

Minutes from November 3rd WUIG Meeting

Attendance: Mary T -IG chair, Cindy – treasurer, Cynthia – IG Region 6 Rep, Thursday, IG outreach chair, Cathy-Saturday Garrison, Diana – Saturday Yonkers, Carol – Service Coordinator, Leigh – Friday Brewster, Chelsea – Newsletter, Pat- WP Friday morning, Carolann- Saturday WP, Dina- Thursday night Yorktown, Jeanette – Wed Yorktown, Alison- Tues P’ville, Barbara – co-chair of IDEA day, Kimberly- corresponding secretary, Don – World Service Business Delegate, Monday Mt. Kisco, Sue – Wed WP, Ellen webmistress

Minutes:

- A correction was made to the October minutes; the 2nd bullet point under PI/PO should read “It’s important to do healthcare professional outreach because they are referring increasing numbers to OA.”
- Discussed having minutes posted on the WUIG website
- Discussion of the unity with diversity statement, the statement has been around a long time. The overall membership of OA is decreasing, the statement assists with making OA more inclusive, it only takes 24 seconds to read during a meeting, encourage meetings to adopt this in their format

Treasurer’s Report: Starting balance \$8268.29; after income and expenses we had \$9715.76 of which \$943.86 was pass through , \$8769.93 is our capital. After “Future Budgeted Expenses”, we have a **Working Total Capital: \$6,638.93**. Going forward, we will look at our budgets so that in the future we will be able to give events a proper budget with which to plan.

Corresponding Secretary: There were some changes made to the meeting list and it was re-printed with the correct address for Region 6 donations. We are still awaiting an analysis from the WUIG hotline.

Trustee Steps, Concepts, Traditions workshop- There were approx. 60 people in attendance, the 7th tradition collected \$254.54, there was \$48.05 in expenses and \$75 for rent – earned \$131.45 to help to keep carrying the message. Kimberly shared about what a wonderful experience it was to be of service, it provided a great sense of unity and connectedness with a great turnout and a fantastic program overall.

IDEA day – Barbara discussed the format for the day, multiple speakers on various topics, Clothing swap, fantastic keynote speaker from PA. It’s being publicized in various local IGs; decided on a \$5 voluntary donation at the door.

ACTIVE COMMITTEES:

IG Outreach – Cynthia has taken chair position since she is on IGOR committee on R6.

Website- Ellen is in the process of renewing our domain, she created email addresses for various projects which are listed on the newsletter and will be posting our minutes on the website.

Newsletter – the Oct/Nov newsletter was distributed; it is going very well and Chelsea is awaiting writings regarding abstinence during the holidays for the Nov. edition. Newsletter will be uploaded to the website.

PI/PO – no update

12th Step Within—Diana just accepted Chair position (she attended this committee at R6 Assembly)

Service Coordinator- Carol has a list of volunteers for service as needed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Newcomer Retention – working well at Mt. Kisco- meetings can focus on keeping people there. Can be an assigned person to get newcomer's names and numbers and reach out within a week .

Looking for someone who would like to coordinate transportation to/from Toronto , perhaps with NYC metro for the October 20-22, 2017 Convention

Outgoings- Silver Hill Hospital in CT- a rehab hospital; Mary is working out the kinks in terms of format and what the facility will/will not allow as conversation during shares

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussed 2017 retreat- various locations and looked at dates and pricing. Don shared about a possible program called : A Walk Through the Steps/ Staying out and Breaking out of Relapse which is a full weekend of education and training . Vote called and it was decided to have this April 21-23 in Holmes Presbyterian Conference Center. Mary will confirm with Holmes.

Key Points to announce:

1. IDEA day – clothing swap
2. Fall serenity times newsletter available and time to submit for the next newsletter- can submit at WUIGnewsletter@gmail.com
3. Mount Kisco anniversary 11/14
4. Yonkers Anniversary 11/26/16, 5-6:30 including a candlelight meditation
5. Wednesday night White Plains meeting is taking an inventory on 11/16- particularly looking for individuals who used to attend who don't anymore to come and give feedback

Concept of the month read and meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting Thursday 12/1/16