

## WESTERN NEW YORK OA INTERGROUP Minutes of October 24, 2015 Meeting

Chairperson: Vicky H. Treasurer: Paulette H.  
 Secretary: Peter H. Region 6 & WSO Delegate: **position open**  
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**NEXT INTERGROUP MEETING: 11/21/2015 9:00 AM at St. Stephen's, 750 Wehrle, 14225**  
**Note date is one week "later" than usual due to the Fall Retreat on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend**

Amy K-S. opened the meeting at 9:08 am with the Serenity Prayer. Paulette H. read the 12 Steps; Carol S. read the 12 Traditions; and Joanie L. read the 12 Concepts of Service.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Amy K-S. (Thursday Hamburg); Joanie L. (Tuesday Hope Center); Paulette H. (Treasurer & Monday Morning); Peter H. (Wednesday Kenmore & IG Sec'y); Sally H. (Special Events & Mon. South Buffalo); Liz O. (Friday night, Fall Retreat Co-Chair); Sue M. (Saturday morning); Carol S. (Monday Night & Meeting List) (7 voting members)

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Peter H. passed out copies of the September 19, 2015 minutes. Sue M. moved to accept; Paulette H. seconded; report accepted.

**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
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
August 2015	\$137.50	\$306.41	(168.91)	\$288.93
September 2015	\$705.60	\$697.55	\$8.05	\$264.89

We had three usual monthly expenses: \$10 for rent, \$50 for AnswerNet (answering service), and \$36.55 for the dedicated telephone line. There was no meeting list invoice submitted. Note a 100% Region 6 Scholarship to send Paulette Hotchkiss to the Assembly, so income and expense showed the pass through of \$479.00. (Note: Thank you to Region 6 for the Scholarship and thank you to Paulette for your service.) Carol S. moved to accept; Sally H. seconded; report accepted.

**LITERATURE REPORT:** Peter H. reported that the new OA book Taste of Lifeline (\$12.70) (which has new stories following up on the old Lifeline Sampler) sold out at the retreat.. Janet M. will conduct an inventory after the retreat and report at the next meeting.

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

**REGION 6 / WSO:** Paulette reported that at Assembly a person selects a committee; she chose Finance. "It was awesome and enlightening." She noted that we don't have to report each individual weekly group's contributions, although Paulette will track that locally. Region 6 would prefer EFT instead of a check. It was recommended to read and discuss both the 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts of Service at weekly meetings. Region 6 has a new Chair. The next Region 6 Assembly is in April. Although it conflicts with our Spring Retreat, Paulette will attend. Paulette will not go to the World Service Organization Business Conference May 2 to May 7, 2016 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, but will go in 2017.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** Sally H. reported that the Fall 2015 had 59 people sign up; 58 attended. She will report in more detail at the next meeting. Remember that next spring, April 15-17, 2016 we will be at the Columban Center, 6892 Lakeshore Road in Derby, NY, 14047, then back to CTK in the Fall of 2016.

**Upcoming Special Events:**

**Rochester Share-A-Thon 2015 "Walking the Steps Together"**

Saturday November 21, 2015 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. First Baptist Church, 175 Allens Creek Road  
Price: \$18 pre-register, \$20 at the door, Lunch on your own

For more information: <http://www.rochesteroa.org/2015-share-a-thon-save-the-date/>  
(Secretary's note: This date is the third Saturday and conflicts with our IG meeting)

Nothing is planned for December. The January OA Birthday is the next event.

**MEETING LIST:** 80 copies for November passed out.

Sally H. reported that at the Retreat, an Akron resident (Michelle at Hope Center) might like to start a meeting.

**FLUTTERBY** No report. Position is open

**DESIGNATED DOWNLOADER** Judy G. reported that the World Service Organization (WSO) oa.org hosts a 3pm (Eastern) Podcast on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.

The following items on the website were worthy of noting:

A Step 7 Podcast

A "Twelve Stepping a Problem" Pocket Card

A place to sign up for automatic recurring contributions to WSO

A Revised and Expanded "OA Handbook"

Plan now for the WSO convention in Boston, MA Sep. 1-4, 2016.

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

**GROUP REP REPORTS** (This is new, following up on a recommendation from Region 6 trustee Karin R. Last month the suggestion was to include it before OLD BUSINESS.)

The common concerns were: the same people form a core for the meetings and it's hard to get new people to either come or to "stick." Some meetings lack focus and discipline. Thursday reported 9 new people have shown up recently.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

*Secretary's note: The following has been re-printed from last month's report:*

**Each** weekly meeting should have the following service positions filled:

- a WSO (World Service Organization) **secretary** who can receive information from WSO  
*Peter H. should find out how this is actually accomplished.*
- 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.

Each month, along with the minutes, or included in the minutes, should be an agenda for the next meeting. For the November meeting:

1. Bring the IG inventory from [www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org) and discuss methodology
2. Finalize script for answering machine / voicemail
3. Report on weekly group's WSO secretaries
  - Discuss officers for 2016.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Vicky H. will step down as chair.

Paulette H. handed out copies of blue colored Ottawa Intergroup Inventory.

Peter H. should scan and send out.

Carol S. moved to close at 10:03, Paulette seconded.

Submitted by Peter H.