

**Westchester United Intergroup Meeting
February 7, 2008**

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January 30, 2008

Hey Brothers & Sisters:

We continue to move in a very positive direction with the work we are trying to accomplish. The PI committee has continued to reach out and make strides in carrying the message. The placemat initiative continues and we are now attempting to reach out to the medical community, clergy, and young people in High Schools. The 12th Step Within Committee started a terrific Relapse and Recovery meeting every Wednesday morning which continues to gain in strength and attendance each week and another relapse meeting is in the works for Friday evening. This committee conducted a marathon and developed and published a questionnaire to help our members find the help they might need. We need volunteers from your groups to donate their time, hands, and ideas to continue to make this 12th Step Within Committee viable and working. So please continue to spread the word in your groups.

At our next meeting, we will complete reviewing and voting on which proposed Bylaw Amendments and New Business Motions should be included in the 2008 World Service Business Conference Agenda.

This document is being sent to you again (Questionnaire Motions _08). At our last meeting in January, we completed our review up to Proposal Item G. We will need to move quickly through the rest of these proposals at our next meeting. Because of the amount of work we need to accomplish, I would really appreciate starting our meeting a half hour earlier at 7:00PM on February 7. This should allow us to complete this work and approve any other items of business we might have on the agenda.

I look forward to seeing you all at this meeting, completing the work we have started, and laying out our plans for continued progress in 2008.

Once again, I am looking for volunteers to get to our Intergroup meeting early to set up and greet newcomers. It would be very helpful to give the newcomer some idea of what is going on and how the meeting is run.

In an effort to reduce cost incurred by Intergroup, please bring your own printed copy of this document(s).

For those interested, some members will be meeting at 5:30PM at the Magic Wok, 43 Wheeler Avenue in Pleasantville. All are welcome.

Thanks to All
Peace & Love,

John B.
914 720 7785

AGENDA FEBRUARY 7, 2008

- Serenity Prayer
- **Introduction – Please identify yourself and the group you represent if you are an Intergroup Rep and let us know if you are new at this. Please also share your length of abstinence and any anniversary and any recently completed steps.**
- **Preamble, 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts (Read only 7-12)**
- *Pass around sign in sheet*
 - **Sign in: Name address phone, e-mail and group you represent if an Intergroup rep**
- *Pass basket - Our rent is \$1 but World Service suggests a donation of \$2*
- **Tradition of the Month: Review Tradition (2)**
- **Approve minutes of January Meeting**
- **New Business**
 - **Review World Service Motions and vote**
 - **Vote on 2008 Budget**
- **Announcements**
(IR's – Please refer to our website for current announcements)
- **Roseanne's Prayer – followed by high fives, hugs, and kisses.**

I put my hand in yours and together we can do what we could never do alone. No longer is there a sense of hopelessness; no longer must we each depend on our own unsteady willpower. We are all together now, reaching out our hands for power and strength greater than ours and as we join hands, we find love and understanding beyond our wildest dreams!

Westchester United OA Intergroup January 2008 Meeting Minutes

Attending: John B (Chair) Ann B (Treasurer) Carol B (WSBC Delegate), Jmel W (Sponser Bank), Roberta M (Speaker Bank), Beth T (Webmistriss), Linda E (Pelham), Rose Ann H (White Plains Ridgeview), Carolyn C (White Plains Mem Utd Ch), Denise B (Yorktown), Jean B (Larchmont) Rita D (Yorktown), Larissa M (Hotline), Alexis O.

I. Introductions

II. Readings

- A. Preamble
- B. 12 Steps
- C. 12 Traditions
- D. Concepts of Service: 1-6

III. Passing meeting sign-in sheet, temporary sponsorship sign-up, and collection basket

IV. Treasurer's report (attached)

- A. Discussion of 2007 end-of-year report
 - Approximately \$8,000 in checking account
 - Net loss of over **\$600** for 2007 (according to 2007 projected budget we had a loss)
 - Questions regarding accuracy of 2007 Projected/Actual (the last two columns of budget report)
 - Larissa M. offered to assist Anne B. in interpreting Excel data
 - Motion to accept December 2007 Financial Report
 - o Vote: 10 in favor, 4 abstentions
- B. Discussion of proposed 2008 budget:
 - In order to meet this budget, we would need to collect about **\$400** more than last year
 - The proposed budget, is based on future income, not taking into account the \$8,139.96 currently in our account.
 - Motion: That proposed budget should include, at a minimum, last year's expenditures.
 - No second.
 - Motion: Not to accept the current proposed budget.
 - o Vote: 11 in favor, 5 abstentions.
 - Motion: That we establish a committee to work on a budget to propose next month.
 - Second.
 - o Vote: unanimous
 - Budget committee: Carol Booth, Beth Tafuri, Larrissa Moskowitz. Anne B.

V. December Minutes (attached)

- Motion to accept minutes, including Anne's correction.
- Second.

- Vote: 10 in favor, 1 abstention

VI. Old Business:

A. Amending By-Laws

- Section 4 – additional qualifications for Board Members
- Section 10 – Page 12 – Filling the Vacancies – Chair appoint someone to position. Does not meet the requirements

Vote: 13 in favor, 2 abstentions

B. Question of sending \$1,000 to World Service P.I.

Motion: Wait until Budget Committee has met to make a decision about when, if and how much to send.

Seconded

Discussion: Con: We should not continue holding \$8,000 from previous years

- Pro: Until we know if we need our own P.I. money, we should hold off.
- Con: The World Service P.I. needs money and we have a responsibility to support it. \$1,000 out of \$8,000 is prudent.
- Pro: We need to know where we are before we take action.

Vote: 6 in favor, 5 against, 2 abstentions

VII. New Business:

A. World Service Business Conference 2008 – New Business Motion

Carol B. explained how the proposals are handled at WSBC.

1. Proposal Item A - Vote: 11 in favor, 1 abstention

Comments: -None

2. Proposal Item B –Vote: 11 in favor, 1 abstention

Motion: That we ask WS to address that the organizations with whom we are cooperating not be able to use the OA name without

Vote: 4 in favor, 5 against, 4 abstentions

Comments: -None

Motion: That we vote on Proposals b,c,d, and e separately.

Vote: 8 in favor, 1 against, 4 abstentions

3. Proposal Item C – Vote: Yes

Comments: None

4. Proposal Item D – Vote: 14 in favor

Comments: None

5. Proposal Item E – Vote: 12 in favor,

Comments: None

6. Proposal Item F – Vote: 11 in favor, 2 against, 1 abstention

Comments: None

7. Proposal Item G – Vote: 12 in favor, 2 abstentions

Comments: None

VIII. Closing Prayers

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Minutes of January 20, 2008 Meeting of Public Information Committee (Westchester)

Attending: Carol B, Roberta Z, Marilyn, Rosemarie, Andrea, John B, Mike S

Diner Placemats

Carol B reported on recent developments. Placemat ad space was provided free of charge for January due to a minor error by the vendor (Media Mat) on the November placemat ads. We are signed up for February at a cost of \$275. This vendor offers package rates for five diners. We selected Central Westchester. Yonkers is another area, as is Northern Westchester. The monthly fee covers 80,000 placemats. The vendor prefers three-month commitments.

There was discussion of input to committee members from OA members in Northern Westchester seeking more placemat ad placement in Northern Westchester areas. The Katonah meeting has had people come in as a result of placemat ads placed in the area. Carol has a list of eight diners in Northern Westchester but does not have the information for the vendor that provides placemat ads in that area.

There was discussion of putting placemat ads in high population areas where they are likely to reach the highest number of people.

Some discussion was also had of posting information sheets with tear-off contact information on supermarket bulletin boards.

Rosemarie undertook to attempt to get the name of the vendor who provides placemats for the Odyssey Diner on Post Road.

A decision was made to place ads in Southern Westchester diners for March at a cost of \$275.

Budget Matters

There was discussion of WUIG's budget for 2008. PI-specific funds raised from groups in 2007 equaled \$950. Last year Westchester PI spent approximately \$4,000, principally on movie ads and diner placemat ads.

There was discussion of whether to seek to raise extra funds for PI by asking groups to suggest an additional donation from meeting goers for this purpose.

It was decided that once WUIG finalizes its 2008 budget the PI Committee will determine what amount should be requested for PI (hopefully at least equal to last year and perhaps slightly more).

Medical Outreach

Mike S reported on conversations with Beth R, an MD in Rhode Island OA who has devoted time and effort to medical outreach, and will follow up on her suggestion to speak to local medical associations and internists by reaching out to St. Lawrence and White Plains hospitals.

Roberta will speak to a contact in Hopewell Junction for the same general purpose.

Carol has requested to be on the PI or Medical Outreach Committee of World Service.

Carol suggests assembling packages of already created and available material directed to medical professionals, which Mike S will pursue with Carol.

School Outreach

John B will continue his efforts to contact personnel to coordinate having OA members go into local public schools to speak to students.

