

**Westchester United Intergroup Meeting
April 3, 2008**

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April 1, 2008

Hey Brothers & Sisters:

Good News! The church has given us permission to start our Intergroup Meeting at 7:00PM instead of 7:30PM. So starting this week, our official meeting time is now 7:00PM.

As usual, I continue to be encouraged by people stepping up to the plate and doing service. At our last meeting we voted in Emily O. as acting chair for the 12 Step Within Committee. Welcome Emily! We still need to work on identifying the IR Mentoring and Outreach Committee Chair. Please think about who might be an appropriate person for this role. Maybe it could be you!!

There is one major decision we have to make this week. I need to know who is committed to going with me to the Region 6 Assembly in Albany on April 12. We will also be discussing in greater detail, the role IR's will play in communicating to the groups about money -- what we need, how we use it, how groups can donate and all other related money topics.

Please make your own copy of this document for the meeting. It would be great if you can come early to set up and greet newcomers.

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 & Joy

John B.
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AGENDA APRIL 3, 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 8-12)**
- *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 (4)**
- **Approve minutes of March Meeting**
- **New Business**
 - Lord's Prayer
 - How do IR's communicate about money?
 - Intergroup representation at Region 6 Assembly on April 12
 - IR Mentoring Committee / Outreach Committee Status
- **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 March 2008 Meeting Minutes

Attending: John B (Chair) Ann B (Treasurer) Carol B (WSBC Delegate), Gerry M (Newsletter), Valerie M (Corresponding Sec), Jan G (Recording Sec), Beth T (Web mistress) Diane B. (White Plains), Marcia (White Plains), Margaret R (Katonah), Roberta Z (Mamaroneck), Denise B (Yorktown) Rita D (Yorktown), Catherine F (South Salem), Janet P (White Plains), Emily O (Tarrytown)

Introductions

Read Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts

Tradition 3

Importance of Traditions – The steps keeping me from suicide, the traditions keep me from committing homicide. They tell me I belong here. I always knew I had the desire, perhaps not the willingness. I don't have to have money, certain race, certain religion – all I have to have is the desire to stop eating compulsively.

Treasurer Report:

- No contributions for the month of February
- We gave a 1,000 for world service
- We did a lot for PI
- Hopefully, we will get some contributions so we don't go down to \$4,000 prudent reserve very quickly.

Question: What is the contribution to Intergroup?

Answer: After literature, rent and two months prudent reserve – you can send to Intergroup and we will disburse to WS – write in memo portion how you want distribution

- Intergroup has decided not to keep too much money in prudent reserved

Motion: To accept the Treasurer Report

Vote: 13 in Favor

Approve Minutes

Motion: To accept Minutes with corrections (remove Jmel and Gerry M from attendees)

Vote: 12 in favor, two opposed

12th Step Within Committee Chair –

Motion: Emily O. was nominated for the role of acting committee chair.

Vote: 12 in favor; 1 abstain

Intergroup Meeting Start Time:

Motion: To change Meeting to 7:00PM (on condition if church approves)

- Oppose: babysitting problem
- In favor, but uncomfortable if the any of the board members who have a problem attending because of the time change.

Vote: 6 in favor; 2 opposed; 6 abstain

Discussion: How do we raise money for Intergroup:

Situation: PI has really taken off and PI has grown immensely (e.g. placemats). What we have done is given PI money out of prudent reserve to operate at the level we have since last year.

Your meetings will be interested to know what we will do with money and we will publish the budget in the newsletter and the amount of money donated from each meeting so we get a feel of where the money is coming from and where it is going. It is important that meetings know this now as we go forward to ask for more money.

One area that might make sense to raise more money is raising the suggested donation to \$3.00

Question: Why do we have a need for more money.

- Combination of getting the word out and
- Giving the PI the ability to continue doing what they are doing
- We have been transferring money out to these special programs and our normal budget will not cover this increased PI awareness. We have to know that eventually the budget will be bare bones.

Recommendation:

- That we be very clear what the recommendation is really about and communicating why the regular donations need to be done
- Isn't it the intergroup reps responsibility to tell in business meeting that these donations need to be met. We need to have intergroup rep understand that this is part of the job description of an IR to talk at the meeting about donating.

- We have to talk to them about where the money is going. Does the PI committee track how their focus is working.
 - **Answer:** The placemats have worked. The movie publication was expensive and did not get the results to continue using that media.

PI Committee Report:

From April 1, 2007 - Feb 29, 2008

- Our OA ad was on placemats at five diners: Eldorado, Eldorado West, Pleasantville, Executive (Hawthorne) and Thornwood. Approx 80,000 placemats per month at cost of \$275 per month.

From March 1 - 31, 2008

- Our OA ad is currently on placemats at five different diners: Argonaut (Yonkers), Athena (Mt. Vernon), Broadway (Yonkers), Central Plaza (Yonkers) and Fountain (Hartsdale). Approx 80,000 - 100,000 placemats per month at \$275 per month.

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From March 20, 2008 - June 20, 2008

- Our OA ad will be at the Mt. Olympus Diner (Central Ave, Yonkers). 110,000 placemats will be distributed at cost of \$595 for 3 months.

After June, our plans are to investigate diners in Northern Westchester/Putnam.

Having more money is part of our 7th Tradition:

- We have insurance, hot line, etc.
- We shouldn't get stuck on just PI
- Our budget is \$10,000
- The initiative has to be brought to every group by rep.
- We can put information on the web site about personal donations
- There is a maximum personal donation you can make a year
- We don't need to make a motion on this or form a committee – but we should go to our meetings and talk about it.
- Beth – will investigate pay pal
- Add to agenda
- Janet P – volunteered to write an article for the newsletter on this money issue.

Newsletter:

Gerry will send to John B for approval and clearance on traditions.

- Gerry will be writing about budget;
- Janet P writing about requests for money and where we are spending and what we need

Intergroup Rep forms for Web mistress

- Distribution list consists of 120 people
- Form is sitting in the rooms and have not come back to Beth

- Val will make copies for intergroup reps
- Check for forms in meetings and send to Beth
- Need some energy behind this

Region 6 Assembly – Representation

- John would like to go
- Catherine will go

IR Mentoring & Outreach Committee Chair

- Calling intergroup reps that aren't coming to the meeting
- Outreach is the contact between Intergroup and the meeting
- Val has some one who might be the Chair

OA Big Book Work Shop

- We need to talk about what we are going to do having workshops and marathons
- We need to run by committee. If anyone has an idea, we have to understand if the traditions are kept, what other meetings want, etc. Going to some of the other meetings to find out what they want
- Long Island has the workshops a lot and they probably have some good information
- This workshop would be a marathon.