

Overeaters Anonymous Western Mass Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes April 11, 2021

Attendees: Anne H., Beth C., Carol Ch., Ellen C., Gwen G., John C., Julie B., Karen O., Karen S., Marlene B., Mary I., Mary O., Rob R., and Sr. Susan T.

Board Reports

1. Chair's Report—
 - a. Rob attended the Region 6 Assembly and reported it was well structured and conducted. He is now serving on the PI/PO Region 6 committee.
 - b. Weekly meetings for newcomers have been held since the end of February and are going well. Also started Steps 1, 2 and 3 meetings. April meetings will focus on Step 1, May on Step 2, and June on Step 3. We are looking for speakers for these meetings.
2. Vice Chair Report—No report
3. Recording Secretary's Report—The minutes of the March meeting were accepted with two corrections.
4. Treasurer's Report—
 - a. Anne thanked Carol Ch. for her help in balancing the account to the bank statements.
 - b. Anne also reported that for balances under \$1k, fees are applied. Karen S. offered to discuss with Anne the possibility of changing banks.
 - c. The treasurer's report was accepted.
 - d. Julie asked that going forward a statement about how the report month compared with the same month of the prior year be added to the Treasurer's report.
 - e. John C. suggested that \$1k be donated to World Service because the balance is high. Rob said we could take that up under New Business.
 - f. Rob also commended Anne for sticking with a difficult task and reaching out for help.
5. Corresponding Secretary's Report—
 - a. Karen has started the practice of sending one email a week with all announcements.
 - b. Karen questioned whether we should include announcements of events put on by other Intergroups. Rob said we should add that to the New Business discussion.
6. Region 6 Rep Reports & WSBC Delegate Reports— Marlene submitted a written report of both Region 6 and WSBC which will be sent as a separate attachment.

Committee Reports

1. Phone Service liaison – Gwen reported that in October we went from a Standard contract to a Basic contract with Crocker. The basic contract is cheaper but starts incremental charges after 15 minutes vs the Standard contract's 30 minutes. February saw a big increase in volume as well as a disruptive caller who kept Crocker on the line for an

inordinate amount of time. Gwen will watch to see if this trend continues raising the option of changing back to the Standard plan should it prove to be more economical.

2. Workshop Working Group – no report.
3. Retreat –
 - a. 9 or 10 registrations so far, with 20 slots available.
 - b. Planning a clothing exchange at retreat.
 - c. Only 2 scholarship applications have been submitted. At meetings, encourage others to apply.
4. Website – no report

Old Business –

1. Due to Mother's Day falling on our regular monthly meeting date next month, Intergroup members voted to change the meeting date to May 16th.
2. A motion was made and passed unanimously to pay Victoria \$847.48 (\$750 labor and 97.48 expenses) and to pay annual webhosting fee of \$179.40, for a total of \$1,026.88. Region 6 will reimburse us \$821.50, and we will incur a cost of \$205.38.
3. A motion was made to pay Victoria \$50 a month for ongoing maintenance to our website, retroactive to March 1st and payable the first week of every month going forward. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business was not addressed since we ran out of time. Rob asked us to consider extending the meeting time to 90 minutes. The May meeting will probably require 90 minutes to address what was not covered in April.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, May 16, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth C