

Overeaters Anonymous Western Mass Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes January 8, 2023

Meeting opened at 6pm by Chairperson Ellen with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Tradition 1 and Concept 1 were read by Sister Susan with a comment provided by Anne H as to the meaning on both in her life.

Roll Call read by Co Chair Carol.

Voting Attendees: Anne H., Carol Co Ch., Celeste, Deb T., Ellen Ch., Joette, Julie B., Karen S., Marie, Rob R., Sean R., Sister Susan & Sue S.

Board Reports

- Ellen wanted to thank Victoria (Web Master) for all her hard work getting all the updates so quickly to the website. Ie. Meeting time change to 6pm on Sunday now.
- Carol was working on the “attendance sheet” and was seeking volunteer(s) to help with updating the membership list. Thanks to Anne H and Sean for volunteering to help with the calling and getting the status of current representatives for the groups in WMI.
- Carol reported that the ZOOM account that we now own is available. Also those groups in WMI that are in the ZOOM format for their meetings can now use this account for their meetings.
- Carol also reported that the “Meeting Lists” for WMI are now up to date on the website.
- Recording Secretary – December minutes were accepted as written
- Treasurer’s Report- December report was accepted as written. Kudos to Joette and Anne for getting information on a new spread sheet.
- Corresponding Secretary: No report, however Sean wanted it noted that because of upcoming surgery, he may be unavailable for unspecified time.

Standing Committee Reports

- **PIPO** no new information
- **Google Voice** (old phone service) no report
- **Website-** Rob reported that he has looked at Google Analytics & does have some other resources to help with this. 351 hits on the Website in just the month of December.
- **Marathon-** Karen reported nothing happening as yet, however still planned for September.
- **Retreat-** Karen reported that they are currently looking for a leader for the retreat the first weekend in June. Also that Genesis has increased the charge to \$245 for the weekend.
- **Archives** – Sue reported that she has “piles of paper” and encourages anyone that has any old material from the groups to please get this to her.
- **WSBC Delegate** – position currently vacant. Conference happens every year in N. Mexico usually in April. Registration is now open.
- **Region 6 Reps-** No report however Karen & Rob have historically attended in Albany. Meeting is in April and Karen will drive if anyone is interested.

Old Business:

- **Bus Posters-** Rob reported that from his research from last February, WMI was awarded \$2000 by the PIPO committee for this project. He was in contact with Pioneer Valley Transit Authority. He did have figures for printers for a rigid placard for the buses. He is still willing to work on it if he has someone to assist him. Karen volunteered to work on this with him.

- **Tax Exemption-** Julie initially explored applying for a tax exempt status for WMI. She will follow up by sending her report again.

New Business:

- **Updated Meeting Lists-** Carol will divide the current membership list and Anne H and Sean will call the current members listed to verify their status and accuracy of the groups information.

Group Concerns/Brainstorming

- Joette brought up concerns from one group regarding the low attendance at some meetings. She was inquiring if Intergroup has any tools to help groups advertise meetings. Discussion about how to get the info out about OA and the meetings.
- Upcoming Anniversaries- Advertise at our meeting for OA members to check the website for upcoming anniversaries.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm with recitation of the Responsibility Pledge
Next meeting is on Sunday, February 12, 2023 at 6pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Deb T.
Recording Secretary