

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, WSBC Delegate -Carol B., Treasurer-Elaine M., Corresponding Secretary, Newsletter -Priscilla R., Webmistress-Beth T., Hotline, Thurs. White Plains Temple Israel - Larissa M., Mon. White Plains Ridgeview - Roberta M., Thurs. Yorktown Heights-Joanna B., Sat. So. Salem-Linda C., Sat. White Plains (WP Presbyterian)-Meg J., Region 6 Delegate – Mary T., Region 6 Delegate – Larry F., Mon. White Plains PM – Shirley A., Wed. White Plains PM – Jim B., Tues. Yonkers PM – Ellie S., Speaker Bank, Mon. Pelham PM – Kathy D.

SIGN-IN SHEET CIRCULATED

RECORDING SECRETARY (*Mary T.*)

Revisions to the February minutes: 1) 2 items that are underlined in bold were not actually said at the meeting, will be deleted from minutes. 2) typo under Proposal 10. should read “male-oriented.” 3) Proposal B says, “Ask Meg.” This should be changed by removing the 2 Proposal B’s and just keep the one that says, “Proposal B (corrected)” but remove “(corrected)”. 4) Add the following under WSBC 2004 Motions and Amendments – “To complete written submission form at the end of February to be sent to World Service. Following is the result of our voting. ‘Yes’ means that WUIG want this motion to be sent to the conference floor, ‘No’ means WUIG does not feel it should be submitted to the conference floor. Comments will be submitted on the form.” Larry made a motion to accept the minutes as revised. Motion was seconded and accepted unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT (*Elaine M.*)

Since there is no current phone bill, Treasurer will phone company this month. Question raised about the \$1350 in expected expenses but was deferred until later in meeting when proposed budget will be discussed. Treasurer brought up the need for someone to Audit the Treasurer’s Report. The Vice Chair, who is to perform this task, has not been present due to family emergency. Meg volunteered. **Meg made a motion to file Treasurer’s Report for Audit. Motion was seconded and passed with one abstention.**

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY’S REPORT (*Priscilla*)

1) Meeting lists have been updated and are available. The Thursday Temple Israel meeting closings have been added; the Ossining meeting, which had been erroneously removed, has been reinstated; and the WSO group numbers have been added for each meeting. 2) One request for a meeting list was received and sent out. 3) If there are any changes in your group’s contact person or group secretary, please email new information. World Service listings updated and mailed to WSO. 4) We now have 30 meetings. 5) Please note that we received a change of address for sending Region 6 contributions. Please send them to: Sid Bass, Region Six Treasurer, PO Box 869, Salem, MA 01970. 6) We received 3 pamphlets for the Region 6 convention in October along with a letter requesting submissions for Keynote Speakers and signing up for service. This was given to Chair and passed around. 7) Spelling of the contact person for the Ossining meeting needs to be changed to Bobbye.

PASS THE BASKET Basket Passed

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Committee Chair unable to attend tonight, but WUIG Chair mentioned the upcoming Mamaroneck Harbor Street Fair. Last year it was free, this year it is either \$50 or \$100. This will be put under new business later this evening.

Newsletter (*Priscilla*)

We did not receive enough articles to publish the newsletter this month. Topics are *Body Image and Sexuality* and *Resentments—Letting Go and Moving On*. Please ask your meetings to submit articles. We received permission from the Journal News to reprint an article on Stepping Stones (the home of Bill W.). If we get 3 more articles, we can go to press either for April meeting or in-between. **Beth made a motion to disseminate to the meetings the Region 6 and World Service addresses for donations via the newsletter and the meeting list.** Motion seconded. 12 For, 2 Abstentions, 0 Against. **Motion passed.**

Speaker Bank (*Kathy*)

There are 16 speakers listed. One call this month for names. Need more people in the Bank.

Temporary Sponsor Bank (*Open*)

We need a Chair. Brian received some calls this month and said he will continue to do the service until we get a chair. Requirements: 3 months abstinence, 1 year in program and 6 months service at the IG level. Priscilla said that Brian asked her to remove his name as Temp. Sponsor Bank contact from Newsletter and Meeting List and this has been done.

Hotline Update (*Larissa*)

1) Please let Chair know if your meeting is going to be opened or closed when there is a special exception, like Christmas and other holidays. 2) In December we discussed doing research to see where WUIG is listed, what phone books etc. Chair would be happy to do that but needs some guidance. It was suggested that she find out where we are listed and where we are not. 3) Chair is struggling with her abstinence and if there is someone who would like to do this position, she would pass it on. Committee Chair Requirements: 6 months abstinence, working steps for 1 year, familiarity with 12 traditions, regular attendance of an active group within the IG for 6 months and to be an IR at some point for 6 months. No one volunteered.

Webmistress (*Beth B*)

Please email meeting changes as well as weather cancellations and the information about holiday meetings (closing and openings). Announce the web address at your meetings.

Ad Hoc Committee for Budget (*Elaine*)

The committee (Elaine, Carol B, and Lionel) met 3 times. They reviewed the history of contributions and expenses. See attached Budget 2004. Everything is estimated. The expected expenses currently at the bottom of the Treasurer's Report really do not reflect expected expenses. The committee suggested that IG does not need Prudent Reserve figure; what we need is to budget expected expenses very well. IG does not have to rely on itself to generate the income. Question was asked about the increase in insurance expense – the committee did figure a 10% increase for insurance but did not apply an increase for any of the other budgeted items.

It was suggested that a small cut could be made in the printing of meeting lists as it seems that we are printing them in excess by printing them for every IG meeting. Discussion took place. **Motion was made by Larissa to print the meeting list only when changes are submitted and at least semiannually.** Motion seconded. Then an amendment was made to that motion to add: **but no more than bi-monthly.** Amendment seconded. **Motion Failed.** 4 For, 6 against, 2 abstentions. **Priscilla made a motion to print the meeting list bi-monthly.** Seconded. **Motion PASSED.** 11 For, 1 Against, 1 abstention.

Question was asked what the 12th Step Within Committee would do with the \$200 budgeted. Answer: There is no committee yet; we are just putting aside money for future project. Question was asked whether or not the Photocopying expenses budget includes copying for the PI committee. Answer: No, those come out of the PI budget.

It was suggested that we need to double the PI budget as \$200 is not enough. Discussion took place and it remained at \$200. There is over \$6000 in our bank account which is excess money. Copy projections were already cut based on the prior year's expenses so what we spend could actually be higher. Comment was made that if we know something could be higher, it should be reflected in that item's budget and not in "unexpected expenses." Much discussion took place. Someone noted that our collective HP is leading us through this process and we need to start somewhere. This is a jump off point so we can begin to move forward financially. **Larry made a motion to accept the Proposed Budget as is.**

Motion seconded. **Motion PASSED.** 8 Yes, 4 No, 1 Abstention. **Budget accepted as written.**

OLD BUSINESS

Bedford Correctional Facility Meeting – Volunteers are needed. Linda has application forms and material from the HIPM manual. Question was raised regarding abstinence requirements to be a speaker at the correctional facility meeting. Carol spoke to someone who was part of an AA group that did this type of service and they based the abstinence requirement for speaking on the 3 month requirement that their meeting used. World Service gave some input – they said that with service you need to be careful about setting abstinence requirements because service can also help people get abstinent and stay abstinent. Chair asked for feedback. Suggestions included setting abstinence requirements based on the average requirements for speaking at local meetings, requiring a certain amount of time in program, and requiring the completion of certain Steps. Discussion ensued about the definition of abstinence and food plans. **Beth made a motion that we have an Abstinence requirement of 90 days and working the first 3 steps of the program.** Motion seconded. **Motion PASSED.** 8 For, 3 Against, 0 Abstentions. Linda stepped down as contact person.

Treasurer Position – Elaine was appointed as Treasurer for next month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Welcome Back Packets are available for sale for \$2. We have 25 left. Betsy would be willing to make more if we approve that next month.

We need volunteers to go to the Correctional Facility. Please let Carol B. know if you are interested.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: SECONDED – CALLED TO VOTE: passed by unanimous acclamation. Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Beth T.

**REMEMBER:
OUR NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 1, 2004**