

**Westchester United Intergroup Meeting  
March 6, 2008**

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March 3, 2008

Hey Brothers & Sisters:

As usual, I continue to be encouraged by people stepping up to the plate and doing service to keep Intergroup and OA viable and active in our area.

We are coming swiftly to the end of winter and spring is around the corner. I love this time of year, it's a time of rebirth and an explosion of new life. We continue to be blessed by this Program and everybody in it. Thanks H.P.

Last month, we concluded the review and vote on the Bylaw Amendments and New Business Motions for the 2008 World Service Business Conference Agenda. We also voted on our 2008 Budget. So many of the business type items have been completed and now we can focus on our primary mission – spreading the word to those who still suffer.

Some of us met this past Wednesday at Whole Foods and created an agenda for this month's meeting. The agenda includes some items geared specifically to the goal of spreading the message. Please review and let me know if you want anything added to this list of New Business items.

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 6:00PM at the Magic Wok, 43 Wheeler Avenue in Pleasantville. All are welcome.

Thanks to All  
Peace, Love & Joy

John B.  
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## AGENDA MARCH 5, 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 1-7)
- *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 (3)
- Approve minutes of February Meeting
- New Business
  - Changing Intergroup Meeting start time from 7:30 to 7:00
  - How do we raise money for Intergroup?
  - Intergroup representation at Region 6 Assembly on April 12
  - Follow up with Intergroup Reps on forms for Web Mistress distribution list
  - IR Mentoring Committee / Outreach Committee Status
  - Creating 4<sup>th</sup> Step Big Book Workshop
    - Use ad hoc committee to formulate workshop or work through 12 Step Within Committee
- 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 February 2008 Meeting Minutes

**Attending:** John B (Chair) Debbie S (Vice Chair) Ann B (Treasurer) Carol B (WSBC Delegate), Jmel W (Sponser Bank), Gerry M (Newsletter), Valerie M (Corresponding Sec), Jan G (Recording Sec), Rose Ann H (White Plains Ridgeview), Carolyn C (White Plains Mem Utd Ch), Jeanette G (Yorktown Meth)

Read Traditions & Concepts – 7 to 12

Pass Basket

Tradition 2 Review (Debbie)

- Reminds me that I am one of many
- Group Level Decisions are the most important – God expresses himself through group conscience
- This helps the isolators realize that they have a voice
- It is about right-sizing – the group as a whole is much more important than any personal agenda

### Approve January Minutes:

**Motion to accept minutes with following changes:**

#### **Section A:**

- \$8,000 in checking account
  - add: **Approximately** \$8,000 in checking account
- Net loss of over \$1,000 for 2007 –
  - **change to:** According to 2007 projected budget we had a loss of over \$1,000
- Questions regarding accuracy of 2007 Projected Actual
  - **add: (the last two columns of budget report)**

#### **Section B:**

- In order to meet this budget, we would need to collect about \$4000 more than last year
- Change **\$4000 to \$400**

**Vote on minutes with changes:** Unanimous

### World Service Business Conference 2008 – New Business Motion Approval Discussion

#### Proposal Item: H

- Proposal Submitted by Intergroup to establish committee to review lack of participation by people of color
  - Motion made not to look backward
  - Motion seconded

#### **Comment on motion:**

- **Con:** This intergroup took a 4<sup>th</sup> step inventory and asked if we reach out to people of color and the answer was no

- **Pro:** It's clear that we don't have that many people of color to pick from. I think it is spinning our wheels for unnecessary work. This particular motion is not worth being on the floor of the agenda.
- **Pro:** Would like the Ebony folks to feel supported.
- **Vote:** 4 in Favor / 4 Opposed (whether to include this motion on the agenda)
- John B: Deciding Vote – Voting against Motion

**Final Vote:** 5 No – 4 Yes

**Comment to Include in response:** We recognize that there is insufficient diversity representation in OA, but we prefer to focus on the future rather than the past.

**Final Vote to include response: 6 in favor, 1 abstain, 1 opposed**

**Proposal Item I: “Special Concept Meeting”**

**Motion:** In favor

**Comment:** None

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Proposal Item J Add words “and people of various cultural backgrounds”**

By not attending the special focus meeting when a general meeting is nearby

**Discussion:**

- Woman's meeting in the city that was very powerful. If a man came to that meeting, they felt very uncomfortable.
- It does happen. We have to ask ourselves if this is good to have this in writing.

**Motion:** Made not to accept this as written, with comment.

**Comment on Motion:**

**Pro:** On the flip side, our primary purpose is being diluted because we are here to hear recovery.

**Con:** I do feel it is worthy of being debated

**Vote on Motion:** 4 in favor / 4 opposed / 1 abstain

**Comment to send:**

We like the idea of people of cultural backgrounds; we don't like the wording of exclusion

**Proposal K: World Service still has two committees, Outreach and PI, this motion is to consolidate into a single World Service Professional Outreach Committee:**

**Motion:** To agree to put this one on the floor

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Proposal Item L: Change in wording on Abstinence & Recovery. People in OA have very different reactions to foods. A plan of eating is an easy to understand term.**

**Motion:** To accept and add it to the agenda

**Comment on Motion:**

**Con:** There is a deep controversy about what is abstinence. Personally, I have a plan; I am hesitant to say we have to have a plan.

**Pro:** It is the value of discussing it that is really important. It can go back to committee and working on it. There is too much lack of clarity

**Vote:** 7 in favor; 1 abstain

**Proposal 1: Move Central Illinois Intergroup**

**Motion:** Accept

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Proposal 2: Add the word current: 5 years “current” continuous abstinence.**

**Motion:** Accept

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Proposal 3: Add words “and voting” to phrase “must receive a majority vote of the delegates present “and voting” at time of election**

**Motion:** Accept

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Proposal 4 – Proposal 9 – Virtual Groups**

**Discussion:** Have virtual groups represented at WS level. The intent is to allow them to be part of the formal structure. Four members have met and these proposals are the result of their work.

**Motion:** To accept proposal 4 – to 9 to approve for discussion

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Proposal 10 & 11 & 12: National / Language Service Board**

**Motion:** Accept

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Budget 2008 Review**

- First, there was an error in December 2007 Financial Report – there is a correction on that that has to be submitted
- Profit & Loss Statement Review: donations is – 38.86
- Balance Sheet: \$8,444.10

**Motion:** Approve Financial Report & Corrected December Report

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Proposed 2008 Budget**

- Met with Committee and created proposed budget
- We have a lot of money in our checking account (\$8000) – committee thought we should have a prudent reserve of \$4000.
  - Result: draw down checking and apply to PI; and a \$500 donation to world service and region 6
  - Discussion: PI budget was low balled – this allotted budget for place mats is bare boned.

**Motion:** Accept Budget

**Vote:** 7 accept – 1 abstain

**Discussion:** Prudent Reserve:

- We should state what we would like it to be

**Motion:** Prudent Reserve should be \$4000

**Vote:** 6 in favor; 2 abstain

**Comment:** It doesn't mean we cannot work on making money – we might have to figure out a way to make money

**Discussion:**

- Wants to call all the meeting Intergroup reps and ask for money.
- We need to do more work; there is a hesitancy to ask for more money.
- We need to figure out a good vehicle for donations
- Donations are not necessarily down.
- As an Intergroup – do we want to have a fund-raiser for PI ?

**Final Result:** Call up every contact and say hi – please come to intergroup.

**Meeting List:**

If there are any meeting changes, the responsible person is supposed to notify the web site or recording secretary and then the hot line gets notified.

**Committee Member Appointments:**

**Public Information:**

**Motion:** That Mike S, by group conscience, be declared acting chair of the PI committee

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Newsletter Editor:**

**Motion:** Gerry M, by group conscience, be declared as acting Newsletter Editor

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Discussion:**

- Joe & Charlie Resentment workshop to be put on agenda for next month discussion
- Permanently starting meeting early discussion to be put on agenda for next month