

## Westchester United OA Intergroup September 6 Meeting

### Minutes & Committee Reports

**Attending:** Anne B (Acting Chair), John B (Vice Chair), Kim D (Treasurer), Debbie S (Corresponding Secretary), Rabia M (Region 6 Delegate), Richard S (Region 6 Deligate), Jmel W (Temporary Sponsor Bank), Larissa M (Hotline), Carolyn C (Newsletter Editor), Beth T (Webmistress), Denise B (Yorktown), Jean B (Larchmont), Vivian N (Yorktown), Mark W (Katonah), Valerie M (South Salem)

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

#### **Business Meeting:**

1. **Minutes of August Meeting:** approved without amendment – unanimous
2. **Treasurer's Report:**
  - Insurance was raised by \$100; Kimberly will pay it then find out why the increase.
  - Question and discussion re: appropriate donation from groups to Intergroup, Region VI and World Service.
  - Kimberly reminded the group that she is resigning the Treasurer's Position and is looking for a replacement who could be elected in October.
  - Treasurer's report accepted without amendment - unanimous
3. **New meeting lists are provided.**
4. **Nominations for October elections:**
  - Discussion re: requirements for various positions
  - CHAIR – Anne is willing to continue. She was nominated and seconded.
  - VICE-CHAIR – John is willing to continue. He was nominated and seconded.
  - WSBC – Carol Booth is willing to serve. She was nominated and seconded.
  - TREASURER – Kimberly is resigning, but offers to train and support someone who is willing to serve. There was no nominee. We will “recruit” at our group meetings.
  - REGION VI DELEGATES – Rick S., Vivian N., and Rabia M. were nominated and seconded to serve beginning October. Vivian N. is willing to serve as an alternate for the upcoming September 29 meeting.
  - NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Carolyn C. is willing to serve. She was nominated and seconded.
  - 12 STEP WITHIN – Debbie S. is willing to serve. She was nominated and seconded.
  - WEBMISTRESS – Beth T. is willing to serve. However, she reminded the group that, accordingly to the By-Laws, she is allowed to serve for only one more year. She was nominated and seconded. Larissa M. has volunteered to work with Beth to learn “the ropes”.
  - PUBLIC INFORMATION – Tom F. (not present) was nominated and seconded.
  - HOTLINE – Larissa M. is willing to serve. She was nominated and seconded.

- **SPEAKER BANK** – Roberta M. (not present) was nominated and seconded.
  - **IR MENTORING** – Beth T. withdrew her previous offer to serve on the committee. There was no volunteer to chair the committee.
  - **OUTREACH** – Valerie M. is willing to serve. She was nominated and seconded. Rick will serve on the committee.
  - **SPONSOR BANK** – Jmel W. is willing to serve. She was nominated and seconded.
5. **Newsletter** – new edition available. Next edition (October) will focus on the holidays. Carolyn asks for articles and announcements to be submitted.
6. **Inventory** – 2 minutes of silence to prepare for conclusion of inventory.
- Kimberly recapped our previous inventory work.
  - **Question for discussion: ARE WE CHOOSING OUR OFFICERS WITH CARE?**
    - o No.
    - o Why? Discussion toward consensus.
    - o Consensus: We don't have enough abstinent people from which to choose. People in our groups who are abstinent are not coming to Intergroup, therefore we "elect" whoever volunteers.
  - **Question for discussion: ARE WE PROVIDING AN ATTRACTIVE MEETING PLACE (ENVIRONMENT)?**
    - o No.
    - o Why? Discussion toward consensus.
    - o Consensus: We are not providing a consistently abstinent environment . (Abstinence is defined as the state of being physically, emotionally and spiritually fit).
  - **Question for discussion: HOW ARE WE MAINTAINING RECOVERY, UNITY AND SERVICE?**

The more abstinent in our environment we are, the more recovery, unity and service we will have.
  - **Question for discussion: ARE WE BRINGING THE MESSAGE TO PROFESSIONAL:**

Yes, we have a strong PI Committee that is bringing the message to professionals.
  - **Question for discussion: ARE WE FULFILLING OUR 7<sup>TH</sup> TRADITION?**
    - o Yes and No.
    - o Why?
    - o Financially we are meeting our obligations, but we are not fulfilling our responsibilities for service positions.

**DISCUSSION re: completing the inventory process (steps 6 – 9) in the coming months on the conclusions that were reached in the Group Inventory.**

- 7. **By-Law Changes** – Have the by-laws been sent out to groups? Those who are interested in the by-law changes are invited to stay after the meeting to discuss how to move forward.
- 8. **12 Step Within Committee** is planning a retreat for early 2008. Details to follow.
- 9. Closed with Roseanne's Prayer.