

## WESTERN NEW YORK OA INTERGROUP Minutes of April 18, 2015 Meeting

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### NEXT INTERGROUP MEETING: 5/16/2015 9:00 AM at St. Stephen's, 750 Wehrle, 14225

Vicky H. opened the meeting at 9:03 am with the Serenity Prayer. Janet M. read the 12 Steps; Shannon S. read the 12 Traditions; Sally H. read the 12 Concepts of Service.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vicky H. (IG Chair, Fredonia/Dunkirk); Victoria A. (Tue night); Peter H. (IG Sec'y); Sally H. (Spec Events & Mon. South Buf); Paulette H. (Treasurer & Mon morn); Sue M. (Sat 10am); Judy G. (Hotline, Mailbox, Designated Downloader); Janet M. (Literature); Shannon S. (Meeting Lists); Annie R. (Wednesday) (9 voting members)

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Peter H. passed out copies of the February 21, 2015 report. Janet M. moved to accept; Judy G. seconded; accepted. The March 21, 2015 meeting was devoted to an hour discussion with visiting Region 6 trustee Karin R. on how to increase member participation. Peter reported that his notes should be augmented by those taken by Mary K. and Amy K-S. Janet M. moved and Paulette seconded to have Peter call Mary K. and Amy K-S and to table review of 3/21 minutes until 5/16.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Paulette H. reported.

Month	Total Income	Total Expenses	Net Income (Loss)	Bank Balance
January 2015	\$232.55	\$230.86	\$1.69	\$293.96
February 2015	\$310.63	\$257.30	\$53.33	\$429.96
March 2015	\$182.57	\$194.87	(\$12.30)	\$398.76

Expenses were the usual. Printing of Meeting Lists is now \$14.09, Monthly Rent to St. Stephens is still \$10; AnswerNet (formerly Signius) \$50.00 ; Verizon (telephone line for AnswerNet service) \$36.55. Paulette reported that March's loss would have been worse except that Hamburg contributed 100% to our local intergroup and did not select "60/30/10" (60% to stay local, 30% to go to World Service, and 10% to go to Region 6). Discussion followed regarding the wisdom of keeping 100% local, but the group conscience was that WSO and Region 6 support our local intergroup and that they have their own expenses, too. Further discussion of using AnswerNet was put off to "Old Business" (see below). Victoria M. moved to accept; Judy G. seconded; report accepted.

**LITERATURE REPORT:** Janet M. handed out a balance sheet for April, 2015. The bank balance of \$1,515.80 less \$146.80 in outstanding orders and \$671.95 owed to Janet for purchases leaves \$697.15 in cash.

We also have inventory totaling \$1,738.50 (\$1304.70 in books, \$358.80 in pamphlets, and \$75.00 in abstinence coins). \$697.15 in cash + \$1,738.50 = \$2,435.65. Peter moved to accept; Sue M. seconded. Accepted.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT:** Position still open. No report.

**REGION 6 / WSO:** Region 6 meets April 18. Paulette H. wants to attend Fall 2015 Reg 6 meeting.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Sally H. reported that, after receipts for the Spring retreat April 24-26, 2015, but prior to paying the final bill to CTK retreat center, our balance is currently \$7,466.02.

**Upcoming Events:**

Spring Retreat April 24-26, 2015 (**Janet M. & Liz O.** are the co-chairs)

Fall Retreat October 16-19, 2015

Judy G. moved to accept the report, Paulette H. seconded. Report carried.

**MEETING LIST:** May is the last month for Shannon S. in this capacity. We need a new person to take over Meeting Lists (involves updating usually by phone, word processing, and printing).

**FLUTTERBY** No report. Position is open

**DESIGNATED DOWNLOADER** Designated Downloader Judy G. reported that there is a wealth of resources on the [www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org) website. Be sure to check out the “what’s new” section each month.

**HOTLINE** No report (see discussion in Old Business, below, concerning this expense).

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Concerning the \$50.00 monthly AnswerNet (answering service) expense, Janet M. strongly suggested that we do not drop AnswerNet until we have something else in place. Paulette H. will call Verizon about their providing an answering machine. If we do go with a machine, it should provide callers with four names and numbers plus instructions for accessing our website ([www.oawny.org](http://www.oawny.org)). Paulette H. will also see if Google provides such a service.
2. Our “Doctor’s Packet” is cumbersome and most health care professionals are too busy to read it. Instead, if every member took the 20 cent pamphlet “Introducing OA to the Health Care Professional” that might work better. This should be brought up at meetings.

**NEW BUSINESS** Janet M. suggested a special day of sharing early in September (to avoid being too close to the Fall Retreat which is October 16-18 and/or Rochester’s I.D.E.A. day in November). Four people volunteered to be on the planning committee: Janet M.; Sally H.; Sue M.; Judy G. Sally H. suggested that the topic be “Abstinence and Food Plans.” Information on running such a workshop is available on line (see .pdf documents and more about halfway down this page: <https://www.oa.org/membersgroups/group-support/#abplan>)

Judy G. moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:05am. Janet M. seconded. Carried  
Submitted by Peter H.