

Minutes from Intergroup Meeting-October 6, 2011

- Motion to waive the abstinence requirement for the current treasurer was passed unanimously
- Treasurer shared on the 10th tradition
- Motion to approve minutes from prior month passed unanimously

Treasury Report

- Current balance of \$9500
- Already approved convention scholarships in the amount of \$950
- Actual balance then is \$8550
- Treasurer requested and received approval for \$181 expenditure to purchase new copy of QuickBooks software.

Public Outreach Discussion

- Intergroup will be hosting several billboards to increase awareness of OA and our disease. Expenditures for these billboards were approved at a prior meeting.
- PI Committee presented Intergroup with two billboard layouts from which to choose one. Intergroup approved the "black" layout.
- Attendee suggested that we try to track effectiveness of billboard campaign by "tagging" visitors to OA Westchester website if their visit came about because they saw the poster.
- Webmaster agreed to create unique web address in order to accomplish the "tagging"

Writing Survey

- Survey was posted on website to ascertain level of member interest in a writing workshop
- Approximately 25 people completed survey which led to a discussion of whether the sample is statistically relevant.
- Meeting reps were asked to encourage their members to complete the survey in order to collect enough names to make the sample size relevant.
- At that time, the results will be presented to Intergroup for discussion

IR Outreach Committee

- IR has completed a CD that informs Intergroup of their responsibilities. It is intended as an education tool to increase awareness and understanding of Intergroup and its responsibilities
- Several copies of the proposed CD were circulated to Intergroup members for comment and review

Region 6 PI Blitz Discussion

- Group was informed that Region 6 has funds available for distribution to Intergroups that wish to pursue innovative PI programs and that require funding assistance.
- Apparently, Region 6 did not receive any requests for such funding for this year and we were encouraged to keep that potential source of funding in mind for our PI activities

Intergroup elections

- Each of the below were approved by a substantial majority reflecting effective unanimity
- Recording Secretary-Julie
- Intergroup Chair-Don C
- PI Committee-Eric
- Region 6 Rep-Cindy, Don C.
- World Service Rep-Don C.

Proposed new Business

- Discussion of the fact that some meetings may be increasingly uncomfortable with “suggested donation” language from World Service, specifically the mention of \$3. The concern centered on whether that suggested donation was too high in the current economic environment.
- It was pointed out that since the language comes from World Service, we are not empowered to change it ourselves
- It was also pointed out that when one looks at the increase in the suggested donation in the context of the history of OA, the increase could be viewed as reasonable relative to other costs and expenses.
- No action currently contemplated with respect to this language
- Intergroup was reminded that several meetings are struggling with limited attendance including the Tuesday night Big Book and Saturday morning White Plains hospital meetings. Intergroup reps were asked to encourage their members to support these meetings if possible.

Next Intergroup Meeting scheduled for November 3, 2011

Attendees at October Meeting: Megan W (Vice Chair); Mark S (Treasurer) , Cindy C (Region 6 Delegate), Jeanette F. (Temporary Sponsor Bank); Eric K. (Public Information), Maureen L (Yonkers), Amy H. (WP), Sheila M (Hartsdale), Kathleen M (WP Ridgeview), Leslie S (WP Memorial), Christine Z

Meeting adjourned.

(Minutes Recorded by Eric K – Thank you Eric)

Submitted by: Jan G (acting recording secretary)