

## NYC Metro Intergroup Meeting Minutes | February 11, 2016

Meeting is called to order at 6:45p, and we begin with the serenity prayer. Reps go around the room and introduce themselves. The chair reads the 2<sup>nd</sup> tradition.

There were:

13... voting members

3... board members

A quorum is established.

### PENDING BUSINESS

#### #1: Pending Biz 1 - Requirements for Region 6 Reps

- Barbara has received a communication from the the Region 6 Coordinator with information for the representatives who will be attending the upcoming Assembly. To be a Region 6 representative, a member must meet the same qualifications as metro intergroup officers: 1 yr membership in OA, 6 mos of activity in IG, 6 mos of recovery in OA as evidenced by 6 mos abstinence; & physical, emotional and spiritual recovery as a result of working the 12 steps.
- 9 people interested in serving as reps. A vote was passed to waive the requirements of 6 months continual participation in IG activities in order for Alyssa to serve as a rep.
- Attendees as of now are: Andrea, Scott, Jeff, Lauren, Kate, Mollie, Adam, Elizabeth & Alyssa.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### #1: New Biz

Kate Asks: Why was there a change in the chairs?

Response: Due to complaints of people in the back not being able to hear the people up front, Barbara made the suggestion to change the chairs and then vote on whether it was accepted. We will be voting after the meeting to obtain results and if group wants to go back to a circle, we will.

#### #2:

Jack: Bringing up the techniques in Westchester and how they compare to our techniques in recruiting for intergroup reps, he suggested we begin our own recruiting team here.

Barbara: Westchester is very different from NYC: they have 20 meetings vs our 100, there is much more territory to cover here. There will be a Board meeting on 2/25 to discuss the ideas Lauren brought to us from Westchester as well as any other ideas which have been brought forth

about how to improve Metro IG and make it more responsive to our members. If anyone has suggestions, it is recommended they email those suggestions & they will be added to the agenda.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**1. Vice Chair's Report / Marcia:** Given by Barbara

**2. Treasury/Finance Report / Erin:**

**3. Corresponding Sec'y / Mollie:** Asked who could take over the Google voice account for March. Adina & Elizabeth volunteered to do the service - Harriet and Ellen will be finishing February.

Barbara will pick up the mail for Feb and Mollie will take over the service in March.

**4. Archives Committee / Adam:**

**5. By-Laws Committee / Jeff:** None

**6. Outreach Committee / Marcia:** given by Lauren

**7. Publications Committee / Ansley:** Devyn is making a place on new website where people can submit stories to Metro memo. Barbara recommends to reps that we encourage people at our meetings to submit articles to Metro Memo.

**8. Retreat Committee / Elizabeth:** 59 people attended, 7 people canceled, 2 people sent on scholarship, \$798 back to intergroup from retreat

**9. Special Events Committee / Lauren:** Dates have to be changed on 2 proposed events (March & April) until meeting sites are confirmed..

**10. Ad Hoc Committee/Lauren:** Lauren read the results of the survey and we learned that people do not want to attend because they are long and boring. Adina suggested breaking the meeting into 2 parts, one being the section where the business is discussed, the other half being where you collect info to bring back to meetings.

Recommended the importance of letting meetings know what exactly IG reps are supposed to do as opposed to just carrying back flyers.

Devyn recommended to put the "orientation brochure" on the website so people can refer to it.

Lauren: Suggested Westchester's model where the IG board went to every meeting and asked for 5 minutes of group time, so maybe if there were 10 of us who went to 10 meetings we could cover all the meetings

Andrea: Recommends going to the website to read the Bylaws to the groups because all the answers are in the bylaws, everything we need to know is in the bylaws

Erin: every week, there is a report brought up in the meetings and that would be the time to speak up about what happens at IG

Part of the message shared at the meetings should be that this IG meeting is open to all

Every meeting is autonomous and does it their own way so we can't really impose what we think should be done.

Recommended that IG responsibilities be put on the website as a place that can be clicked on  
Devyn agrees that there is a way to get it on the website and he will consult the board

**11. 12th Step Within Committee / Ellen:**

To respond to Ellen's question in her report, Devyn said that he can put people on the website. it was brought up that it would be an issue bc people's names and numbers shouldn't be on the website, but Lauren clarified that when you sign up to be a contact for a meeting, you know that your name and number will be published on the website.

**12. Web Committee / Devyn:**

He is inviting editing on content.

Question: It is difficult finding the PDF format of the meeting lists. is there a way to make that easier to find?

If you go to the site and click "meeting info" a link opens - standard web design. Tried to streamline the current site. Has 3 places which will bring you to meeting lists. Welcomes feedback.

This is the biggest change the OA Website has had in 5 years.

**WRAPPING UP**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS -**

Jeff announces - one newcomer at the orientation.

Andrea: World Service Convention in Boston, there is a link on the website.

Devyn: Monday is a holiday, he needs meeting reps to submit meeting changes online to put it on the website

Jeff: Registration for region 6 assembly is already open and many people are going up at the same time at 12:15, all coming back on train which leaves at 6:15 or 7:15 and those tix are currently available online.

Meeting closes at 8:30p with the serenity prayer.