

## OA WMI Meeting Minutes

**January 11, 2026**

The meeting was opened at 6:01 by chair Beth B with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

**Roll Call** by Beth B.

### **Attendees:**

Beth B Chair, Lynn W. VR Vice Chair Friday 5 PM Longmeadow, Joette VR Treasurer, Sondra S. VR Recording Secretary 5:15 Holyoke, Carol CH VR Corresponding Secretary, Anne H. VR Monday 10 AM Westfield, Julie B. VR Amherst Saturday 8:30 AM, Erika S. VR Greenfield 10 AM, Deb T. VR AM Friday Longmeadow. Absent Carol I. and Kim T.

Tradition 1 and Concept 1 were read by Joette. Unity means everyone has a vote and everyone is welcome at meetings.

### **Board Member Reports**

**Chair Report:** Beth reported that she worked on amendments for Policies and Procedures, She attended the Share-a-thon.

**Vice Chair Report:** Lynn W reported that she worked on the PI Blitz proposal and the Share-a-thon. She was locked out of Google so she has no report tonight.

**Recording Secretary:** Group thanked Deb T. again for her great service this past year. Then the motion was made and seconded to accept the draft as written. Accepted by unanimous vote, Group welcomed Sondra S. as new recording secretary.

**Treasurer's Report:** There were no questions for Joette on the Treasurer's Report. The motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report as written. Accepted by unanimous vote.

**Corresponding Secretary and Phone Liaison Report: Corresponding secretary's report:**  
1. All the meeting list changes have been made. Carol CH still has to take out the Christmas and New Years changes. 2. Two group anniversary meeting flyers were sent to Webmaster. 3. Carol received the WSBC business documents and survey reports. Carol has looked through the survey and has simplified it. It is ready to go and she will send them out tomorrow.

**Phone Liaison report:** Carol CH received one call on google. The person needed a meeting passcode..

### **Standing Committee Reports**

**PIPO:** Anne H. reported that they are still bringing pamphlets to libraries, but otherwise nothing new to report.

**Donate Button/Website:** Lynn W. reported that they had 2 donations in November. Lynn created a generic gmail account, but she forgot the password so she is currently locked out of the site. She is working on it and will have a report for the February meeting.

**Share-a-thon:** Lynn W. reported that the questionnaire comments were positive. Most attendees gave either a 4 or 5 out of 5. The attendees stated that the Share-a-thon was very useful and inspiring. They also liked how the Share-a-thon was done. Some attendees did think that there were too many breaks. The attendees liked the format without breakout rooms. It was well received that everyone stayed in one room listening to speakers and sharing together. The negative comments were that the room was too cold and that the acoustics were bad, and that better signage is needed. The committee will consider another place. Only one attendee stated that they would not come back again. The Share-a-thon made more money this year with better attendance. There were fewer door prizes, but it worked out well. Everyone felt that the January date works out well.

**Retreat:** Anne H. reported that there was nothing new to report but the next committee meeting will be held on January 18. They will be looking into leaders for the event. Linda has sent Podcasts for the committee to watch to help them decide who to contact for leaders. Anne did state that it will be \$388.00 for a single room and \$310.00 for a double room. The prices include meals. The committee still hasn't decided about having lunch on Sunday which would bring the cost up another \$22.00.

**Archives:** Carol I. wrote Beth B. that she couldn't make it. No report.

**WSBC:** Sondra stated that she is registering soon. She is planning on attending the Meet the Maker Zoom meeting on January 24 at 11 AM.

**Region 6:** Lynn W. and Carol CH reported that Region 6 registration will be available soon.

### **Old Business:**

**P. I. Blitz Proposal for Facebook Ad Campaign:** Lynn stated that the Facebook Ad Campaign would include Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin, and Berkshire Counties Facebook reaches about 3 billion people daily with 820,000 people in our area. Facebook will tell Lynn how many saw the ad and the comments that were made. When meetings get newcomers, they should be asked how they learned about the meeting so that Intergroup will know how well the Ad Campaign is working. The Ad Campaign would run during the toughest time of the year, which is October 2026-January 2027. Lynn would change the wording frequently to have it stay fresh. Intergroup will decide what to put in the Ad. The Ad Campaign would cost \$1,000.00. Lynn is suggesting that Intergroup put in \$250.00-\$500.00 toward the Ad Campaign asking Region 6 PI Blitz fund for the rest, but Intergroup would decide how much money to contribute..

Joette (treasurer) stated that Intergroup has not sent in our contributions yet for 2025 Region 6 and WSO donations. Intergroup usually donates \$700.00 towards WSO and \$400.00 for Region 6. Joette also stated that Intergroup usually pays around \$2,100.00 for the WSBC delegate's expenses. If we paid the full \$1,000.00 for the Ad Campaign, we could decide to donate less to Region 6. She will present the 2026 budget at our February 8 Intergroup meeting, where we will decide on our 2025 donations to Region 6 and WSO.

A motion was made and seconded to have Intergroup contribute \$500.00, and request Region 6 PI Blitz funding of \$500.00. It was passed unanimously.

**Status of including The First 12 Days of OA Format for temporary sponsorship:** Carol CH discovered that there were no direct links on the website for The First 12 Days of OA format. It is now taken care of. There is no additional page, just click on The First 12 Days of OA., and you will be redirected.

**Policy and Procedures:** The discussion is beginning with #007. #007 was defeated last month and Carol CH submitted an amendment to be voted on today. Motion was made and seconded to accept this amendment unanimously.

Policy # 008: A motion was made and seconded to accept the changes and was accepted unanimously.

Policy # 009 A motion was made and seconded to accept the changes and was accepted unanimously

Policy #010 A motion was made and seconded to accept the changes and was accepted unanimously.

Policy #011 A motion was made and seconded to accept the changes and was accepted unanimously.

Policy # 012 A motion was made and seconded to accept the changes and was accepted unanimously.

**New Business:** Carol CH restated that she had the questionnaire simplified and ready to send to the groups tomorrow (January 12, 2026). Joette restated that she would have the 2026 budget ready to vote on for the February 8 meeting.

**Group Concerns/Brainstorming:** Beth B. stated to send all concerns to her the Sunday before the February 8 meeting.

The meeting closed with The Responsibility Pledge at 7:15 PM

Sondra S. Recording Secretary