

O.A. WESTCHESTER UNITED INTERGROUP MEETING  
JULY 6, 2006  
EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
PLEASANTVILLE, N.Y.

**Present** Chair: Bobbye; Treasurer: Kim; Corresponding Secretary: Larissa; Recording Secretary (acting): Janet Public Information: Carol

Meeting opened with serenity prayer, introductions, preamble, 12 steps, 12 traditions, 1-6 concepts of service, basket passed to collect donations Sign up sheet passed.

Bobbye H. reminded the group that each meeting is entitled to one vote, by either an IR or an AR.

**Recording secretary**

Changes made to last month's minutes: Pleasantville meeting begins at 6:30 pm, not 6:45 pm  
In Anne B.'s absence, Janet volunteered to take the minutes Motion to adopt last month's minutes with the changes incorporated. Motion seconded. Voting: 9 in favor; 0 against; 2 abstained. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report** Given by Kim D.

- a) Renter's Insurance which is required by some of the facilities in which meetings are held is paid in full for the period from 10/9/05 through 10/9/06.
- b) Intergroup has budgeted and will pay for this insurance from 2006 through 2007.
- c) Additional insurance, which was required to be paid for by the Sunday morning White Plains group for a meeting held one week at Burke Rehabilitation Center in White Plains, was paid for by the group itself and not by Intergroup.
- d) The attached treasurer's report was read by the Treasurer.
- e) A motion was made and seconded to file the Treasurer's report for audit.  
Voting: 10 in favor; 0 against; 1 abstained. Motion passed.

**Newsletter Report** – Priscilla The newsletter was delivered by Priscilla and Shirley, neither stayed for the meeting.

**Website Report** Given by: Beth T, Webmistress

- a) A written report by Beth is attached hereto.
- b) Beth suggested that it was perhaps time that she step down from the position for the purpose of rotating responsibilities, however if there was no one willing to take the position she was happy to continue. No one volunteered.

**Public Information Committee Report** Given by Carol B., copy attached

**Speaker Bank Report** Given by: Roberta M.

She has a list of available speakers. To date, there have been no requests for speakers from any of the meetings.

**Hotline Report** Chair (Janet C.) not in attendance.

Two officers stated that they checked and the hotline was up to date as of the time of the meeting. Larissa stated that she has all the codes to access the system in the event Janet does not return to her position.

### Sponsor Bank Report

Bobbye spoke to Laura & gave the following report in her absence. She has 8 temporary sponsors and 5 members who need sponsors. She is in the process of matching them up.

### Intergroup Representative Mentoring/ (Bea S., Kathy D.) No report

### Outreach Committee Report (Bea S., Kathy D.) No report

### Corresponding Secretary Given by: Larissa M.

- a) Needs someone to take her position.
- b) Let her know about changes to the meeting list, for instance format changes, holiday closures.
- c) Has not updated the World Service Website with changes to our meeting list. She would be happy to accept the information so she can do it.
- d) Larissa asked if there was an order in which information is disseminated about meetings changes. Carol said that the following order was historically observed:
  - i) Corresponding Secretary;
  - ii) Webmistress;
  - iii) Hotline and
  - iv) World Service website.

Larissa will change the meeting list to add a line requesting that she be informed of any meeting changes and that she would pass on the information in the above order.

### Retreat Committee (Rita D.) Verbal report given by: Bobbye H.

Three people still owed money after the retreat. One of them paid and two others still owe money. They were both called and each said they would send the money and to date have not. Over \$2000 has been collected from the retreat, which is to be sent to the Treasurer.

### Old Business

#### a) **WUIG Chairperson**

- i) Bobbye needs to step down. According to Bobbye, Anne B. is willing to assume responsibility effective September and can be appointed as chairperson until the next election.
- ii) A motion was made and seconded to hold off appointment of a chairperson until next month. Discussion ensued:

Voting: 6 in favor; 5 opposed; 0 abstentions. Motion carried

Prior to discussion, Bobbye read the by-laws for the general and specific qualifications for chairperson.

#### b) **New Corresponding Secretary Needed**

The current corresponding secretary wants to resign, though no letter of resignation has been received. Bobbye read the qualifications for corresponding secretary from the by-laws. She also read the by-law sections regarding resignations. The need for another corresponding secretary needs to be publicized at meetings.

#### c) **Fall Activity**

Debbie volunteered to form a committee. Roberta Z, Larissa M. and Janet P. volunteered for the committee.

## New Business & Announcements

- a) Kim stated that she had Officer Applications for Region 6.
  - b) Region 6 Convention – October 27-29 at Friar Tuck Conference Center in the Catskills. Early registration through August 15.
  - c) Opening of Vice Chair Bobbye said she would be willing to run in October, if needed and if her surgery is successful.
  - d) A question was raised as to when and where is it appropriate to announce a new meeting, whether it should be registered first, and what types of announcements are appropriate. Bobbye stated that she spoke with an ex-Trustee of Region 6, who said that walking meetings should be addressed and voted on and that bulletins should be approved and disseminated by Intergroup. Walking meetings are to be addressed next month.
  - e) There was a postage error mailing out information this month, so not everyone received the minutes of the meeting.
  - f) Abstinence anniversaries were announced
19. Meeting closed with “I put my hand in yours”.

Next meeting: Aug. 3, 2006

## Public Information Committee Report

Public Information Committee Report 6/15/06 (submitted by Carol) Present: Carol B, Gina B, John B, Tom S, Roberta Z.

### 1) Community Fairs:

On Sat June 10, six OA volunteers "carried the message" at the 26th Annual Ossining Fair. Beginning at 7:30 am in the midst of gusting winds, volunteers arrived to set up our OA informational table. Our three informational posters ("Is Food a Problem for You or a Loved One?; Have You Tried Everything to Lose Weight?; and the fifteen questions "Are You a Compulsive Overeater?") were prominently displayed and appeared to be eye-catching as many people stopped and read them. A steady flow of men and women and at least one teenager approached our table for free literature and questions.

One hundred eighteen pieces of free literature were distributed, including forty-one meeting lists. At least twenty-five new people were given information as determined by the number of pamphlets "Are You a Compulsive Overeater?" (the 15 questions) were given out. In addition to people who had never heard of OA, several former members approached our table, appreciating our presence there and implying that they might return. In addition, a PACE University counselor was particularly interested in literature to distribute to students and was given contact information as well. We also gave out approximately 25 free jar openers with the OA logo and phone number. All in all it was a very satisfying twelfth step experience!

Thanks to Kimberly P for signage and set-up assistance and Kimi D, Donna G, Bobbye H and Terry S for volunteering their time. (Carol coordinated event.)

2) OA Public Service Tape (PSA): Currently the PSA is being aired on three local cable TV stations: White Plains, Mamaroneck and Rye. It is due to be aired on Cablevision. More details to follow. (John continues to coordinate effort.)

### 3) Flyers with our OA hotline, website and other contact information:

Tom presented a system of tracking the distribution of flyers using Google. Our area was divided into three geographical "teams" based on the Hudson, Harlem and New Haven train lines. Team leaders (Gina, John, and Roberta) will be asking for volunteers at meetings to put up OA flyers in supermarkets, libraries and other community places. Then the team leaders will be following up with the volunteers to find out what is happening. Bobbye heads the effort by working with Kimberly P in getting the flyers printed and distributed to the team leaders. We also discussed developing a smaller flyer for those stores that require a flyer no bigger than 5" x 7". Roberta will work on this.

4) Health Care Professionals: The committee has decided to focus on reaching health care professionals. (Tom and Roberta will present a proposal to the committee at the next meeting.)

Next meeting: Thursday July 13, 12:30 pm at Carol's house

## Report of Webmistress

The website continues to be updated as new information comes in. Please have meetings submit anniversary info as well as any holiday openings or closings. Any pertinent information regarding OA or meetings can be submitted for posting. Please encourage this. It would be great if the Reps could take a look at the site and make sure there are directions to their meeting posted and that they are accurate.

We received a number of e-mails this month and a number of e-mails were sent out to our distribution list with current information updates. As requested by the last IG meeting, an e-mail was sent to the distribution list explaining the critical need for Officers at WUIG. We received one email asking for clarification on whether or not the "men's focus meeting" is open to women. I responded to that. We received one e-mail asking if there is an age requirement to join OA from a woman with a 13 year old daughter who wants to join. I responded to that. We received an e-mail from a member who had attended 2 meetings and wanted clarification on what a sponsor is and how to get copies of the Big Book and For Today book. I responded to that. We received an e-mail from the Suffolk County IG regarding the Region 6 convention, although I was delayed in doing it, I did forward this to Lynda K. (Acting Chair), Carol B. (PI Chair) and Priscilla (Newsletter Chair) as requested in the e-mail. A copy of this e-mail is also attached to this report. Meeting Openings and Closings as well as July 4th Holiday meeting info was updated on the site and distributed via e-mail. The most current meeting list is posted and the most current newsletter will be posted shortly. The distribution list has been updated.

A big THANK YOU to Anne B. for e-mailing me the WUIG minutes from June 2006 (as well as the attachments). These have been posted on the website. In addition, Anne noted that we should mention the reason that there are no March 2006 minutes on the site is that there was no meeting due to weather. I have updated that. To date, I have not received any Financial Reports. I understand it is difficult to go back and retrieve the old info but I do hope that I can receive the Financial Reports via e-mail for this month and going forward.

All e-mails continue to be directed to the general web address. Following are the list of positions which have e-mail forwarded to them through the site.

- Chairman
- Vice Chairman
- Recording Secretary
- Corresponding Secretary
- Treasurer
- Regional Representatives
- WSBC Delegate
- PI Chairman
- Newsletter Editor
- Speakers' Bank Chairman
- Sponsors' Bank Chairman
- Hotline Chairman
- Webmaster

As I have stated previously, I have posted some information to the Committee Pages; however, most of them still need more information. If you are a Chair, please visit your page and decide what you would like to do there. Please continue to update on a regular basis.

Please take a look and pass it on that people should utilize our webpage for information. Please announce the web address <<http://www.oawestchester-ny.org/>> [www.oawestchester-ny.org](http://www.oawestchester-ny.org) at your meetings.