

Overeaters Anonymous WMI Business Meeting Minutes
September 15, 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 9 was read by Karen with thoughts shared on the value of the **Spiritual Principle- "Structure"** by her also.

Concept 9 was read by Joette with thoughts shared on the **Spiritual Principle - "Ability"** by her also.

Attendees: Anne H., Carol Ch., Deb T., David B., Ellen C., Joette S., Karen S., Julie B., Lynn W., & Visitor Frank R.

Board Member Reports

- **Chair Report:** Ellen had no report this month but did give kudos to the Marathon Committee on how well organized it was run! Great job!
- **Vice Chair Report:** Julie reported that she has not finished working on the bylaws, however she wanted to thank Joette and Lynn for all their help.
- **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:** No report.

Standing Committee Reports

- **PIPO:**(Vacant) Chairperson still vacant. Sue is looking for volunteers to help with a Health Fair on November 15th at a Senior Center in Chicopee. David volunteered to help her with this.
- **Phone Service:** Carol reported that she received no calls this past month.
- **Website:** No report
- **Marathon:** Joette reported that the Marathon was a success with 30 attendees. She wanted to especially thank Anne & Sue for all their help. Also to mention how accommodating the church was. Also, thanks for Lynn doing all the technical help with showing Roseanne's film.
- **Retreat:** Anne reported that the committee is was having a planning meeting while WMI was meeting today. The committee is looking at different venues to hold the retreat for next year.
- **WSBC Delegate:** Joette reported that WSBC is starting to send out information for next year's conference which will be totally virtual.

- **Archives:** Sue still wishes to vacate her role as our Archivist & looking for someone to take over her role.
- **Region 6:** Karen's last meeting as our representative for the Region 6 meeting is September 21st. She will still be in the position till April 2025. At the present time, she is on the Web & Publication committee. She also reported that the monthly newsletter is being published again. To get on the mailing list, sign up @ oaregion6.org.
- **Old Business:**
- **Donate Button:** People who have used it to donate have commented on the new ease & clarity now with using it. Lynn also noted that the service is only 1% charge when donating.
- **Brochure Blitz:** No report until after Region 6 meeting.
- **New Business:**
- **Process for Starting a New Meeting:** Frank is interested in starting up a new meeting in the North Hampton area. He is investigating places to hold the meeting, which day, type of meeting, etc. It was suggested by various members to check on OA.org for information on "startup kits" for beginning a new meeting. Also, it was shared that Intergroup will have funds to donate to him for literature etc. and initial rent payment.

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

- The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm with recitation of the Responsibility Pledge.

The next meeting is on **Sunday October 13th at 6pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
 Deb T.
 Recording Secretary