

Overeaters Anonymous Western Mass Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes January 9, 2022

Attendees: Anne H., Beth C., Carol Ch., Ellen C., Julie B., Karen S., Louise S., Marlene B., Rob R., Sean R., and Susan T.

Visitors: Laurie G.

Board Reports

1. Chair's Report—
 - a. At the 1/4/2022 beginner's meeting, a person from Chicopee reported seeing our billboard.
 - b. Step 1-2-3 meetings have been discontinued since no one agreed to lead. Martha and Rob cannot support this meeting by themselves.
 - c. Rob purchased a new zoom account to continue the WMI Newcomers' Meeting.
 - d. January 23rd IG Forum will feature discussion about use of billboards. Rob asked if anyone would be willing to present our experience so far. No one volunteered.
 - e. Rob suggested each WMIG member invite a guest to next month's meeting to familiarize and broaden support for Intergroup initiatives.
2. Vice Chair Report—
 - a. Carol expressed gratitude for our web master's quick turnaround on web site requests. She reminded the body that the position of website coordinator is vacant.
 - b. Carol reviewed every page of our website and gave high marks to Rob and Victoria for the new design.
 - c. Carol reminded all who are hosting Zoom meetings to use the waiting room to prevent intrusions of zoom bombers.
 - d. Carol asked that we revisited the WMIG monthly meeting start time, since it conflicts with her (and perhaps others') lunch time.
3. Recording Secretary's Report—The December minutes were accepted as written.
4. Treasurer's Report—The December report was accepted as written.
5. Corresponding Secretary's Report—
 - a. Martha continues to do the weekly mailings.
 - b. Carol continues to update the meeting list. Four hundred names are now on our mailing list. Karen said many of recent additions are of people attending the Newcomers' Meeting.
6. Region 6 Rep Report—
 - a. Region 6 PI/PO committee is placing phone calls and sending emails to IG chairs to encourage them to apply for Blitz money.
 - b. Committee is preparing workshops for use of Facebook Ads and Google Ads.
7. WSBC Delegate Reports—

- a. An Ad mockup for outreach to medical providers is undergoing a second review by the full PI/PO committee. Marlene serves on the subcommittee that drafted the ad.
- b. World Service Business Conference will be held April 25, 2022. It has not yet been decided whether in person and zoom attendance will be possible or only zoom.

Committee Reports

1. Phone Service liaison – Gwen will report to WMIG at the February meeting on whether to keep our current service plan with Crocker or choose a different plan.
2. Workshop Working Group – Karen reported that she and Sean may send emails to all groups to ask each to develop and host a workshop.
3. Zoom Account Working Group –
 - a. Sean stated that recommendations are case specific depending on the group size, meeting room space, funds available for purchase of equipment.
 - b. He suggested that a potential workshop idea is to review the different options with those groups interested in doing hybrid meetings.
4. Retreat Committee –
 - a. The cost of Retreat attendance is now \$15 per person higher than what is reflected on the flyer (\$10 increase from Genesis and \$5 to support the retreat leader’s expenses).
 - b. The committee is behind in requesting groups contribute to the Retreat scholarship fund. Request usually goes out in September.
 - c. Genesis requires vaccination and booster of each attendee. They also require each person wear a mask in meeting rooms. Since the flyer will have to be revised and resent with this information.
 - d. A motion was made and passed that WMIG pay \$15 per person for no more than twenty-five attendees to make up the difference between the advertised and the actual per person cost for this year.
 - e. A motion was made and passed that WMIG offer a scholarship of \$130 to up to three Retreat attendees.
 - f. A suggestion was made to the Retreat Committee that they change the per person cost on the new flyer so that the retreat is self-supporting. The committee members present agreed to consider this.
5. Marathon –
 - a. Sue is looking for other churches for our Marathon venue since the one we’ve used in the past is has every Saturday booked through this summer.
 - b. Karen and Anne both expressed reluctance to hold an in-person event of that size in person at this time.
 - c. A virtual meeting may not be possible this year since the Marathon planning usually begins in September and no planning has taken place yet for the 2022 Marathon.

Old and New Business –

1. Discussion of 2022 goals was deferred to the February meeting. Rob asked those present to bring the list to their meetings to gather feedback from the fellowship.

2. Our billboard has been moved from Rt 391 to Rt 291. Rob asked if someone could take a picture of the board in the new location. Julie volunteered to take a picture and email it to Victoria with a request that it be placed on our website.
3. A motion was made and passed to change the start time of our monthly meeting from 1 to 2 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, February 13, 2022, **AT 2 PM (new start time)**.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth C