

NY METRO INTERGROUP MINUTES - 7/9/15

Call to Order at 6:50pm; Barbara read the Serenity Prayer and the 7th Tradition.

25 people in attendance; 4 board members (Barbara, Rita, Marcia and Erin)

We have a quorum.

Corrections/Additions to June minutes:

Committee Reports: Chair: Tom discussed the step intensive workshop. **Tom has been responsible** for rotating the volunteers for Google voice.

PENDING BUSINESS: A. Updates on Services/Traditions Workshop: R6 trustee **Karin** will be coming on Sept. 20th to do the steps and traditions **workshop**. The venue has already been selected.

My changes to last month's minutes were in the last 2 lines of paragraph D about WSBC reports. The should read: "Ellen asked where the Twelfth-Step-Within handbook can be fund. The current one is on oa.org and is being updated."

Note: Ellen was voted in as the chair of the 12 Step Within Committee. This will be reflected in next month's minutes

Minutes of the June meeting were read and reviewed. Questions, corrections, and additions made, seconded and amended.

Board/Committee Reports:

a) Chair: no report

b) Treasurer/Finance: Erin gave a run-through of the Treasurer's Report and mentioned future reimbursements for the retreat.

c) Recording Secretary: Rita is looking for volunteers for Google Voice service.

- Rhonda is interested in possibly volunteering.
- Allison wanted to know how you know how to answer the questions from Google Voicemails. Allison would be willing to split the service.
- Kirsten wanted to know if we could be a contact for more than one meeting. The answer is yes.

d) Web: no report.

e) Outreach: The outreach committee is looking for extra hands. Marcia is continuing to be the Outreach Committee Chair. The committee placed ads that ran 6 ads in the Metro NY paper between June and July. Devyn will tally the hits we got from the ads. Marcia is doing health fairs on July 15th in Sunnyside and on Sept 30th.

- Barbara W. asked how to find committee meeting dates on the website
- Jane wants to know what to do when the meeting throws away the new preamble. 3 year trustee, Andrea, answered that the group is not following the protocol of OA and one of the concepts of the bylaws is to follow the amendments of World Service. It's like violating the traditions.

f) Publications: no report. Barbara mentioned the meeting lists still don't have the updated preamble. Ansley will amend. Rita mentioned the Metro Memo is on the website.

g) Retreat: Andrea is taking care of this upcoming retreat and the next Chair will be Elizabeth. 52 people are going tomorrow. People can go last minute, but people have to email their registrations.

h) Bylaws: Jeff has nothing to report.

i) Twelfth Step Within (TSW): Ellen is working on a flyer to bring to the retreat and will be writing something for the Metro Memo. Harriet wanted an explanation of what Twelfth Step Within is. Ellen explained.

j) Archives: Adam still has to reach out to previous Chair, Charlotte, to get more info on archives. He explained that everything that's ever been written or recorded is part of the OA archives.

k) Special Events: Sandra was not present. Barbara announced the next event coming up is the Living in the Solution event on Sept 20th, to be led by our Region 6 Trustee, Karin.

| The next special event is the Step Workshop on Steps 8 & 9 on Sept 27th from 2-5 pm.

- Andrea mentioned the "Living in the Solution" flyer is the wrong version. We had to return the fliers and reprint the correct version to be distributed at next month's IG meeting.
- Ellen would like to know the approval process for fliers. Andrea explained the IG Board approves all fliers. This particular flyer had to also be approved by the R6 Trustee because she will be presenting the workshop.
- It was explained that if the OA logo is not used, the flyer does not have to be approved by IG.

Pending Business:

- a) Update to Service/Traditions Workshop in September: covered in Special Events Committee Report
- b) Volunteers for remaining open position for the 2015-2016 year: Barbara asked the room if anyone was willing to be the recording secretary. No one volunteered. Erin agreed to continue to fill-in as Recording Secretary for one more month.
- c) Marcia has a new "**new Intergroup Representative Packet**" and invited people to come at 6:15pm next month to get an orientation.

New Business:

- a) Accounting of R6 Reps and determination of new # needed: A discussion was had about how many meetings we have (99 meetings including outer boroughs, 83 meetings in Manhattan, but World Service has Manhattan listed as having 81 meetings). The number of R6 delegates depends on how many meetings we have.

We're going on the number 99 (including affiliated meetings from the outer boroughs)

The Region 6 Assembly is on Oct 3rd.

- Harriet asked what R6 is. Barbara explained. You can register to attend online, but
- It was mentioned that this new R6 location will be more expensive.
- Jeff explained that if a person is appointed to be a representative, they can serve for the 2 year commitment and they can re-up since the first 2 years does not count (if the person is specifically appointed.) Jeff put in a plug for Region 6.
- Gracie would like to know if this is something we could announce to the groups.
- Iva would like to know what the abstinence requirements are. Barbara read the requirements from the bylaws: 1 year of membership in OA, 6 months of direct involvement in Metro Intergroup as well as 6 months of current continuous abstinence and physical, emotional and spiritual recovery in OA."

Current R6 Delegates: Andrea, Scott, Jeff, Adam, Marcia, Barbara

Interested R6 Delegates: Barbara W. and Kate (both will have 4 months of participation in IG). Ansley voted to waive the IG participation requirement. Jeff seconded. Vote passed.

- b) Barbara announced there are 4 World Service spots (2 paid and 2 unpaid). Barbara read the requirements for World Service delegates.

Barbara will put the vote for WSBC delegates on the agenda for September.

- Andrea said the 1 year abstinence requirement was set by World Service and cannot be waived and Barbara said the 2-year involvement in IG activities required by WSO also cannot be waived.

Barbara put in a plug for World Service.

c) Ad hoc committee to explore another location for IG:

- Rita asked what the consensus was to move the IG location: 9 interested in moving location, 15 interested in staying.
- Danny would like the meeting to be considered to start at 7pm because that is the time parking is allowed in the area. He says there are plenty of parking spots available after 7pm.
- Andrea supports the ad hoc committee because she sees no harm in looking.
- Barbara W. says we might get a larger contingent if we were in another location (midtown)

Barbara moved to form an ad hoc committee. So voted and moved.

New Ad hoc committee = Marcia, Erin B., Jane, Scott and Ellen

Announcements:

Laura announced the Thursday (Exercise Focus) Meeting: One person wanted to develop a fellowship chair to organize events. Another person wanted to develop an IG qualifiers list.

- Barbara mentioned there were speaker lists for both Region and World Service that can be found on the respective websites.
- Andrea said we used to have an IG list of qualifiers in the Metro Memo. The Metro Memo can do this again if they choose.
- Jeff suggested the Outreach Committee handle the issue. Barbara explained it should be the Twelfth Step Within Committee.
- Marcia explained the speakers list could be made available at any special event and the Metro Memo could publish the list.

Laura made a motion to start a qualifiers list for IG.

Ansley suggested the motion not be made and Laura should tell those two people to talk directly to the specific committees (Special Events and Twelfth Step Within).

Rita said the Tuesday night (100 lb) meeting does have a qualifier list which means some meetings already have a list.

Ellen asked how to compile the list and Barbara suggested she look at World Service qualifier list.

Andrea asked for qualification on the motion. Laura doesn't know what the intentions of the individuals are.

The motion was tabled, but Ellen will still compile the Intergroup Qualifier List.

Laura suggested an OA Disco or an OA Basketball or Frisbee team.

Barbara and Marcia suggested Laura reach out to the Special Events committee chair, Sandra.

- Andrea noted that AA dances are sponsored by a specific group. They hold a meeting prior to the dance/event. It's a good way to get the event OA-related.
- Barbara said OA held a Halloween dance 2 years ago.

Adam announced the Region 6 Convention on Oct 23-26 in CT. He's selling raffle tickets.

Andrea asked that everyone go back to their groups and bring back the raffle ticket books with the cash.

Jeff suggested that the new R6 representatives meet with him when the meeting is over.

Meeting ended at 8:26pm with the Serenity Prayer.