

Please take to your next Meeting/Business Meeting

WESTCHESTER UNITED INTERGROUP

MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 6, 2002

The meeting started at approximately 7:50pm with the Serenity Prayer, the reading of the Preamble, 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and 7-12 of the 12 Concepts.

Those present:

Phil S., Chair; **Karen S.**, Parliamentarian & R 6 Delegate; **Lionel G.**, Treasurer; **Bobbye W.**, Vice Chair or Pleasantville, Tuesday PM; **Shirley A.**, White Plains, Wednesday Night Big Book; **Pat B.**, White Plains, Sunday AM; **Larry F.**, New Rochelle, Wednesday Night; **Ann C.**, White Plains, White Plains, Monday AM; **Mary Anne K.**, Tuesday, North White Plains, 7AM; **Jeanne Mc.**, Tarrytown, Sunday, 11:15; **Bill P.**, Peekskill, Wednesday 8:00 pm; **Sandra A. R.**, White Plains, Wednesday, 12:30 pm; **Carmela S.**, Mt. Kisco, Monday, PM; **Beth T.**, New Rochelle, Wednesday PM; **Jonathan**, White Plains, Friday AM (St. Matthews).

SIGN-IN SHEET CIRCULATED

MINUTES – It was noted that Intergroup is still waiting for the minutes of April, which will be sent with the June minutes.

DISCUSSION – The question was asked by Beth and Bobbye whether a rep for one meeting can represent another, or report back to it. Karen responded that what OA does is different than what AA does. She shared that in the Westchester OA by-laws, it states that a representative can rep just one meeting: “one person, one position, one vote.” Additionally, a rep can perform serve in a non-voting service position at intergroup, like as a chair or member of a committee, without a problem.

However, if you are servicing in a position at WUIG with a vote, then your vote represents that position and not the vote of a group. These groups are therefore entitled to send an intergroup representative to fill the role you vacated when you moved into a voting service position at WUIG.

TREASURER’S REPORT (*Lionel*)

- ? ? The Treasurer’s Report was presented (see separate sheet) with the notations that the \$35.00 website fee is actually the fee for the domain name and that the bank fee for new checks was actually for new deposit slips; Further it was noted that the annual fee for the website will be approximately \$280; this will be deducted from the \$900 set aside for the website expenses;
- ? ? There was an additional refund for three people for the cancelled dinner dance;
- ? ? Expected expenses: \$100 for Region 6 Committee;
- ? ? The Treasurer’s Report was accepted and the motion was made to file for audit. Passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY’S REPORT (*Betsy not present for report*)

PASS THE BASKET Basket passed (\$1 per attendee but WS suggests a donation of \$2.00)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Information Update (*Vacancy*)

- ? ? Need a head for the Public Information Committee, requiring six months abstinence;
- ? ? The Website development is being done as part of the PI Committee;
- ? ? Westchester United Intergroup Website Demonstration: Karen conducted the demonstration with a screen presentation, indicating that the goal was to take the website to the next level and to approve the hosting of the web page to an ISP;

- ? ? The website address is: www.oawestchester-ny.org
- ? ? The main purpose of the website was identified as a resource of information, especially for new people in the area;
- ? ? All those present were asked to go to website when it was up and to make any suggestions for its improvement.
- ? ? Shown were: the hotline telephone number, postal address, the mission statement; a visitor counter and the capability to send email;
- ? ? Also shown were: locations with all meetings in Westchester (eventually, each could have driving instructions to get there, added by group members); In effect, the site could eliminate the printing of many meeting lists;
- ? ? Added features will be the publication of each newsletter and an archives of the old ones; the bylaws, listings of reports, WUIG committees; WUIG archives; WSBC delegates reports and committee reports (Public Information, Newsletter, Speakers Bank Committee, Sponsor Bank Committee, and Hotline Committee);
- ? ? A PDF format is used which is an Adobe format which cuts across both Mac and PC;
- ? ? Links can serve to connect OA Westchester with all other OA-related links and to OA World Service as well as other regions which have websites;
- ? ? Submissions for the newsletter can be done through the website email and forwarded to the newsletter editor;
- ? ? Karen noted that the website project will be under the PI Committee; therefore the bylaws do not need to be amended for a new committee;
- ? ? Beth indicated that she may be interested in maintaining the site once completed;
- ? ? The group thanked Karen for creating the site;
- ? ? A motion was made to move forward and to put it on an ISP. Motion adopted.

Newsletter Update *(Carol not present)*

- ? ? The topic for the next newsletter, according to Beth, will be: "Specifics of my program; how I work my program on a daily basis."
- ? ? Submissions for this topic should be made to: cbbooth@earthlink.net

Speaker Bank Update *(Kathy on vacation)*

Sponsor Bank Update *(Vacancy)*

- ? ? We need a chairperson for this committee. Requirements are one (1) year of OA attendance, six (6) months abstinence, current attendance at Intergroup meetings and a willingness to attend 8 of 12 meetings once elected.

Hot Line Update *(Jeanne)*

- ? ? Jeanne reported that the hot line should advise that it is ok to leave messages in this instance for people assigned to follow up inquiries.

WSBC 2002 Delegate Report *(Phil)*

- ? ? The World service Business Conference in Albuquerque, NM was a full week program;
- ? ? Those items of interest reported on included:
 - a) "To the Newcomer" was rejected in its present form;
 - b) "Voices of Recovery," a new OA meditation book, was passed (it will be available in the Spring); The meditation book is in addition to "For Today" , not replacing it;
 - c) The "Dignity of Choice" pamphlet failed. Pros and cons for bringing back the pamphlet of food plans were presented. The delegates did not feel it was ready to be published.
 - d) An 800 number to tie all intergroups was suggested; A proposal will be presented at next year's WSBC
 - e) The Call-a-thon Day motion was defeated, but not by much;
 - f) The abstinence definition motion was modified by the Reference Committee at conference. They removed the text proposed text regarding a healthy body weight and inserted before the word recovery: physical, emotional, and spiritual.
 - g) The chairman's report focused on the alarming opinion that OA is in serious danger of dying.
 - h) Roseanne's talk addressed the unity and the need for a food plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

? ? Next Intergroup meeting was changed to July 11th.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Bill P, Substituting Recording Secretary

**REMEMBER...OUR NEXT MEETING
Is Re-scheduled to:**

****** July 11, 2002 ******

Also check out the new Website:

www.oawestchester-ny.org

**Please note your comments and
suggestions for our discussion
at the next meeting.**