

WESTCHESTER UNITED INTERGROUP
MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 8, 2004 -- DRAFT

PLEASE TAKE TO YOUR NEXT MEETING / BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting started at approximately 7:45 pm with the Serenity Prayer, introductions, the reading of the Preamble, Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and 1-6 of the Twelve Concepts.

Those Present: Chair-Carol B., Treasurer-Elaine M., Recording Secretary-Mary T., Corresponding Secretary-Priscilla R., WSBC Delegate-Carol B., Webmistress-Beth T., PI Committee-Carmela S., Hotline-Larissa M., Mon. White Plains(Ridgeview-Alt.AM)-Roberta M., Weds. White Plains (Mem. Utd. Meth.)-Eleanor B., Thurs. Yorktown Heights-Joanna B., Thurs. WP Temple Israel-Larissa M., Fri. White Plains (Ridgeview-AM)-Virginia M., Fri. White Plains (St. Matthew's-AM)-Dave S., Sat. So. Salem-Linda C., Sat. White Plains (WP Presbyterian)-Meg J., Sun. Tarrytown-Lionel G., Sat. White Plains (WP Hospital)-Pat B.

SIGN-IN SHEET CIRCULATED

RECORDING SECRETARY (*Mary T.*)

December minutes not available as Mary T was late.

TREASURER'S REPORT (*Elaine M.*)

Not many disbursements in the past month. Checkbook balance=\$5,738.86. The amount for "Working Capitol" is in excess because bills to be paid are deducted from "Expected Expenses". Please send checks to the PO Box, not to the treasurer's home address. Elaine announced that she no longer meets the abstinence requirements for the position.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (*Priscilla*)

Meeting lists are available. No changes from last month. If there are any changes in your group's contact person or group secretary, please email Priscilla with the new information. The information for the **Saturday A.M. Meeting in White Plains is unclear**; please contact Priscilla with the contact information.

PASS THE BASKET Basket Passed

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Speaker Bank (*Kathy*)

Not much has happened this month. There are about 15 speakers listed, who could also be used as meeting leaders if needed.

Temporary Sponsor Bank (*Brian*)

No report – Brian absent. Noted that we need new labels for the *We Care* books with Brian's name and phone number as the contact for the TSB, not Priscilla's.

Hotline Update (*Larissa*)

Missed changing the Hotline messages over the holidays. What procedure should be in place so this doesn't happen again? Will add a comment to the outgoing message advising callers to check the website as well.

Public Information (PI) Update (*Carmela S*)

Newsletter (*Priscilla*)

January issue distributed. The next issue will be *Body Image and Sexuality* and *Resentments—Letting Go and Moving On* (see handout).

Webmistress (*Beth B*)

The website is updated regularly but she is missing the minutes for several months (Mary should email them) as well as several other reports. Directions to the meetings are also needed for Tues. Yonkers, Tues. Somers, Weds. New Rochelle, Weds. Yonkers, Thurs. Hartsdale, Thurs. Yorktown Heights, Friday Carmel, Fri. Ossining, Sat. South Salem, Sun. Tarrytown. Please email the information about holiday meetings (closing and openings).

Ad Hoc Committee for IR Orientation (*Was it Meg?????*)

No report tonight.

Region 6 Assembly Report (*Carol B*)

See enclosed *Report on Region Six Assembly Sept. 20, 2003* – submitted by Carol B.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Bedford Correctional Facility Meeting** – Ten people were interested in forming a group which would go to the correctional facility to have an OA meeting for the inmates. Linda C. will coordinate; if anyone in your groups is interested, have them call 914-526-6161.

- **Prudent Reserve** – Some question and discussion about the need for a formal budget. The Chair says it belongs under the inventory goals to establish a working budget against which to compare the actual financial statements to monitor and determine the amount of Prudent Reserve actually required and reasonable. Lionel disagreed and stated that we should distribute it now to Region 6 and World Service, not just get the interest on it while we “establish” a reasonable amount. Beth disagreed, stating we just don’t have enough information about our financial position to distribute before review. Lionel reminded us that the Prudent Reserve is for unexpected expenses; the \$750 over the currently-established Prudent Reserve should be distributed. **MOTION** from Lionel – The treasurer should distribute and send \$750 to Region 6 and WSO. **DISCUSSION** (alternating Con/Pro): **CON-**: * We would only be waiting about one month to establish the new budget * Not comfortable with the money situation either; last time we were short it was fortunate that the checks were never received by WSO or Region 6 and we were able to put a stop payment on them; it will only be several months before the money is sent * We need to set budgets for the committees first and this will probably happen before the end of the first quarter. **PRO:** * If \$750 sent, we’d still have \$3,000; if the goals from the inventory are set and the Prudent Reserve is short, the receipts from the groups will cover it * We have to let go of it to get more. The long version of the Traditions states that we should avoid the misuse of funds as a result of greed; is that the case here? **SECONDED – CALLED TO VOTE:** 5 in favor, 10 opposed, 1 abstaining = **MOTION NOT PASSED** (funds will not be distributed at this time).

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Goal Setting for 2004** -- * Handout of results of the inventory (9/03). Discussion about how to select goals. Decided that each rep should select the 4 items they feel are important, and a tally of the votes be taken and the 4 receiving the most votes will be our goals. Results: #2 received 2 votes, #3 received 9 votes, **#4 received 12 votes**, #5a received 0 votes, **#5b received 10 votes**, #5f received 0 votes, **#8 received 10 votes**, **#10a received 10 votes**, #10b received 4 votes, #11 received 1 vote. Goals established: #4, #5b, #8 and #10a. #4 and #5 need committees to prioritize, #8 needs 1-2 people to work with the treasurer (also needs to establish budget line for #5b and 10a), #10a will be handled by the PI Committee. **MOTION** from Meg – To establish a finance committee to review our financial history and create an operating budget for 2004, to be presented to WUIG for approval at the March meeting. Lionel suggested adding “a suggested” [budget]. **SECONDED AS AMENDED – CALLED TO VOTE:** 11 in favor, 1 abstention, 0 opposed = **MOTION PASSED**. Lionel and Meg will work with the treasure

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- See enclosed agenda.
- Anniversaries: 2/11 Wednesday Night Yonkers meeting.
- Welcome Back Packets are available for sale for \$2.
- There is a member trying to establish a daytime “kids friendly” meeting. Call 659-6591 if interested.

MOTION from Lionel to extend the meeting by 5 minutes. **SECONDED – CALLED TO VOTE:** passed by unanimous acclamation. Elaine (treasurer) no longer meets the abstinence requirement for the position. Please announce the vacancy at your meetings to find a new treasurer. The Chair appointed Elaine on a monthly basis as we look for a replacement. Mary (recording secretary) announced that she must resign her position as of March. Also announce the vacancy of this position. **REQUIREMENTS:** Treasure requires 6 month abstinence and recording secretary requires 3 months abstinence. Both positions require active membership in a group, and candidate must have 6 months as an IR (currently or in past).

MOTION TO ADJOURN: **SECONDED – CALLED TO VOTE:** passed by unanimous acclamation. Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary T., Recording Secretary

**REMEMBER:
OUR NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 5, 2003**