

Overeaters Anonymous WMI Business Meeting Minutes
June 9, 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 6 was read by Anne with thoughts shared on the value of the **Spiritual Principle - "Solidarity"** by her also.

Concept 6 was read by Sister Susan wither also sharing thoughts on the **Spiritual Principle - "Resposibility"**.

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

Board Reports

- **Chair Report:** Ellen had no report.
- **Vice Chair Report:** Julie reported that she attended the Retreat, and she will share comments later in the meeting. She also wants to discuss forming a committee that will discuss and work on the **"Donate Button"**.
- **Recording Secretary Minutes:** Motion made & voted to accept the May minutes after amending them to change that Julie stated there needs to be a discussion about the exact procedure for filing the post card for the IRS that shows we are a tax-exempt entity.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Motion made & voted to accept report after Carol noted that the "Group Contribution Donation Sheet" needs to be revised because she noted duplication with groups.
- **Corresponding Secretary Report:** Carol reported she is still enjoying the challenge of updating the meeting lists and contact changes.

Standing Committee Reports

- **PIPO:**(Vacant) Chairperson still vacant. Ellen asked that we bring the vacancy to our groups to see if anyone might be interested.
- **Phone Service:** Carol reported that she received 2 calls and Patty reported she had zero calls.

- **Website:** Rob reported that all flyers with images have been taken down by Victoria. The **Event Page** has been disabled. The following statement will be placed on the website regarding this issue.

Statement.

It was reported at the World Service Business Conference (WSBC) that infringements on copyright laws have taken place. Each infringement can be fined and is very expensive, so WSBC wanted any postings with possible infringements on copyright laws to be taken down on the Western Mass Intergroup (WMI) site.

In looking over the flyers put on the Events section, there were many flyers that may have infringements. WMI had no way of contacting every group, so it was decided to disable the Events tab and are planning to remove all the flyers to be safe. If you have a flyer that needs to be put back up, all images or copied material needs to be removed from the flyer and resubmitted. Any flyers with images will not be accepted on the WMI website. Just a reminder that all OA Conference-approved or Board-approved literature is copyrighted by Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. If you go to oa.org and search copyright requests, there is information to help you find out if you need written permission to use any part of the literature. There is also a copyright permission form if you want to use any part of OA literature.

- **Marathon:** No report
- **Retreat:** Anne reported that the Retreat was wonderful. Martha from CT took the attendees through the 12 Steps. There was a candlelight service on Saturday night. Julie shared some concerns regarding it not being clean and the schedule was very jam packed. She is doubtful that they will return there next year. The food choices were excellent.
- **WSBC Delegate:** Joette reported that she has her first committee mtg tomorrow. She also has asked to speak at a Region 6 meeting on her experiences as a first-time delegate to WSBC
- **Archives:** Sue is still loving the position as our Archivist, however, is looking to transition from her role soon. **Please bring her request to our groups.**
- **Region 6:** No report
- **Old Business:** WMI needs to keep working on finding someone to take the Archives role.
- **New Business:**
Forming committee to work on **Donate Button**. Lynn, Julie, Carol & Joette volunteered to work on this project.

Discuss bylaws and changing job descriptions- **on hold**
Voted to hold WMI meetings throughout the summer.

Ellen as always requests that if you have any items for the July 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 July 14th at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb T.
Recording Secretary