

May 10, 2007 Meeting Minutes
Meetings^{2nd} Thursday of the month at 7:30PM

Attending: Anne B (Acting Chair) Jan G (Corresponding Secretary); Kim D (Treasurer); Tom S Carolyn (Newsletter); Sarah P (White Plains); Rabia M (Pelham); Margaret B (Yorktown); Louise B (Hartsdale)

Read: Preamble; 12 steps; 12 traditions; 7-12 rules of service; sign in sheet & basket passed

Motion to approve May Minutes:

Vote: 8 unanimous votes

Treasurer Report:

- Additional \$200 for PI – added to budget
- Phone company billed us twice – it is actually \$128
- Paid our first PI for the placemats
- Discussion on payment to intergroup

Motion to accept the Treasurer Report & file for audit

Vote: 8 unanimous votes

Items of Business:

Newsletter:

- In draft, hoping to get out a June/July newsletter. Article will be published written by the web mistress. Announcing also that we need more articles.

Region 6 Delegate:

- We have 4 slots because of the number of meetings we have. Request for volunteers to be delegate. Sarah & Rabia might volunteer.

IR Mentoring and Outreach:

- IR Mentoring – when someone shows up you brief them on the role of intergroup.
- Intergroup Outreach – someone goes to meetings that don't have reps. You go to meetings and talk about Intergroup.
- Need volunteers for these roles. Discussion decided to table subject and bring it up again next month.

Inventory Notes:

- **Motion: Continue to scribe our thoughts this month and take time next month to come to a group conscience on each question**

Vote: 7 in favor – 1 abstain

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to the AA Group Inventory.

Principles Before Personalities

Tradition Two: For our group purpose, there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

The principal of Rotation:

Traditionally, rotation ensures that group tasks, like nearly everything else in AA are passed around for all to share. Many groups have alternates to each trusted servant who can step into the service positions if needed.

To step out of an AA office you love can be hard. If you have been doing a good job, if you honestly don't see anyone else around willing, qualified, or with the time to do it, and if your friends agree, it's especially tough. But it can be a real step forward in growth – a step into the humility that is, for some people, the spiritual essence of anonymity.

Among other things, anonymity in the Fellowship means that we forgo personal prestige for any AA work we do to help alcoholics. And, in the spirit of Tradition Twelve, it ever reminds us “to place principles before personalities.”

Many outgoing service position holders find it rewarding to take time to share their experience with the incoming person. Rotation helps to bring us spiritual rewards far more enduring than fame. With no AA “status” at stake, we needn't compete for titles or praise – we have complete freedom to serve as we are needed.

What is an Informed AA Group Conscience?

The group conscience is the collective conscience of the group membership and thus represents substantial unanimity on an issue before definitive action is taken. This is achieved by the group members through the sharing of full information, individual points of view, and the practice of AA principles. To be fully informed requires a willingness to listen to minority opinions with an open mind.

On sensitive issues, the group works slowly – discouraging formal motions until a clear sense of its collective view emerges. Placing principles before personalities, the membership is wary of dominant opinions. Its voice is heard when a well-formed group arrives at a decision. The result rests on more than a “yes” or “no” count – precisely because it is the spiritual expression of the group conscience. The term “informed group conscience” implies that pertinent information has been studied and all views have been heard before the group votes.

AA Group Inventory

Many groups periodically hold a “group inventory meeting” to evaluate how well they are fulfilling their primary purpose: to help alcoholics recover through AA's suggested Twelve Steps of recovery. Some groups take inventory by examining our Twelve Traditions, one at a time, to determine how well they are living up to these principles.

conscience. Groups will probably wish to add questions of their own:

1. What is the basic purpose of our group?
2. What more can our group do to carry the message?
3. Is our group attracting alcoholics from different backgrounds? Are we seeing a good cross-section of our community, including those with special needs?
4. Do new members stick with us, or does the turnover seem excessive? If so, why? What can we as a group do to retain members?
5. Do we emphasize the importance of sponsorship? How effectively? How can we do it better?
6. Are we careful to preserve the anonymity of our group members and other AAs outside the meeting rooms? Do we also leave what they share at meetings behind?
7. Does our group emphasize to all members the value of keeping up with the kitchen, set-up, clean-up and other housekeeping chores that are essential for our Twelfth Step efforts?
8. Are all members given the opportunity to speak at meetings and to participate in other group activities?
9. Mindful that holding office is a great responsibility not to be viewed as the outcome of a popularity contest, are we choosing our officers with care?
10. Are we doing all we can to provide an attractive and accessible meeting place?
11. Does our group do its fair share toward participating in the purpose of AA – as it relates to our Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service?
12. What has our group done lately to bring the AA message to the attention of professionals in the community – the physicians, clergy, court officials, educators, and others who are often the first to see alcoholics in need of help?
13. How is our group fulfilling its responsibility to the Seventh Tradition?

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2007 Financial Report

April

	2Q				YTD TOTAL	2007 Budget	
	April	May	June	2Q Total		Projected	Actual
Opening Balance	\$ 10,154.34						
Credits							
Net WUIG Donations	\$ 62.00			\$ 62.00	\$ 1,667.40	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,667.40
Donations collected for WSO & R6	\$ -			\$ -	\$ 247.60	N/A	N/A
Donations collected for Public Information	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00	\$ 827.00		
Rent Collection	\$ 15.00			\$ 15.00	\$ 102.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 102.00
Retreats & Workshops				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Total Credits	\$ 277.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 277.00	\$ 2,844.00	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 1,769.40
Debits							
Insurance				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 625.00	\$ 625.00
P.O. Box				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00
Website				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00
WSBC Delegate Travel (1 person*1 trip)				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Region 6 Delegate Travel (2 people*2 trips)				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 230.00	\$ 230.00
Rent	\$ 8.00			\$ 8.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 202.00
Phone Service	\$ 128.02			\$ 128.02	\$ 320.05	\$ 775.00	\$ 454.95
Chair	\$ 23.24			\$ 23.24	\$ 69.91	\$ 200.00	\$ 130.09
Vice Chair				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Treasury	\$ 26.30			\$ 26.30	\$ 46.88	\$ 200.00	\$ 153.12
Recording Secretary (copies & postage)	\$ 29.66			\$ 29.66	\$ 120.47	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 879.53
Corresponding Secretary (mtg lists)	\$ 75.00			\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 325.00
Newsletter				\$ -	\$ 125.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 625.00
Public Information	\$ 300.00			\$ 300.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 4,177.00	\$ 2,777.00
Twelfth Step Within				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Meeting Outreach				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
IR Mentoring Committee				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
New Group Start-Up (4 meetings)				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Speaker Bank				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Temporary Sponsor Bank				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Retreats & Workshops				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Special Projects				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
Donations to WSO & R6				\$ -	\$ -	N/A	N/A
Total Debits	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

Credits-Debits	(313.22) [¢]	\$ -	\$ -	\$(313.22)	638.69 [¢]	\$(5,177.00)	(5,602.29) [¢]
Closing Balance	\$ 9,841.12	\$ -	\$ -			\$ 3,731.67	\$ 3,306.38

April Highlights:

- >WUIG donations (details on reverse): \$260.00
- >WSO & R6 donations (details on reverse): \$0.00
- >Credits-Debits: \$-313.22
- >Checkbook closed at: \$9,841.12
- >\$200.00 to PI (added to budget)

We will be appearing at the Mamaroneck Street Fair Sunday, June 3, 11am-5pm.

Members are asked to inquire of newcomers how they heard of OA. If newcomers heard through the movie theater ads, please report that to the Public Information committee. A recent Sunday a.m. meeting at the White Plains Hospital netted 3 newcomers who learned of OA through the movie theater ads.

Newsletter (Carolyn)

I have a draft....and might have a copy to bring to Intergroup on Thursday. I'll be there.

IR Mentoring (Tom S.)

IR Mentoring and Outreach

The IR Mentoring and Outreach Committee is will be going through some changes in the near future.

- Bea will continue to lead the committee as co-chair, but due to personal issues, she will need to work via email only. She will mentor through email, answer questions, email out packets of information if necessary, but for the immediate future she will be unable to take calls from new IRs.
- We will see if we can have the information hosted on the website (Beth?), which I assume means that the packets and papers will need to be scanned in (does anyone have access to a scanner?)
- Tom will be stepping down from co-chair of IR Mentoring, as the goal was to help it limp along until Bea's return. With Bea able to participate in electronic fashion only, we need a motivated co-chair for this important role. Therefore, we need to elect a new co-chair to work with Bea and new IRs.
- The IR / Attendance list will continue to be updated by Kathy D, but there will need to be a new collector of this information at meetings if Kathy D is not in attendance. My suggestion is that when a new IR Rep joins, that they are given Bea and Kathy D's email immediately to get started. Kathy can get their info on the list; Bea can reach out via email with the packet and direction.
- IR outreach has continued and needs to continue. Bea will not be able to perform this function directly for the near future, and Tom will be stepping down from the co-chair role. We need to elect a new co-chair to be mentored by Bea on outreach. I believe we should complete the inventory and then do a more formalized outreach program where we as a group define groups we attend and visit and then go make the pitch about "the new intergroup."

That is the report...Change is Good! This is great service for those who want to help build, grow and maintain Intergroup!

