

Draft Overeaters Anonymous WMI Business Meeting Minutes

March 09, 2025

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

Roll Call was by Beth.

Attendees: Anne H., Beth B., Carol Ch., Deb T., David B., Joette S., Julie B., Leslie N., Mark Ch., Lynn W., Sue S., & Sr. Susan. Visitors, Kimberly C., Region 6 Chair and Bob F., Region 6 Trustee Liaison

Tradition 3 was read by Deb T. with thoughts shared on the Spiritual Principle "Identity".

Concept 3 was also read by Deb T. The Spiritual Principle being, "Trust".

Board Member Reports

- **Chair Report:** Beth was thankful to get minutes so quickly. She shared she was able to work on the budget and also with the Bylaws Committee. She worked with Joette & Julie to accomplish signing of the tax status form.
- **Vice Chair Report:** Lynn reported that she met with the Bylaws committee.
- **Recording Secretary Minutes:** Motion made & voted to accept the "draft minutes" from February with the following change, that the scholarship application to attend the September retreat needs to be in by June 15th not June 5th as previously written.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Motion made & voted to accept report as is.
- **Corresponding Secretary Report:** Carol reported:
 - Meeting List: One update since last WMI meeting
 - Two anniversary flyers received for posting to website
 - World Service Business Conference Agenda Survey
Received 31 responses, Majority voted that all items may be on final agenda
 - Submitted survey results to WSBC Committee on 3/2
 - Reached out to 4 people RE representing WMI at R6 Assembly
 - Sent text messages inviting all 2024 Share-a-thon attendees to be on the 2026 Share-a-thon Planning Committee
 - Worked with Deb T and Rob to update WMI minutes postings on our website. To view, go to oawmass.org WMI / WMI Minutes
 - Google Voice phone 413-285-2034
 - Received one hang-up, one live call needing direction to a meeting, and two people texting with me

Standing Committee Reports

- **PIPO:** Ann reported that they distributed pamphlets to libraries & health centers. The committee is working on "spreading the word".
- **Phone Liaison:** Carol reported that she had 3 calls this past month & the position is still open.
- **Donate Button/Website:** Lynn reported that there were 2 donations this month. She also wanted it noted that the visits this month to the website are half of last year's visits during this same time period.
- **Share-A-Thon:** Lynn reminded us that the "Shar-a-thon" is scheduled for January 3, 2026 at Bethany Assembly of God in Agawam. The committee has topics for the workshops. The next committee meeting is on Saturday March 15th @ 10am
- **Retreat:** Anne reported that the flyer and the registration form is on the website. At the present time the fee is \$320/double room and \$400 for a single room for the weekend along with 6 meals. Single rooms are limited. If anyone is applying for a scholarship, the application needs to be in by June 15th along with \$100 application fee. The recipient will be notified by August 1st if they have been awarded a scholarship.

Attendees will receive their information packets after August 1st.

The retreat is still looking for a chairperson. Lynn also reported that there will be the option for online registration for the retreat.

- **WSBC Delegate:** Joette reported that she is registered for the WSBC conference scheduled for 5/4 through 5/10/25.
- **Archive:** Sue reported that the committee met at her house to work on this massive undertaking. She is missing info. Please remind members if they have information, it needs to have date, month & year on it.
- **Region 6:** Carol wanted it noted that WMI could have three representatives at the Region 6 Assembly for April. If 2 other people would volunteer, she would also sign up to do it.

Old Business

- **Job descriptions: WMI Chair-**Group discussed and voted to have the tax form 990- N (e-postcard) signed and sent in by Chairman. Bylaws will be edited to reflect this change.

- **Status of Google Ads:** Lynn reported that she connected with the Region 6 webmaster regarding Google Ad Words. After the discussion she recommends that we go forward with our application for a Google Ad grant to be able to utilize the Ad Campaign.
- **Month off in Summer:** Decision on hold till the beginning of summer.

New Business

- **Discussion on Website:** Tabled till April
- **Introduction & role explanations from Kimberly C. & Bob F.**
Kimberly introduced herself as the Region 6 Chairperson and gave updates on Region 6 and introduced some of Region 6's projects. Bob introduced himself as the liaison for the Board of Trustees and he is there to mainly answer any questions and clarify issues. He can be reached at: Trustee@oaregion6.org

Group Concerns/Brainstorming:

- Bank account is costing us money.
- Brainstorming: Please get any ideas to Beth at least a week before the next WMI meeting.

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

The next meeting is on **April 13, 2025 at 6pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Deb T.
Recording Secretary