

Overeaters Anonymous Western Mass Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes March 14, 2021

Attendees: Anne H., Beth C., Bridget (VT), Carol Ch., Ellen C., Gwen G., John C., Julie B., Karen O., Karen S., Marlene B., Mary I., Michael M., and Rob R.

Board Reports

1. Chair's Report – Rob announced Tuesday weekly Newcomer zoom meetings are going well.
2. Vice Chair had nothing to report.
3. Recording Secretary's Report--The minutes of the January meeting were accepted as read.
4. Treasurer's report was read. Julie asked how our treasury looks compared to the same time last year. Anne replied we're doing well. Karen reminded us we are committed to funding delegate(s) attendance at World Service as well as Retreat scholarships.
5. Corresponding Secretary's Report—Karen announced that one email a week will go out with all information for future events. She asked all to announce at meetings that anyone wishing to be on that distribution sign up on our website.
6. Region 6 Rep Reports & WSBC Delegate Reports – Marlene told us that 80 people had registered for the Young People's retreat. She reminded us that we are entitled to more than one delegate to the World Service Business Meeting and Convention. She asked us to refer to the Region 6 Bylaws (<https://oaregion6.org/en/about-2/bylaws/>) for qualifications and responsibilities.

Committee Reports

1. Phone Service liaison – Gwen G. Reported that there were 9 calls in February, 3 of which left messages that they would call back later. Three “will call back” messages have come in so far in March. Crocker cannot trace those calls so no follow up can be done. Gwen will ask Crocker if the last bill was too high.
2. Workshop Working Group – Karen asked all to announce at meetings that the committee is looking for short term commitments of about 2 hours per month to plan and organize a workshop. When the workshop has taken place, the volunteer can roll off the committee or continue. Next workshop is on 3/27 re: Hybrid Meetings.
3. Retreat – Anne H. announced that the flyer is out. Only one person has registered so far but the committee expects to fill every one of the 25 slots. Three scholarships will be given. The Retreat account has a balance of \$1,158.48. Group donations are welcome.
4. Website –New website is complete and operational. Recurring \$100 payments to Webmaster Tom Mayo ceased as of 2/28/2021. Rob submitted a PI PO Blitz application to fund website redesign on 2/7. We asked for \$1400 (81%) of an expected \$1720 expense. We will present to the PIPO Committee on 3/28/2021. .

Old Business – Gwen G. reported on her analysis of alternatives for a video conferencing subscription that Intergroup could fund and manage. Her conclusion was that Zoom came

closest to meeting our needs. A motion to reimburse Karen S. for the one-year membership she has already purchased passed unanimously. WMI will reimburse her and use that subscription for Intergroup meetings, workshops, and Newcomer Meetings. It will not be used by individual groups.

New Business—Bridget reported she has put up a Facebook page for Western Mass Intergroup. She is concerned that our purpose in having a Facebook presence is to attract newcomers. She said that people are led to Facebook by connections to people they know and things they already like. She suggested our Facebook page may be redundant to our website. She asked all present to try to get the page to come up via “OA” searches.

Rob was nominated and voted in as a delegate to the Region 6 Spring Assembly.

Rob expressed disappointment that we regularly are unable to address all the items on our agenda because the meeting is limited to one hour. Unaddressed this month are:

1. Should we extend the Intergroup meeting time?
2. Website development time and expense
3. Should we build and maintain a Sponsor’s List? If so, we need someone to manage it....
4. May’s meeting is on Mother’s Day. Should we change May’s meeting to Saturday 5/8 or Sunday 5/16?

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, April 11.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth C.