

**Westchester United OA Intergroup July 12, 2007 Meeting
Minutes & Committee Reports**

Attending: Anne B (Acting Chair), Kim D (Treasurer) Jan G. (Corresponding Secretary), Jmel W (Sponsor Bank), Carol B (Public Information), Carolyn C (Newsletter Editor), Beth T (Webmistress), Barbara S (Mon WP), Roberta Z (Wed Mamaroneck); Rabia M (Sat WP), Margaret B (Thurs Yorktown), Louise B (Thurs Hartsdale, Nicole D (Sun Katonah), Vivian N (Thurs Yorktown), Richard S (Katonah Wed)

Read: Serenity Prayer, Preamble; 12 Steps & 12 Traditions; Twelve Concepts of OA

Motion to change positions: Jan to be now in the Recording Secretary position and Debbie S will be the new Corresponding Secretary.

Vote: 14 in favor

Motion to approve minutes

Favor: 11 – abstain 1

Announcement: Officer positions will be voted for in October. Chair, Co-Chair, World Service Business Representative, Region 6 representation, and committee chairs.

Treasurer Report:

June report given by Kim D. in writing, summary of oral comments: Additional public information donations. Budget has been increased by \$103. We can part with a \$1000 to Region 6 and World Service. Divided equally.

Motion to send money to Region 6: Seconded

Discussion Proposed Action:

- Possibility of sending 250 to Region 6 and 250 to World Service and send the other 500 to PI committee – Motion amended to reflect this suggestion.
- We have five diners who do placemats for \$275 a month. We have enough for another two months. We can always expand to other diners and use the money.
- What is the usual contribution to Intergroup. If written on the check (10-60-20), we do it automatically. We decide on a quarterly basis what we do in Intergroup.
- Do we know how region 6 is doing these days?
- We should not be holding onto money.

Vote on motion as amended: 11 in favor; one abstain; one opposed.

Motion to Approve Treasurer Report for Audit:

Vote: 13 approved

Review of Possible amendments to by-laws:

- Submit to Anne in writing how they would like to change the by-laws and we will discuss it next month
 - Eg. Qualifications for the board is to high no one can meet them.
 - E-mails can be sent to the web-site and Beth will forward to Anne

Newsletter Editor:

- Need announcements by the 15th. The topic for the next newsletter is Miracles. If you have any writings submit them and there will be information on the Street Fair. Debbie – will submit article on work being done at Brookhaven.

Region 6 Representatives:

- No one has gone to the last two Region 6 assemblies. September 29
- Rick, Rabia, Sarah and Nicole volunteered.

Motion: To take a group conscience to allow these people to act as Region 6 representatives for the September 29 meeting, with the understanding that they will give us reports

Motion Seconded:

Vote: 12 in favor – 1 abstaining.

IR Mentoring / Outreach –

- Still looking for people to volunteer to fill these roles. Beth is volunteering to do the IR mentoring role until someone volunteers permanently. Carolyn, on behalf of outreach, called all the meetings to get updated information on who are their IR's and encourage them to send IR's.

Discussion on the Inventory Notes (by Kim D.):

- Purpose of inventory is to figure out where we are at fault so we can figure out where we need help.
- We need to be concise about these topics – each question now has many answers.
- We would like to open up the discussion now and decide which is the most important item in the lists of answers for each question..
- We can put out where we need help in the newsletter.

Motion on questions and selected answers:

What is our basic purpose?

- Our primary purpose of this organization is to carry the message (and to serve and represent the OA groups from which WUIG is formed).

Favor: 12 in favor – 2 abstain

What more can our group do to carry the message?

- The message is we have a solution and the solution is the 12 steps. Promote and clarify the 12 step solution.

Favor: 12 in favor – one abstain

Is our Intergroup attracting addicts from different backgrounds?

- Motion: No we are not attracting

Favor: 12 favor – 1 abstain

*(Motion: To to extend meeting 10 minutes to work further on inventory) –
Vote: one abstain, one opposed, 11 approve*

Do new members stick with us?

No

Why?

- Simplifying your rules and by-laws might be a really great start.
- We are getting it done. The message is we are getting it done.
- Why is it that when new comers come here they feel that their program will be decimated. This is a service board. How can we as a service board rally people.

Motion: to continue this inventory next month

Vote: 12 in favor – one abstain

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Temporary Sponsor Bank (Jmel W.)

I have received three calls for the Temporary Sponsor Bank this month, and I am happy to report that I have about 12 - 15 names of people on my list who are willing to sponsor.

Hotline (Larissa)

Not sure I will be there but, the hotline is up to date. I did not make changes for the closed meetings on July 4th. I hope you are doing well. I look forward to chatting with you upon my return.

Public Information Committee (Carol B.)

The Public Information Committee met once during June and discussed putting ads in the local papers regarding our meetings, website and hotline number.

Also we decided to continue the diner placemat ads for 3 more months - June, July and August - and we were given an additional discount of \$25 per month. Therefore our total cost for over 80000 placemats distributed to 4 (or 5 if space is available) diners per month is \$275 per month.

Speaker Bank (Roberta M. – orally)

No calls are ever received for speakers. This bank seems to be defunct. We should consider eliminating this committee.

Web mistress Report

Web Site Report from Chair - July 2007

The website continues to be updated as new information comes in. Please have meetings submit anniversary info as well as any meeting changes, openings or closings. Any other 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.

A couple of e-mails were sent out to our distribution list with current information updates.

Please continue to announce that the new, easier to remember address is www.oahelps.org. However, you can always get to our site via www.oawestchestser-ny.org. You can now use either address to get to the Westchester website. Please spread the word and feel free to use www.oahelps.org on any literature you print.

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.

If there is anyone among the fellowship who has an understanding of website maintenance or is very computer literate, I would appreciate help in maintaining the site and working on improvements to it. Please contact me at bklieg@gmail.com or 914-777-1829.

Respectfully submitted by Beth T., Web mistress