

Westchester United Intergroup
Minutes 1/8/2009

In Attendance:

Debbie S (vice chair), Anne B. (treasurer), Gerry M (corresponding secretary), Catherine F. (recording secretary), Carol B. (WSBC Delegate), Greg (Web guy), Kitty V (WP Mon AM), Diane B. (WP Tues PM), Carol C. (Ossining Weds), Denise B. (Yorktown Weds), Cindy C. (WP Sat AM), Megan W. (WP Sat), 2 other guests (did not sign in)

-Serenity Prayer

-Preamble, 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts

-Introductions

-Tradition of the Month: 1- Diane B. – personal recovery depends on OA unity: United we stand. We can't do it alone, we do it as a group, the group must be kept together, no place for us to go as individuals.

-Seventh Tradition

Minutes of 12/2008 Meeting - Passed as amended/corrected, 10 in favor, no-one in opposition, 2 abstentions

Business:

1. Treasurer's Report – submitted by Anne motion by Deb S. and seconded by Diane B to accept year-end report as presented. Passed 11 in favor, no one in opposition, with 1 abstention.
 - a. Budget Committee – Deb, Carol, Anne
 - b. Donation to World Service- tabled to next meeting
2. Tax Exempt Status update - it is reinstated. Anne to clarify if this is retroactive. Question: clarification as to levels of exemption. Tax Exempt status of individual groups vs. intergroup explained. Anne/John will ask IRS for clarification along with clarification as to whether we need to submit annual tax return.
3. January 24th Workshop - Denise B. report. Things looking good. 18 reservations on the books as of now. Denise needs to find a white board. Megan may have one. Denise has markers. Suggested donation: \$10 at the door. Diane B. will purchase supplies and will call reps. No more flyers. Reminder: promote the program not the speaker per tradition. Program will be about service and bringing program/service to other relationships. Need to handle concurrent meeting taking place at the

church same day/time. People can come in to program at 11.30 after meeting if they want to. Denise will coordinate with the presenter to clarify this. Door, supplies, setup need to be coordinated. Catherine and Carol B. will work the door. Coffee, tea to be served. Greg is leader for Weds HOW at that church we can use those. Debbie S., Diane B. will handle supplies. Nametags- Catherine F. Committee members to arrive at 9:00 am or close thereto to set up. In case of inclement weather- Denise will contact committee via e-mail and Greg will put something on the website.

4. Elections/Web Person - Greg W. unanimously voted in as "webmistress". Gerry needs updated info for newsletter – solved by getting rid of personal-mail address. Greg will polish look and feel of website and include more relevant content. Looking for suggestions as to what would be kept, changed, etc. Improve the look and feel, will move site to cheaper hosting service. Institute multi-user updating. Gregg will look at Google efforts by WSO for OA, etc. Blog format for changing content, meetings, etc. Binder maintained with redundant information so that more than one person can access web site when needed.
5. PI Committee report- tabled to future meeting.
6. 12th Step Within Committee Report- about relapse, recovery, retention. Deb and Eric K. discussed meeting size. More people doing phone and online meetings? How do we get people to call the We Care list of each meeting to get people back. Client retention - Greg does this professionally - text messaging??? Daily text??? Could be Passage from Big Book and/or meeting location for the day. Could be tested and or check with other intergroups in area to lower costs. FYI per Denise B. - 4th weds of every month Yorktown weds makes calls to we care list 15 mins. prior to meeting. Greg will research text message option and give report next month. Will put on the agenda for next month.
7. Invite a friend to Intergroup - acknowledgment of guests present
8. WSO report
9. Lunch with the Chair
10. Agenda Items for Next Month/Other Business/Announcements

- a. WSB 2009 motions- discussion and vote
- b. Please read before you come to meeting. E-mail and or call Carol B. with any questions or needed clarifications. Will be on WSO website on January 10th. CF to send e-mail message with url. Please print and bring your own copy to the meeting. Voting whether it should be on the floor of the business meeting.

11. Next Meeting Date- 2/5/2009

12. Roseanne's Prayer

13. Adjournment 8:25 pm.