

WESTERN NEW YORK OA INTERGROUP
Minutes of January 17, 2015 Meeting

Chairperson: Vicky H. Treasurer: Paulette H.
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NEXT INTERGROUP MEETING: 2/21/2015 9:00 AM at St. Stephen's, 750 Wehrle, 14225

Paulette H. opened the meeting at 9:03 am with the Serenity Prayer. Vicky H. read the 12 Steps; Carol S. read the 12 Traditions; we did not read the 12 Concepts of Service.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Victoria H. (Tue night); Peter H. (IG Sec'y); Sally H. (Spec Events & Mon. South Buf); Paulette H. (Treasurer & Mon morn); Mary K. (Sat. 10am); Carol S. (Sun night); Sue S. (Tue night); Sue M. (Sat 10am); Amy K-S (Thur Hamburg); Annie R. (Wed. night hospital); Shannon S. (Meeting Lists); Janet M. (Literature) (9 voting members)

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Peter H. passed out copies of the December 20, 2014. Victoria H. moved to accept; Sue M. seconded; accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Paulette H. reported.

| Month | Total Income | Total Expenses | Net Income (Loss) | Bank Balance |
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| October 2014 | \$437.00 | \$344.68 | \$92.32 | \$346.95 |
| November 2014 | -0- | \$36.55 | (\$36.55) | \$640.00 |
| December 2014 | \$243.16 | \$289.18 | (\$46.02) | \$250.19 |

Expenses were the usual Printing of Meeting Lists (\$10.97), Monthly Rent to St. Stephens; AnswerNet (formerly Signius) \$100 (includes both November and December); Verizon (telephone line for AnswerNet service (\$36.55. Discussion of efficacy of using an answering service (AnswerNet, formerly known as Signius). How many calls does that number get? Are we promoting the number efficiently? (Janet M. has posters and a stamp with our number that could be distributed, but right now we have no Public Information committee.) Amy K-S noted that our rent is very affordable and that Hamburg pays \$75 per quarter.

Discussion about how to encourage meetings to contribute more. Mary K. volunteered to create a fact sheet that could be distributed and discussed at various weekly meetings. If you want to help, contact Mary K. at 716-697-2186 or email mkelley2683@gmail.com.

Sue M. moved to accept; Annie S. seconded; report accepted.

LITERATURE REPORT: Janet M. promised a balance sheet soon. She bought 25 copies of the new Overeater's Anonymous 3rd edition. She reported "Literature is fine; we are self-supporting."

PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT: Position still open. No report.

REGION 6 / WSO: No report

HOTLINE Shannon has gotten only one call. Judy G. is the main contact. Paulette H. will look into this to make sure that AnswerNet has the best information.

OLD BUSINESS As reported last month, the retreats are in jeopardy. Special Events does not have enough money to reserve the conference space in 2016. Typically, as demand for that space increases, we have always had the next four retreats booked (with a \$500 deposit). Also, the retreats are losing money. They are supposed to be a fund raisers. See New Business, below.

NEW BUSINESS Retreats cost \$117 per person (attendees, speakers, people on scholarship, basically anyone sleeping in a dorm and eating the 5 meals). Paulette H. moved (Peter H. seconded) raising the price of the retreat from \$130 to \$150 with a \$20 late registration fee. We've been losing money on the more and more popular optional Friday dinner by only charging \$10.00 when the meal costs \$11.42 per person. Move raising that fee to \$15.00. Fall retreats are jointly run with Rochester and have one speaker. Spring retreats are run by WNY and have three speakers. For discussion, here are the registration statistics for the last six retreats:

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| Spring 2012 = 70 | Spring 2013 = 57 | Spring 2014 = 52 |
| Fall 2012 = 48 | Fall 2013 = 40 | Fall 2014 = 44 |

Motion carried, but further discussion is needed.

Sally H. moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:05am. Peter H. seconded. Carried
Submitted by Peter H.