

**Westchester United Intergroup Meeting
May 1, 2008**

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April 26, 2008

Hey Brothers & Sisters:

What a beautiful spring we are having. Such hope and promise for all of us. Catherine and I had a great experience at the Region 6 Assembly Meeting in Albany this past month and look forward to sharing with all of you everything we learned. It was great being in that environment and experiencing the strength and dedication of all those attending. We spent the day learning and gathering information on what is going on in the entire PI and 12 Step Within Committees. We also have information to share on the new OA Youth Committee that has been formed.

While we are discussing committee work, I look forward to hearing from our Committee Chairs on what is going on and how we, as an Intergroup, are moving forward. I hope we have made some progress and also believe we can leverage what was heard at the Region 6 Assembly Meeting to get on track and come up with some good plans for the rest of the year.

Just a reminder – our meeting is starting at 7:00PM now. 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 MAY 1, 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 only1-4)**
- *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 (5)**
- **Approve minutes of April Meeting**
- **New Business**
 - **Continue discussion of publishing amounts meetings contribute (response when reps polled their meeting)**
 - **Region 6 Assembly Update (John & Catherine)**
 - **Committee Chair Update and Plans for 2008**
- **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 April 2008 Meeting Minutes

Attending: John B (Chair); Anne B (Treasurer); Val M, (Corresponding Sec); Jan G (Recording Sec); Carol B (WSBC Delegate); Gerry M (Newsletter); Laura C (Mt. Kisco), Linda E (Pelham), Rose Ann H (White Plains – Mon); Diane B (White Plains Tues); Leslie (sub for Yorktown Wed); Rita D (Yorktown Thurs); Catherine F (South Salem)

Introductions

Preamble; Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts (8-12)

Approve March Minutes

Changes on PI Committee Report

Motion: Accept minutes with corrections & details from Carol B on PI Committee

Vote: 9 favor, 2 abstain

Treasurer Report:

- Continuing to move forward on Incorporation & IRS
- We took in more than we spent in March
- For the year our donations are behind what is expected on a pro rated basis and our deficit is more than expected on a pro rated basis due to a short fall on donations and what we have to pass through to Region 6 as donations
- If we get donations from groups we will be on track.

Motion: File budget for audit

Vote: 11 in favor

New Business

Lords Prayer

- John B has been getting phone calls on procedure of Lords Prayer
- This subject is being introduced to let reps know that it comes down to the groups and business meetings.
- It is not an Intergroup issue
- World Service Board had a vote that there are 4 closings – 1st step, 3rd Step, 4th step, Roseanne's prayer are suggested closing. Nowhere was it said that a group could not say the Lords Prayer.

- It depends on group conscience. Let the reps know it is a way for people to come together to find peace.

Money to Intergroup

- IR's last month stated they would make an effort to go back to business meetings to discuss where the money goes.
- Diane – treasurer for Sunday – agreed to 60/30/10 split and some money was put into PI
- Other meetings – if treasurer has not been there for a while – money is not getting distributed
- Anything can be put in the newsletter (what groups have donated, etc.)
- A couple of years ago, Intergroup did vote that they would put what groups had donated each month.
- New York City puts in the budget, because it might be helpful to see. Ann & Gerry clarify the budget
- **Add to agenda** – whether we publish what meetings did give money – do research for next month.
- Go back to your meeting to see how they feel about it.

Region 6 Assembly

- John going
- Catherine F volunteered to go also.

IR Mentoring / Outreach

- Still looking for some one to take the role of chair for IR Mentoring
- Bridging the gap with groups and their reps
- Val will get packets back from Rick

New Discussion Items

Clothing Swap –

A member is interested in doing a clothing swap

- Maybe we can do it in conjunction with the 12 Step Within Committee formulating a marathon

Are there guidelines in how long a person can be in a position.?

- Each meeting has to decide how long someone should be in a position
- It is not good for someone to keep a position for very long
- Clarification of terms – if there was clarification on how long someone has been in the role
- It has to be put on the agenda for the business meetings of the group.

- You want new life in the business meeting by having different people in the various roles. You want to give other people a chance.

Mid Month Intergroup Meeting

John is having lunch meeting at Whole Foods at 12:00 on April 17

Web mistress distribution lists

Needs to be a sustained effort that reps get these sheets back to intergroup and Beth – the reps need to pass it around and bring it back to the meeting

Closing & Prayer