

Overeaters Anonymous WMI Business Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2025

The meeting was opened at 6:03PM by Chair Beth with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Roll Call was by Beth.

Attendees:

Beth B, Chair, Deb T, VR, Sec, Fri AM Longmeadow; Joette S, VR, Treasurer; Lynn W, VR, Vice Chair Fri 5PM Longmeadow; Erika S, VR, Greenfield 10 AM; Anne H, VR, Mon 10 Westfield; Carol Ch, VR, Corr Sec; Julie B, VR Sat, South Amherst.

Tradition 6 was read by Joette S. with thoughts shared on the Spiritual Principle “**Solidarity**”.

Concept 6 was also read by Joette S. with thoughts shared on the Spiritual Principle “**Responsibility**”.

Board Member Reports

- **Chair Report:** Beth reported that she has communicated all requested WMI committee changes to the webmaster and they have been changed. She also has continued to work with the By-laws Committee.

She also along with four WMI members attended the Inter Group Forum workshop prior to our WMI meeting this afternoon.

It was brought to the group’s attention that we did not have a quorum in regards to voting and accepting voteable items. A motion was made and accepted that allowed Beth to vote so that a quorum was met.

- **Vice Chair Report:** Lynn reported that Google Ads is up and running. She also has met with the Shar a Thon committee on 6/7/25.
- **Recording Secretary Minutes:** Motion made & voted to accept the “draft minutes” from May as amended by correcting 2 minor typos. Corrected minutes will be shared with Rec. Secretary Carol.
- **Treasurer’s Report:** Motion made & voted to accept reports as submitted.
- **Corresponding Secretary Report:** Carol reported that there were no meeting list changes or calls this past month.

Standing Committee Reports

- **PIPO:** Ann reported that they are still distributing the pamphlets to libraries & health. Beth again reminded us how easy it is to help whenever we’re going to the doctor or a library. Contact Karin S. 413-636-8237 for names of places to distribute the pamphlets.

- **Phone Liaison:** Carol reported that she had no calls this past month on Google Voice. This position is still vacant however Maureen is very interested and Carol is working on the process with her to make this happen. Thanks Maureen.
- **Donate Button/Website:** Lynn reported that there were no donations this month and that traffic has been really down on website visits.
- **Share-A-Thon:** Lynn reported that the next committee meeting is on Saturday July 12 @ 9AM. The committee is still working on filling the speaker vacancies. They have one key note speaker and need 2 and also need 4 workshop leaders and they have 3.
- **Retreat:** Anne reported that registrations are slow coming in. The next meeting is scheduled for June 22nd. Registrations so far are 9 registered and only one application for a scholarship. The deadline is June 15th to apply for one.
- **Archives:** Anne reported Sue invites anyone to connect with her to see the progress that she and her volunteers have made in organizing all the material.
- **WSBC Delegate:** Joette gave a thorough and detailed report on her attendance at the **WSBC- ZOOM** conference in May. She also reported on the voting results of all the items that we gave our input on at the additional meeting we held specifically on April 27th for her attendance at the WSBC. She has also been sharing about her experience & voting results at the group level.
- **Region 6:** Beth shared that she is very interested in being considered for the Region 6 representative

Old Business

- **Month off in summer:** Group voted to not have a meeting in July and the next WMI meeting will be **August 10th** unless there is a need for an emergency meeting.
- **Transfer/Digitizing of Archives:** Lynn volunteered to investigate costing out a scanner to digitize the Archive material. Joette will look at the budget for purchasing the scanner.
- **Status of Google Ads:** Lynn reported that this is coming along and she is still working on this.
- **Corresponding Secretary's Future Role for Website**
 1. TAKE NOTES about any events currently listed on the website Events page
 2. EMAIL Rob and Victoria (CC: Beth & Lynn) as follows:
 - WMI agrees with Victoria that the current format for publishing events may be obsolete
 - communicate that WMI is interested in adding to the website the “POST” blog format feature available through WordPress.com, our current website platform
 - suggest the following two options to Victoria about where on the website to put POST: either on the Home/Landing page? or Events page?
 - option ONE: if Victoria recommends putting POST on the Home page, then she would change the menu header title MEETINGS & EVENTS to MEETINGS and delete the EVENTS page entirely

—option TWO: if Victoria recommends putting POST on the EVENTS page, WMI respectfully requests that all content on the EVENTS page be deleted and replaced with POST

—PLEASE NOTE: flyers will no longer be published on website; instead a text only blog will describe events

—henceforth it will be the job of the corresponding secretary to “translate” flyer/event content received into blog-style text and hyperlinks (hyperlinks may redirect to other websites where flyers can be accessed , such as R6 & WSO events)

- **Bank Accounts:** Joette reported that she changed the Retreat Account to a non-profit which changed the amount to \$500 that needs to be kept in our account to avoid paying a monthly service charge. The bank also reversed 2 of the 3 prior service charges. Consequently, we will not need to move the account to another bank.

New Business

- **Bariatric Surgery:** Beth from W. Springfield meeting
- **Annual Treasury Audit**
- **Group Concerns/Brainstorming:** Please get any ideas to Beth at least a week before the next WMI meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16pm with recitation of the Responsibility Pledge.

The next meeting is on August 10, 2025 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb T.

Recording Secretary