Overeaters Anonymous WMI Business Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2024

The meeting opened at 6:00 pm by Chairperson Ellen with a full moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Roll Call was by Julie.

Tradition 4 was read by Joette with thoughts shared on the value of the **Spiritual Principle**-"Autonomy" by her also.

Concept 4was read by Jan and she and Carol shared thoughts on the Spiritual Principle – "**Equality**". **Attendees:** Anne H., Carol Ch., Deb T., David B., Ellen C., Jan S., Joette S., Julie B., Leslie N., Lynn W., Marie M., Mark Ch., & Marlene B.

Board Reports

- **Chair Report:** Ellen had no report.
- Vice Chair Report: Julie reported that our new tax status has been approved by the IRS. At a future meeting we will discuss & vote on whether WMI wants to add a "Donate Button" on the website.
- **Recording Secretary Minutes**: Motion made & voted to accept the March minutes after amending them to remove the statement that Julie will report on the addition of the "Donate Button" at the April WMI meeting.
- **Treasurer's Report**: Motion made & voted to accept the report after amending the report to remove the names of those who have paid for the Retreat.
- **Corresponding Secretary Report**: Carol reported that in Mark's continued absence she will continue to serve as the Interim Corresponding Secretary. She continues along with Martha P to update names & the venues for meetings in the district.

Standing Committee Reports

- **PIPO**: Ellen reported for Maureen that the Health Fair at Westfield State was an amazing success. Maureen also reported she is waiting for a call back from the Bariatric MD.
- Phone Service: Carol reported for Patty that there were 3 calls this month to the phone service.
- Website: No report.
- **Marathon:** David reported they have all the workshops planned. They also have 2 keynote speakers and the poster has been posted on the website.
- **Retreat:** Julie & Joette reported that there are at the present time only 20 people registered for the Retreat. The group also suggested that the scholarships only be allocated to MA residents.
- WSBC Delegate: Joette will be attending the WSBC conference May 7th through the 11th.
- Archives: Sue is still loving the position as our Archivist however is looking to transition from her role in the near future. Please bring her request to our groups.
- **Region 6:** Karen supplied a thorough report of her attendance at the Region 6 meeting in Albany. **Old Business:**

Will WMI contribute money for scholarships to the Retreat? The group decided to wait until the next meeting to see how much need there, is for this contribution. Most likely we will not need to contribute. Carol presented the items from the survey that Joette would need to bring to WSBC for voting. After much discussion, the group gave their votes & feedback to Joette on the most pressing items.

• New Business: Bus Signs

A motion was made and passed to stop the bus signs effective April 15, 2024. Ellen will make a call to Brandy regarding this motion.

• Agena Items for next month:

Maureen would like an addition made to the WMI website questioning how people heard about OA?

Ellen as always requests that if you have any items for the May WMI meeting please forward them to her.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm with recitation of the Responsibility Pledge. **The next meeting is on** Sunday May 19, 2024.

Respectfully submitted, Deb T. Recording Secretary

• Carol shared the results from the WMI survey which Rob will now post of the website. Ellen requests if you have any items for the March WMI meeting please forward them to her. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm with recitation of the Responsibility Pledge. **Next meeting is on Sunday, March 10, 2024, at 6pm.** Respectfully submitted, Deb T.

Recording Secretary

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