

WESTERN NEW YORK OA INTERGROUP Minutes of August 15, 2015 Meeting

Chairperson: Vicky H.

Treasurer: Paulette H.

Secretary: Peter H.

Region 6 & WSO Delegate: **position open**

Hotline: Judy G.

Meeting List: Carol S.

Public Information: **position open**

Flutterby: **position open**

Special Events: Sally H. (sallybeachoak@gmail.com)

Literature: Janet M.

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❖ Contact **Janet M.** 716-418-9465 (shortred55@hotmail.com) for literature.

NEXT INTERGROUP MEETING: 9/19/2015 9:00 AM at St. Stephen's, 750 Wehrle,
14225

Vicky H. opened the meeting at 9:05 am with the Serenity Prayer. Sally H. read the 12 Steps;

Amy K-S. read the 12 Traditions; Sarah J. read the 12 Concepts of Service.

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Vicky H.** (IG Chair, Fredonia/Dunkirk); **Peter H.** (Wednesday Kenmore & IG Sec'y); **Sally H.** (Special Events & Mon. South Buffalo); **Liz O.** (Friday night, Fall Retreat Co-Chair); **Sarah J.** (Friday & Sunday night); **Sue M.** (Saturday morning); **Amy K-S.** (Thursday Hamburg) **Paulette H.** (Monday, Treasurer) (7 voting members);

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Peter H. passed out copies of the July 18, 2015 minutes. Paulette H. moved to accept; Sarah J. seconded; report accepted.

Peter H. also passed out more copies of the special March 21, 2015 meeting with Region 6 Trustee Karin R. in order to get IG approval. Discussion followed that we are making

progress, noting the scheduled “Abstinence and Food Plans Workshop” on September 12, 2015. However, getting WNY weekly meetings and IG more involved will be ongoing. Vicky H. said that we need to keep focusing on next steps. The minutes for 3/21/2015 have been and will be again published separately.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Paulette H. reported on year to date.

| 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 |
| April 2015 | \$189.00 | \$264.93 | (\$75.93) | \$366.12 |
| May 2015 | \$175.93 | \$226.74 | (\$50.81) | \$239.37 |
| June 2015 | \$327.00 | \$245.35 | \$81.65 | \$245.35 |
| July 2015 | \$206.49 | \$193.09 | \$13.40 | \$325.99 |

Paulette H, reported “nothing out of the ordinary” but did raise a concern: because Intergroup (IG) was recently running in the red, IG does need a reasonable reserve, but in a recent misguided effort to help IG, weekly meetings which are making their contributions are NOT checking 60/30/10 (60% to IG, 30% to WS, 10% to Region 6) in order to keep 100% of the money local. But IG depends on WS and Region 6 and they have expenses, too. We all need to discuss this when we go back to our individual home groups and at other weekly meetings.

It was suggested that IG offer a day of sharing about the traditions to make them more exciting to OA members. Sue M. moved to accept; Amy K-S. seconded; report accepted.

LITERATURE REPORT: No report.

PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT: Position still open. No report.

REGION 6 / WSO: Paulette H. will attend Region 6

SPECIAL EVENTS: No official report. Sally H. reminded everyone that this Fall 2015 the retreat will be, as usual, at Christ the King; next spring 2016 we will be at the Columban Center, then back to CTK in the Fall of 2016.

Upcoming Special Events:

“A Plan of Eating and Abstinence Workshop” Saturday September 12 from 1 to 3:30 pm (12:30 Registration) More fliers were passed out. Suggested donation \$7.00 at St. Luke’s Church on Maryvale at Union (near Route 33 exit). **It’s in the basement but there is an elevator.** For more information see pdf documents about halfway down this page <https://www.oa.org/membersgroups/group-support/#abplan>

Fall Retreat at Christ the King October 16-19, 2015 (**Paulette H. & Liz O.** are the co-chairs)

MEETING LIST: Still need to work towards each weekly meeting having the following:

- a WSO (World Service Organization) **secretary** who can receive information from WSO
- a meeting **contact** who can answer calls about that meeting (often from newcomers)
- an **Intergroup rep** (who can come to monthly IG meetings)
- a **treasurer** who can handle the weekly donations and coordinate with the IG treasurer.

It was interesting to note that weekly meetings are more represented at IG than we think they are. There are eleven (11) meetings in our WNY Intergroup, listed here, with the name of their IG rep listed in parentheses: Sunday 5:30 p.m. (Sarah J. or Carol S.), Monday 10 a.m. (Paulette H.), Monday 6:30 p.m. (Sally H.), Tuesday 7:00 p.m. (Victoria A.), Wednesday 6:30 Kenmore (Peter H.), Wednesday 6:30 Fredonia (Vicky H.), Thursday 7:30 p.m. (Amy K-S), Friday 3:30 p.m. (Vicky H.), Friday 6:00 p.m. ((Liz O.), Saturday 10 a.m. (Sue M.). The only one of the eleven without regular representation at IG meetings is Thursday 5:30 in Cheektowaga. Also, we list Tuesday 10 a.m. Batavia on our meeting list, but is that Rochester IG?

FLUTTERBY No report. Position is open

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DESIGNATED DOWNLOADER Judy G. reported that the World Service Organization (WSO) oa.org hosts a 3pm (Eastern) Podcast on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Exhibit funds are available for local Public Information (PI) groups. If you are maintaining your weight, WSO wants to hear your story for a project they are working on. Plan now for the WSO convention in Boston, MA Sep. 1-4, 2016.

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

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OLD BUSINESS Reminder: October, 2015 Intergroup meeting has been reset to October 24 because October 17 (the third Saturday in the month) conflicts with the Fall Retreat.

The discussion of the hotline expense continued with new information from Paulette H. Currently our monthly expenses are Verizon for the phone line (\$36.55) + AnswerNet to answer the phone (\$50.00) but this seems expensive and Amy K-S has called several times to see what happens and was very disappointed in the response. If we used Verizon to provide voicemail the expenses would be \$36.55 for the phone line (same as now) + \$15.77 for voicemail, for a monthly savings of \$34.23. However, we would need someone to regularly check the voicemail. We would also need a script for the outbound voicemail message. It was stressed that people who call are often in crisis, so that these tasks are important. It was also suggested to call Tompkins County hotline (607-387-8253) to see what they say and do.

NEW BUSINESS Each month, along with the minutes, or included in the minutes, should be an agenda for the next meeting. For the 9/19 meeting:

1. Bring the IG inventory from www.aa.org and discuss methodology
2. Add Group Rep Reports before **OLD BUSINESS** (How many people in your meeting? Do you have any issues?)
3. Finalize script for answering machine / voicemail
4. Have group secretary send out the minutes long in advance of the next meeting, not on the morning of the meeting.