

## **Overeaters Anonymous Western Mass Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes February 14, 2021**

Attendees: Anne H., Beth C., Carol Ch., Ellen, Gwen G., Julie B., Karen O., Karen S., Mary I., Mary O., Rob R., Susan T., and Visitors: Andy P. (Metro NYC OA IG), Gwen P., Kevin C., and Martha P.

### Board Reports

1. Chair's Report

Board meeting held Sunday 2/7/2021. Website working group met three times (1/16, 1/30, and 2/6).

2. Vice Chair's Report

Carol Ch. communicated with all group contacts not already involved in Intergroup. She also sent out test emails to make sure the Website links to officers made it to their private email addresses.

3. Recording Secretary's Report

The minutes of the January meeting were accepted.

4. Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

5. Corresponding Secretary's Report

Julie will rotate out on March 1.2021. She reported that Janet has resigned as Group Rep for Agawam Thurs 10 am meeting. She also recommended that volunteers be sought to assist new Corresponding Secretary with answering email correspondence initiated from the website.

6. Region 6 Rep Reports & WSBC Delegate Reports - In Marlene's absence, Rob read her report.

Region 6 - PIPO committee has received three applications for Blitz funding. They will be discussing those applications on Monday 2/15. They will also entertain the proposal to increase the funding available by \$5,000.

WSBC – The Young People's committee of which Marlene is a member is focusing their efforts on organizing and hosting an e-retreat on 3/6/2021 for OAs 18 to 30 yrs. old.

### Committee Reports

1. Phone Service liaison – Gwen G.

Gwen reported three calls in three days that she returned. In answer to a question from Rob, she stated that whenever a call comes in that she is not available to return, the service has a list of 3 volunteers that will do so.

2. Archives – Sue S. No report
3. Website - to be addressed in New Business.
4. Marathon – Ellen, Karen S. Gwen G., Anne H., Mary I., and John C.

Karen S. reported that the group is working on upcoming workshops on Sponsorship and Abstinence.

5. Retreat – Anne H., Kristen, and Liza

Anne reported that the group will meet in March. On track to hold live retreat in June at Genesis.

Old Business – none

New business

1. Targeted Recruiting for Corresponding Secretary and PI/PO Committee Members.

Rob reviewed the advantages of targeted recruiting that he had learned in a Region 6 Intergroup Officers Workshop 10/23/20. He also suggested we consider establishing a Service and Inclusions committee to brainstorm candidate names and approach individuals to discuss possibilities for service.

2. Request for Intergroup owned Zoom Account.

Gwen suggested we invest in a Zoom Account that would provide 30 hours of use per month for up to 100 participants in any one session at a cost of \$14.99 per month (discounted somewhat if paid for a year in advance). After discussion, Gwen agreed to research further the hosting capabilities and report back in March. Karen S. offered to assist.

3. Website

Karen S. and Rob have notified Tom that we may be dissolving our contract with him and taking on the work of managing our website ourselves. A motion was made to dissolve our relationship with Tom as of 2/28/21. That motion passed with 1 abstention. Rob will contact Tom to inform him.

Rob and Victoria (Rob's wife) are working on revising the existing website using Word Press utilities. Victoria will make changes in Word Press and train an OA member to maintain the website once all changes have been implemented. Since Victoria is not an OA member, the issue arose of compensating her for her time. A further motion to determine how and what to pay Victoria was tabled until next month.

4. Rob reminded us to take the WSBC Questionnaire. Deadline is 2/14/21 to register our preferences.

5. OA World Service Business Conference – April 21-24 – The Board decided to hold it virtually. We get TWO more attendees. Current requirements are one-year current abstinence and at least two years of service beyond the group level.
6. Metro West holds an informational Zoom meeting for newcomers on the last Sunday of every month. The leader reads many of the things we're used to hearing in an OA meeting, then a speaker shares for 10 minutes. The floor is then opened for questions from newcomers, and any experienced OA can answer. Should we consider doing the same?

If you would like to attend one of these meetings, follow the link below to register to receive the zoom link a few days before the next monthly workshop.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf\\_3G8J8TCxUp3dwWiil8Hx9mwSf\\_hfgRA3p4x12RIB4h1IiA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_3G8J8TCxUp3dwWiil8Hx9mwSf_hfgRA3p4x12RIB4h1IiA/viewform)

7. Karen S. volunteered to assume Corresponding Secretary position beginning 3/1/2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth C.