**Overeaters Anonymous Western Mass Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes**

**March 12, 2023**

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

Tradition 3 and Concept 3 were read by Joette & John C. Comments were provided by Joette, John & Rob R. as to the meaning, application & value in their OA lives.

Roll Call read by Julie B.

**Voting Attendees:** Anne H., Carol Ch.,Deb T., Ellen C., Joette S., John C., Julie B., Karen S., Leo R.,

Marie M., Maureen M., Patty A., Rob R., & Sue S.

**Board Reports**

* Ellen had no report however she still wants to remind everyone that they can email her with any agenda items any time up to the mtg’s actual time. She emails the agenda out a week prior to the meeting looking for agenda items.
* Recording Secretary –February minutes with an amendment regarding the website information to be added from Rob R were accepted.
* Treasurer’s Report- February report was accepted as written.
* Corresponding Secretary: No report.

**Standing Committee Reports**

* **PIPO**: Karen reported on the new signs having been placed on the 3 buses housed in Greenfield, Northampton and Springfield. The banners will also have notation in Spanish. The signs have been paid for through July 1st. We will then reevaluate for further use and cost for a full year. Rob reported seeing the sign on the bus in Northampton.
* **Flyers:** Karen reported that flyers with “rip off” phone numbers have been sent to all IG members for dispersal to their groups.
* **Phone Service:** Patty reported there have been 1 successful call this month. Discussion about how to service the call if someone who speaks Spanish calls. Sue S. reported that Tom fromW. Springfield has volunteered his services for speaking Spanish if the need arises. John also says there are Spanish speaking mtgs on ZOOM on the OA website.
* **Website-** Rob reported that we’re changing our website hosting service from PowWeb to BlueHost. The problem is that PowWeb’s technology isn’t up to snuff and our pages are loading very slowly. PowWeb’s contract renews in May and we should not pay the renewal invoice. Hopefully we’ll make the change to BlueHost soon.
* **Marathon-** Karen reported that the marathon is scheduled for September 9th at Bethany Assembly of God from 9-2:30. The kitchen will not be available, so it will be necessary to bring your own beverages. Water will be provided. Presently looking for topics and for volunteers to help with the marathon mostly on that day for set up, etc.
* **Retreat-** Karen reported that they were informed from Genesis that the cost has been increased to $340 per person. They do have a leader. They have 3 scholarships for $150 each. They have 10 registrants so far. Also because of the price increase they will be looking for another venue for future retreats.
* **WSBC Delegate-** position still vacant
* **Region 6 Reps:** Karen & Sue will be both attending the meeting on April 1st.
* **Archives –** Sue asked that nothing be thrown away if groups are cleaning out any of their materials. She will find a place for it.

**Old Business:**

**Tax Exempt Status:** Julie asked if we could read all the information regarding the pros & cons for being tax exempt, etc. It will allow us to apply for Google Word Adds. Ellen will send out Julie’s report with next month’s agenda.

**New Business:**

**Intergroup Mtg for April & May:** Members voted to hold meetings at previously scheduled times.

**WSBC Conference:** Voted to not send any delegates this year from WMI.

**Concerns:** Please remember to take down the old flyers that announce OA.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm with recitation of the Responsibility Pledge.**

**Next meeting is on Sunday, April 9, 2023, at 6pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Deb T.

Recording Secretary