

**WESTERN NEW YORK OA INTERGROUP**  
**Minutes of November 16, 2013 Meeting**

Chairperson: Joanne M.

Secretary: Peter H.

Hotline: Judy G.

Public Information: *position open*

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

❖ Contact Mary D. 716-553-5530 (mpdarrigo@hotmail.com) with any meeting changes.

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

Treasurer: Paulette H.

Reg6 & WSO Delegate: Carol S.

Meeting List: Mary D.

Flutterby: Kathy M.

Literature: Janet M.

**NEXT INTERGROUP MEETING: 12/21/2013 at 9:00 AM at St. Stephen's, 750 Wehrle**

Paulette H. opened the meeting for Joanne M. at 9:08 am with the Serenity Prayer. Sally H. read the 12 Steps; Carol S. read the 12 Traditions; Mary D. read the 12 Concepts of Service.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Janet M.; Peter H.; Debbie B. Vicki H.; JoAnne M.; Sally H.; Carol S.; Victoria A.; Paulette H.; Mary D.; (6 voting members)

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Peter H. passed out minutes from the October 19, 2013 meeting. Paulette H. moved to accept; Carol S. seconded; report accepted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Paulette H. reported Total Income \$275.05; Total Expenses \$250.79, the usual Rent, Signius, and Verizon, Meeting List printing, (no Flutterby Printing this month). Monthly Net Income \$24.26. Bank balance \$721.54. Sally H. moved to accept; Janet M. seconded; report accepted. See "Old Business" concerning a by-law change below. Mary D. passed out a bar graph showing, on average, each month's income slightly exceeds expenses.

**MEETING LIST:** Mary D. brought meeting lists – "No changes." When changes are made the keeper of the meeting list should change the word document. In addition, World Service, Signius (answering service) and the W.N.Y. O.A. webmaster must also be informed. Also noted: 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).

**LITERATURE REPORT:** Janet M. reported that the bank account has not changed. Spreadsheets will be offered after Janet and Kathy go to the bank to transfer signing authority. Vicky H. moved to accept; Paulette H. seconded; Report accepted.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT:** No report.

**REGION 6 / WSO** Carol S. noted "nothing to report."

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

Sally H. reported overall WNY Special Events Account bank balance \$1,677.64

Fall 2013 Retreat Activity	Income from Registration Fees	\$5,255.00
	Expenses	<u>\$5,472.97</u>
	Net loss	\$ 217.97

Discussion: Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 were profitable. In general, Fall speakers have more expenses. This year registration was down because many people could only afford one event and they went to WSO event in Cleveland. Janet M. said "This year was just an aberration."

IDEA Day ("International Day Experiencing Abstinence") is today - Nov. 16, 2013 hosted by Kenmore groups at Pilgrim Lutheran Church

12<sup>th</sup> Step Within Day 12/14/2013 (not "12/12") at **St. Stephen's (750 Wehrle)** (hosted by Sunday Night group) FLYERS WERE PASSED OUT

OA Birthday 1/18/2014 at St. Stephen's Church 750 Wehrle hosted by Monday morning (Trinity Lutheran Church) group. NEED FLYERS.

UNITY Day 2/22/2014

Fireside Chat March, 2014 (which day in March TBD)

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. Next planning meeting TBD

Fall 2014 Retreat October 16-19 (four days?), 2014 at CTK in EA

Vicki H. / Janet M. moved to accept Special Events Account 6/8/2013-11/15/2013, accepted

Vicki H. / Paulette H. moved to accept Fall 2013 Retreat Account, accepted

Note: WSO event next August is in Boston, MA

**FLUTTERBY** No report.

**DESIGNATED DOWNLOADER** No report

**HOTLINE** No report

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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 was further discussed 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, 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 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.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Elections should be held at the December WNY OA Intergroup meeting, 12/21/2013

Paulette H. moved to adjourn the meeting. Vicki H. seconded. Carried

Submitted by Peter H.