diner placemats. Due to time constraints, no proposal will be submitted for the Sept. Assembly; however, Carmela will work on a proposal for the April assembly (deadline Feb. 2004).

Cable TV: Beth said she had someone who told her they would call companies, but she hasn't done it yet. Beth will follow up. Nicole is no longer on the project.

Raffle: Bea has the tapes and David has the tickets. This led to a discussion about WUIG sponsoring workshops on IDEA Day (International Day Experiencing Abstinence) which is on 11/15/03. The raffle could be drawn that day. The tapes are worth \$179 and were given to us for free (through Karen S.); need to establish price for tickets and informational flyer to be distributed at all meetings. **MOTION** to have IDEA day workshops, **Seconded. APPROVED** by unanimous vote of 15 with no discussion. Committee formed: Bobbye, Phyllis, Beth, Kathy and Carmela (chair).

Per Lionel, *LifeLine* gave us credit when they published an article from our newsletter.

Newsletter (*Priscilla*) July issue of *Road to Recovery* distributed. Front page features recap of Carol's report as our delegate to WSBC. Back page features Carmela S.'s article on the Mamaroneck Fair on June 8th. Note announcements on the back page, some of which you may want to announce at your meetings. Group donations and a service board directory are also listed there. The newsletter will publish group anniversary announcements upon requests when submitted by the 8th of the month preceding publication. Any group can pass this information along at any time as I would like to develop a listing of group anniversaries which would be retained for future WUIG use. The topic for the Sept. issue (on the front page of the July issue) is **A Day in the Life of an OAer and Generally Speaking**. Please announce the topic at your meetings; deadline for submission is August 10th. WUIG thanks Priscilla for all of her work in and editing of the newsletter.

Webmistress (*Beth*) The newsletter and the WSBC report are on the website. If you have anything to post, submit it to Beth at the Webmaster address. Requested that both the draft and the final approved minutes be sent to Beth to post, as well as the Treasurer's report. She hasn't gotten any emails but has sent people from the hotline to the website. All volunteers for the Hotline need to send in the following info: the type of call you receive (newcomer, concerned family or friend), where they heard about OA, the date of the call and the action that you took. Beth will keep a record of this information so that we can measure any increase in calls after a PI campaign.

OLD BUSINESS

- Election of Webmaster. **MOTION** to select Beth as the Webmistress, **Seconded**. No discussion. **VOTE:** Unanimous approval, 15.
- Tape Raffle (done above)
- Group Reps: The following meetings still need reps: Sat. morning HOW meeting, Thurs 10:30 Temple Israel meeting, and the Weds night Yonkers meeting. Bea will follow up on them.
- Written Committee Reports: At the board meeting in June, it was requested that written reports be submitted by the committee chairs and officers before the meeting. They should also be submitted to Mary T. by email at Maryt307@aol.com (reference WUIG in the subject line).
- Dignity of Choice Pamphlet: Committee formed to meet and discuss draft to submit comments to WSO. Mary T, Bea, Beth, Phyllis and Carol B. (Chair) will meet and report to WUIG. This will only be discussed at committee level and not at the regular meeting so all interested parties should join the committee.

- PSA CD recording from WSO: Tabled discussion until next meeting.
- Prudent Reserve: Tabled to next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- June Board meeting: What was it and who was there? The Committee Chairs and the Board members were invited to review and prioritize several OA issues including:
 - Chairman's Report from WSBC was distributed and attention was focused on defining the OA message which is the 12 Steps. Presentation of this issue tabled until August (copy of Report included with July's minutes).
 - Larry mentioned that we had info about "new IG reps" at one time. Considering a new packet, "what to do", brochures, etc. Need ad hoc committee to develop: Tabled until August meeting.
 - WUIG Inventory will be held at the Sept. 4th meeting. This will take the entire meeting. Will mail the information to reps with the August minutes to allow preparation. Regional Trustee, Dexter J, will moderate the inventory. Any OA member is invited to attend the inventory.
 - OA Website labels: Mary T. handed out labels which had the WUIG website address, TSB phone number, and Speaker Bank number to put in the We Care books at group meetings. **MOTION** to allocate \$50 to buy labels giving each group 2 pages or 30 labels, **Seconded**. Discussion: some groups may only need one page. **VOTE:** In Favor-13, Opposed-1, Abstaining-1. **MOTION PASSED.**
- Elections: The requirements for positions up for election per the By-Laws to be included in July minutes mailing. The nominees must be a member of the current WUIG. We will also select a Hotline Chair at that meeting.
- We will also add the following questions to the agenda for the end of each meeting: What are we doing to help fellow sufferers in Westchester/Putnam? What are we doing as an IG to help each other stay abstinent?

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- WUIG Inventory 9/4/03, moderated by Dexter J., Region 6 Trustee
- Anniversaries: submit dates to Priscilla by the 8th of the month preceding publication.
- OA Convention August 7th-10th in New Orleans...room rates have been reduced.
- Elections for Chair, Vice-Chair and WSO Rep at the Oct. Meeting. Nominations accepted at Sept meeting and before the vote at the Oct. meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Seconded; APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary T., Recording Secretary

**REMEMBER:
OUR NEXT MEETING IS AUGUST 7, 2003**