

Overeaters Anonymous WMI Business Meeting Minutes
July 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 7 was read by Joette with thoughts shared on the value of the **Spiritual Principle- "Responsibility"** by her & Julie.

Concept 7 was read by Sister Susan with thoughts shared on the **Spiritual Principle - "Balance"** by her & Ellen.

Attendees: Andy M., Carol Ch., David B., Deb T., Ellen C., Joette S., Julie B., Leslie N., Lynn W., Marie M., Rob R., & Sr. Susan.

Board Reports

- **Chair Report:** Ellen requested. that she would like to hear from everyone if her timing of sending out the reports, addenda, etc meets everyone's needs.
- **Vice Chair Report:** Julie requested that we add to "new business" at the end of the meeting a discussion regarding the "tax exempt post card."
- **Recording Secretary Minutes:** Motion made & voted to accept the minutes as is.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Motion made & voted to accept report as is.

- **Corresponding Secretary Report:**

APOLOGY

I wish to make a public apology to our treasurer, Joette. I reorganized the Group Contributions 2024 spreadsheet so that I could read it more easily. Joette called me on this and expressed concern that it was no longer her own work and she could not submit a report that was not her own work, nor could she ask WMI to approve this report, since it was not her work.

WMI GOOGLE VOICE PHONE NUMBER

During the COVID lockdown, we were extremely dissatisfied with Crocker Communications, our then answering service. So, we set up the no-cost Google Voice phone number (413) 285-2034. To login you need the user ID oawesternmass@gmail.com and the password Sharing12&12. (That password has no period after 12) To be able to answer incoming calls, your number has to be in the list of "forwarding" numbers and be "activated." You also have to have the Google Voice app on your smartphone. To check for missed calls you need to login to mail@gmail.com with user ID oawesternmass@gmail.com and password DontEat12. (password has no period after 12)

WMI ZOOM ACCOUNT

In collaboration with Anne H, the treasurer at the time, we purchased and set up a Zoom account for WMI to use. We purchased only one host key. This Zoom account costs WMI \$159.27 per year. Purchasing additional host keys costs \$99 more for each host key. Having only one host key means that only one

Zoom group can be operative at any moment. Currently there are five WMI groups meeting on this Zoom account—each with its own ID number, passcode, and expiration date. There is a sixth Zoom group for the Retreat Committee. And, of course, there is this WMI business meeting group with its own ID number, passcode, and expiration date. It is necessary to keep a record of expiration dates for each group. The WMI Zoom service person is responsible for adding another year of dates before expiration.

MEETING LIST UPDATES and EACH MEETING'S GROUP CONTACT PERSON

Four of the five Thursday WMI groups required special notes on the meeting list for the 4th of July. These were added a few days before the holiday and removed a few days before the next Thursday. As contact persons change, I submit those changes, too. The webmaster is very fast at publishing updates.

PO BOX KEY

I do not have a key to the mailbox in Springfield.

UPDATES TO WORLD SERVICE OFFICE (WSO) MEETING LIST on oa.org

I may check from time to time, but mostly individual groups are responsible to make sure their group's information is up-to-date. About a year ago, at the prompting of our then Trustee, I checked every listing on oa.org for all WMI member groups.

GOOGLE FORMS SURVEY FOR ANNUAL WORLD SERVICE BUSINESS CONFERENCE PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

This is a once-a-year duty in early Spring.

EVENTS LISTING AND EVENTS PAGE OF oawmass.org

Please check the events page. The guidelines for images on flyers are clear. Also, having heard people say that none of the flyers on the events page can be printed, here's a tip: to print any flyer, you must right-click and download the linked file.

Carol Ch, WMI Corresponding Secretary

Standing Committee Reports

- **PIPO:**(Vacant) Chairperson still vacant. Ellen asked that we still bring the vacancy to our groups to see if anyone might be interested.
- **Phone Service:** Carol reported that neither she or Patty received any calls this past month/
- **Website:** No report
- **Marathon:** Joette & David reported that the speakers have been lined up and that a flyer is currently on the WMI website.
- **Retreat:** There was some \$\$ left in the scholarship donations & this money will be put into the budget for next year's Retreat.
- **WSBC Delegate:** Joette reported that there is a lot of information under the tab "Ask it Basket" on the WSO website. Also, WSO is looking for personal stories regarding "Mental Health & Recovery".
- **Archives:** Sue is still wishing to vacate her role as our Archivist.
- **Region 6:** Karen's last meeting as our representative for that for Region 6 meeting is September 21st. She is hoping someone would like to take over this role and travel with her to this meeting in Albany to learn the particulars of this responsibility.

- **Old Business:** Still need an Archivist
- **New Business:**
- **Donate Button:** Lynn reported on the committee work that was done to have a "donate button" put on WMI website. She has had experience with "Give Butter" and is very familiar with their process. A motion was made & passed to have the committee go forward with making this happen. She will be contacting Victoria about this. Further communication will be coming about the process for using this new exciting feature.
- **Discussion of Bylaws:** Julie made a motion to change the bylaws regarding the "tax exempt post card" & who will be signing it and responsible for it in the future. She will update us on it at the August mtg.
- **Extra Literature:** Julie has literature in her possession from a couple closed meetings. This literature will be donated to the upcoming Marathon and be used as raffle prizes. She also has \$52 which she will be giving to the Retreat Chairperson to be put in the Retreat monies.

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

- The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm with recitation of the Responsibility Pledge.

The next meeting is on Sunday August 11th at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb T.
Recording Secretary