

# PLEASE TAKE TO YOUR NEXT MEETING / BUSINESS MEETING

## WESTCHESTER UNITED INTERGROUP

MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 4, 2003

The meeting started at approximately 7:45 pm with introductions (name/position/group), the Serenity Prayer, the reading of the Preamble, Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and 7-12 of the Twelve Concepts.

**Those Present:** Chair-Carol B, Treasurer-Elaine M, Recording Secretary-Mary T, Temporary Sponsor Bank Chair-Brian F, Hotline Chair-Larissa M, Public Information Chair-Carmela S., Mon. Mt. Kisco-Jeanette F, Mon. Pelham-Kathy D., Mon. White Plains(Ridgeview-AM)-Beatrice S., Weds. WP St. Matthew's-Jim B, Thurs. Yorktown Heights-Joanna B, Fri. Carmel-Madeline B., Fri. White Plains (Ridgeview-AM)-Virginia M., Fri. White Plains (St. Matthew's-AM)-Dave S., Sat. White Plains (WP Presbyterian)-Meg J., Sun. Tarrytown-Lionel G., Sat. White Plains (WP Hospital)-Pat B., Mon. Pelham-Eleanor E., Sat. South Salem-Linda C.

### **SIGN-IN SHEET CIRCULATED**

#### **RECORDING SECRETARY** (*Mary T.*)

Meg made a motion to accept the minutes from November. Seconded-Call to Vote-Passed (14).

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** (*Carol B.*)

1. Bedford Hills Correctional Facility would like us to begin a meeting on-site. The requirements for volunteering are listed on the flyer which accompanies the minutes. Please announce at your meetings. We need 3 or 4 committed volunteers. BHCF wants a 6-month commitment ideally.
2. Richmond Group Homes and Day Treatment Center: There is a developmentally-disabled woman that the counselors want to refer to OA. May be able to do informational meeting for the staff to tell them about the program.
3. Money was allocated by the Steering Committee to purchase the OA Care Package Kit for the members of the group. A sample was given to all IRs tonight. If you are interested in keeping yours, please hand in the \$2 tonight or return the kit to the WUIG meeting next month.
4. New daytime meetings are now in White Plains from 12:30-1:30 on Mon, Tue, Thurs and Fri. They need leaders to commit one day/week for one month since there are so many newcomers. Call Carol or Celest for more information. They need our support.
5. As the WSBC Rep, Carol went to 3 meetings last month. She will go to any meeting to talk about World Service or to qualify (she will devote the last 10 minutes to WSBC).
6. OA Handbook...should we purchase for all? Discussion resulted in: PRO-It is more IG-oriented, It should be in the IR packet, It is informative. CON-Concern about the \$120 cost. Judy made a motion to purchase 50 handbooks for current and future IRs. Seconded-Call to Vote-Passed Unanimous (15)
7. Handout provided: Tips for Abstinent Holidays. Please take to your groups.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT** (*Elaine M.*)

She spoke with the telephone company. In previous financial statements, \$46.01 was allocated to phone bill. The last two months, the bill has been between \$80 and \$90. In September, there was a rate increase. The basic service and voicemail boxes we have make the new bill \$65/month. Since they didn't charge us the increase in September, they have increased the following 2 months to recover the increase. Larissa will investigate and research our options. Meg made a motion to accept the Financial Statement and file for audit - Seconded-Call to Vote-Passed Unanimous by acclamation.

#### **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT** (*Priscilla*)

No Corresponding Secretary's report available as Priscilla is absent.

#### **PASS THE BASKET** Basket Passed

### **INVENTORY DISCUSSION**

Remaining questions on inventory discussed. After question #13, Lionel motioned to curtail the inventory and move to the regular agenda. – Seconded. Discussion: CON – Need to do inventory and get through it, Inventory is important to the group, We should continue because the rest of the agenda is not that important. PRO – There is a time limit. Called to Vote: Favor=1, Opposed=13, Abstaining=2...MOTION NOT PASSED. Inventory completed.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Deferred to next month to allow time to complete the Inventory discussion.
- AD HOC COMMITTEE (*Meg*) Need more members to help coach the new IRs.

### **Speaker Bank** (*Kathy*)

Kathy (Speaker Bank) passed around a sign-up sheet to take to group meetings. If you email her, make sure to put "Speaker Bank" in the subject line.

### **Temporary Sponsor Bank** (*Brian*)

Brian no longer meets the abstinence requirements. It was opened to the floor for those interested. The position needs 3 months abstinence. Not a large time commitment. Bea motioned that we ask Brian to remain – seconded-called to vote: PASSED by unanimous acclamation.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Lionel is celebrating 20 years of abstinence.
- Roberta is celebrating 8 months of abstinence.
- Joanne is celebrating 100 days of abstinence.
- Our next meeting is January 8<sup>th</sup>.
- There is a Candlelighting Ceremony on 30<sup>th</sup> and Lex at 6:00pm on the street on December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- A member is trying to establish a "kids friendly" OA meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted by Mary T., Recording Secretary

**REMEMBER:  
OUR NEXT MEETING IS JANUARY 8, 2004**