

Overeaters Anonymous WMI Business Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2025

The meeting was opened at 6:00PM 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, Recording 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; Kim T, VR, Amherst 5 PM; Carol I. VR, Belchertown, David B. VR, Longmeadow Saturday; Sondra S. VR, Holyoke, Tuesday 5:15; Leslie N. VR Longmeadow, Thursday 12 noon.

Tradition 9 was read by Erika with thoughts shared by Deb on the Spiritual Principle "**Structure**".

Concept 9 was also read by Erika with thoughts also shared by Deb on the Spiritual Principle "**Ability**".

Board Member Reports

- **Chair Report:** Beth reported that she has been working with Vice Chair Lynn on the Policies & Procedures. She also is going to the Region 6 meeting as a "visitor." She has been assigned to the Finance Committee.
- **Vice Chair Report:** Lynn reported that she has continued to meet with Beth regarding revising the Policies & Procedures. She also has been working with the Retreat Team & also the committee for the Share-A-Thon.
- **Recording Secretary Minutes:** Motion made & voted to accept the "draft minutes" from August with no corrections.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Motion made & voted to accept reports as submitted.
- **Corresponding Secretary Report:** Carol reported that there was one meeting list change & no calls this past month.

Standing Committee Report

- **PIPO:** Ann reported that she had nothing to report this month.
- **Phone Liaison:** Carol reported that she had no calls this past month. Carol voiced a desire to take on the role of being the Phone Liaison and combining this within her role as Corresponding Secretary.
- **Donate Button/Website:** Lynn reported that there were three contributions through the donate button.
- **Share-A-Thon:** Lynn reported that the next committee meeting will be in November. The committee has filled all the speakers for the workshops. They have purchased the gifts for the speakers and the flyers have been distributed.
- **Retreat:** Anne reported that they have 30 attendees registered. The speakers are in place. They will be offering yoga, guided meditation and a walk around the grounds at Genesis.

- **Archives:** Anne reported for Sue that she is still working on collecting material. Sue and her helpers have done a wonderful job in organizing the material. There is a person, Carol I, who has voiced interest in taking on this responsibility. Yeah Carol!!
- **WSBC Delegate:** Joette reported that she is on the 12th Step Within Committee.
- **Region 6:** Beth reported that this position is still vacant.

Old Business:

- **Status of Treasury Audit-** Joette reported that four people participated and they audited records for the regular account and the retreat account. Lynn will show Joette how to run reports for "Give Butter".
- **Transfer/Digitizing of Archives:** Joette reported that there is \$280 for the purchase of a scanner. Carol I. & Lynn will be further looking at what's the best scanner for our needs. Carol has experience with scanning.
- **Status of Google Ads:** Lynn reported that at the present time we are not meeting the number of click thru rates that are needed to keep the grant. Asking for "key words" from members to help with this issue.
- **Region 6 Representative:** Lynn has expressed some interest in taking on this role of but cannot do it until Spring.

New Business:

- **Applying for WSBC Scholarship:** Motion made and approved to not apply for any scholarships at this time.
- **Process for By-laws:** The group began the process and voted to accept the proposed changes from Policy 001 through Policy 006 A regarding the Chair's duties. Beth & Lynn will continue to work on material for the group's review at the October WMI meeting.
- **New Bariatric Meeting:** Lynn is starting a new meeting on September 27th.

Group Concerns/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 **October 12, 2025 at 6pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Deb T.

Recording Secretary