

WESTERN NEW YORK OA INTERGROUP
Minutes of February 15, 2014 Meeting

Chairperson: Vicky H.	Treasurer: Paulette H.
Secretary: Peter H.	Reg6 & WSO Delegate: Carol S.
Hotline: Judy G.	Meeting List: Shannon S.
Public Information: <i>position open</i>	Flutterby: Kathy M.
Special Events: Sally H. (sallybeachoak@gmail.com)	Literature: Janet M.
❖ Contact Shannon S. 716-698-1062 (ssteinwandel@hotmail.com) with meeting changes.	
❖ Contact Janet M. 716-418-9465 (shortred55@hotmail.com) for literature.	

NEXT INTERGROUP MEETING: 03/15/2014 at 9:00 AM at St. Stephen's, 750 Wehrle

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vicki H.; Janet M.; Peter H.; Joanne M.; Paulette H.; Shannon S.; Victoria A.; Judy G. (4 voting members)

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Peter H. passed out minutes from the January 18, 2014 meeting. Paulette H. moved to accept; Judy G. seconded; report accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Paulette H. reported that Patsy N. will not be taking over as Treasurer and so Janet M. offered to partner with Paulette H. to sign checks. Total Income for the month \$171.00; Total Expenses \$308.02, the usual Rent, Signius, Verizon, and Meeting List printing, but also a once in a great while expense of \$97.43 to place a minimum possible order of 300 checks. This resulted in a net loss: (\$137.02). Still need Flutterby printing bill. Bank balance \$601.22. Note: some bills are e-payments (Signius and Verizon) but some are still with check (Rent, Meeting List and Flutterby printing reimbursements). Janet M. moved to accept; Shannon S. seconded; report accepted.

LITERATURE REPORT: Janet M. reported that OA has a new workbook. It has a blue cover and accompanies the daily reader "Voices of Recovery" providing a place for a daily written meditation. Janet ordered five @ \$14.20 each.

PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT: Position not filled yet. No report on 2/15.

REGION 6 / WSO No report on 2/15. Editor's reminder: Region 6 Spring Assembly is the weekend of April 4th).

SPECIAL EVENTS No report on 2/15.

Fireside Chat	3/22/2014 [note 4 th Saturday!]. Sponsored by Thursday morning
Spring 2014 Retreat	April 25-27, 2014 at CTK in EA. Theme is "FROG" (Fully Relying On God). Liz O. & Kathy M. are co-chairs. Cost is \$130.00 prior to 2/22. Planning meeting TBD
Fall 2014 Retreat	October 16-19 (four days?), 2014 at CTK in EA

A question was asked, will we use four days in October? The fall format is for one person to take the group through the 12 Steps and so an extra day is desirable, but will enough people

be able to take a Friday off from work? Vicky H. asked everyone to take this back to their home groups to discuss.

MEETING LIST: Shannon S. reported: Tuesday night contact is Lena V.

FLUTTERBY Every other month. February copies were passed out. (20 cents each).

DESIGNATED DOWNLOADER Position is open.

HOTLINE No report

OLD BUSINESS

Vicky H. was eager to resolve this pending issue and asked that all present take this to their groups to discuss and to call those not in attendance to discuss.

In order to fill board positions which require handling money with willing people who have less than one year of abstinence, "Handling money" in this case should mean bank account signing authority. A by-law amendment which all the WNY groups would vote on has been in discussion to allow people with less than one year of abstinence to hold a board position, such as Treasurer (or Literature or Special Events) if another person who did have one year of abstinence held the bank account signing authority. Specifically, in Article IV, Section 3 "Qualifications for the Intergroup Board" the sentence "**No restrictions on current abstinence with the exception of Chairman, Treasurer, WSBC Rep, and Region 6 Rep who must have at least 1 year of current abstinence**" should be changed to strike the word "**Treasurer**" and add the phrase "**and any persons who have signing authority on financial accounts.**"

Additionally, Article II, Section I "Purpose" should remove the language about compliance with 501 (c) (3) tax provisions since we have never actually completed the application. Also, Article III, Section I "Membership" should add "**and Chautauqua**" to the sentence "Geographic area shall be defined as Erie, Niagara, Cattaraugus counties."

The Intergroup Secretary (Peter H.) should email by law changes to each Intergroup pending confirmation of contact information coming from Mary D. Each group should have 1. an Intergroup Rep (to attend monthly meetings and report back) 2. a Secretary (to correspond with the WSO) and 3. a Meeting List Contact (with phone number for newcomers or others to call with questions such as directions to the meeting). **Mary D. has made multiple attempts to gather all of this information and at the December meeting passed her notes on to Peter H.**

NEW BUSINESS

None

Judy G. moved to adjourn the meeting. Joanne M. seconded. Carried
Submitted by Peter H.