

Overeaters Anonymous Western Mass Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes August 31, 2023

Meeting opened at 6:30p by Chairperson Ellen with a full moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Roll Call was called by Julie.

Tradition 8 was read and discussed by Sondra with personal insights shared.

Concept 8 was read and discussed by Karen-with personal insights shared.

Attendees: Anne H., Carol Ch., Deb T., David B., Ellen C., Joette S., Julie B., Karen S., Marie M., Rob R., & Visitor Mary O..

Board Reports

- Ellen reported that she has had some concerns from a couple WMI reps regarding the time of our monthly meeting. We will discuss in New Business
- Julie reported that she will discuss tax exempt status later in meeting.
- Recording Secretary: voted to accept the minutes for June with one correction to be made by substitute secretary Joette. Deb thanks Joette for taking the June minutes.
- Treasurer's Report: voted to accept the report for August.
- Corresponding Secretary: No report

Standing Committee Reports

- **PIPO:** No report
- **Phone Service:** Patty reported to Ellen that she had 2 calls last month.
- **Website:** Rob reported that the reporting facility has changed.
- **Marathon:** David reported that things are all set for the marathon on September 9th. It will be from 9-3pm, no kitchen facilities, so attendees need to bring their lunch or menus from local restaurants will be provided. Water will be available. 2 speakers, 5 breakout sessions and plenty of parking at the church. There will also be a table set up by Sue for Archives.
- **Retreat:** Karen reported that the retreat will be at Genesis on 5/31, 6/1 & 6/2/24. She will be discussing pricing for the plans in the future with Genesis.
- **WSBC Delegate:** position still vacant
- **Archives:** No report
- **Region 6:** No report but Karen will be attending meeting on September 23rd in Albany.

Old Business:

Tax Exemption Status: Julie presented an extensive & comprehensive report with the "pros & cons" for the tax exempt status. Motion made and 2nd to move forward with the process. The Committee acknowledged Julie for all her hard work and clarity of her report on this project. She will be meeting with the IRS on September 4th to clarify any questions she has. Karen will share at Region 6 that we are moving forward with this process.

Intergroup Survey: No report

Updated WMI Contact List: Debbie continues to update list with current info from group members help.

New Business

Region 6 Fall Assembly: Karen will be attending.

Renewal of WMI ZOOM contract: Group voted to renew contract and Joette will pay the fee once she has the Info from Carol.

Google Voice: Carol reported that it is going well.

OA Region 6 Convention Donation: After a lengthy discussion it was voted to NOT donate a raffle prize this year to the convention considering we gave a substantial donation already this year to Region 6.

Concerns or Brainstorming: Ellen asked if members have concerns about the time for our monthly meeting and want this to be changed, please send her your input for discussion at the September meeting.
Any other concerns or ideas, forward to Ellen prior to the next WMI meeting on 9/10/23.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm with recitation of the Responsibility Pledge.

Next meeting is on Sunday, September 10, 2023, at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb T.
Recording Secretary