

CT Intergroup Meeting Minutes April 21, 2008

Officers:

Chair: Bonnie (533-1864)
Vice Chair: Dan (653-3103)
Recording Sec: Esther (305-0952)
Asst. Recording Sec: Sara (309-6967)
Corresponding Sec: Bob (528-9930)

Treasurer: Wendy (646-7844)
Asst. Treasurer: need a volunteer
WSO Reps: Trish V.
Alternate – need volunteer
Region 6 Reps: Trish V.

NEW INFORMATION PHONE NUMBER: 860-218-8850

Everyone is invited to Intergroup meetings, the 3rd Monday of every month at St. Mary's Church, Manchester at 6:15 p.m. (NEW TIME FOR INTERGROUP)
Committee meetings start at 6:30 p.m. You can participate in a committee meeting without attending Intergroup.

Attendees:

Bonnie – IG Chair
Sue – Sat a.m. West Hartford
Esther – Rec. Secretary
Michael P.

Betty – Manchester Monday 5:00
Heather – Windsor Wed night
Trish V.
Bob R.

The meeting began at 6:15 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

Topic	Discussion	Action
Secretary's report - Esther	Minutes for March 2008	Approved
Treasurer's report – Wendy	Wendy reported a balance of \$2,741.50, including the Morgan fund. Income from the Marathon: \$351 at door + \$128 from the raffle. Less expenses for beverages, copying, and literature, the total profit was \$250.17. We will incur some expenses for our representative's travel to Region 6 and World Service.	Approved
Corresponding Secretary	Nothing new to report. This position involves getting the mail and acknowledging contributions from groups. Heather will try to take on these duties.	
Old Business		
Marathon (March)	<p>The Marathon was well attended, with about 75 attendees. The schedule of speakers and workshops went smoothly. It was suggested that we limit the raffle to newer items. A big thank you to all the groups and individuals who helped make the Marathon a success. Bonnie brought the notebook from this year that will enable us to have the history in one place for next year's planning.</p> <p>Literature sales exceeded \$200, and we could have sold more if we had more on hand. We should plan next year to have more literature available. Trish mentioned that out west they call the clothing exchange the "Clothing Boutique." The items are a little nicer. During the first half of the meeting, people pay \$1.00 per item. After that the items are free, but a good deal of money can be raised for scholarships for retreats that way.</p> <p>The name "Marathon" has been misinterpreted (several newcomers thought it was a road race).. Trish has used "OA Day of Sharing" for publicity purposes.</p>	
Region 6 Report	Trish and Sarah submitted a report from Region 6 business meeting (attached). They participated in the IGOR – Intergroup Outreach – program. Region 6 will staff a booth at the American Psychological Association meeting in Boston, August 14 -17. The 12 th Step Within Committee has suggestions for a workshop on	

	<p>abstinence and service. It could be a good activity for Intergroup. Esther will scan the information sheet and attach it to the minutes and we will discuss again next month.</p> <p>Trish has booked her flight to Albuquerque for the World Service business meeting in May. We will look forward to her report.</p>	
PI Committee	<p>Michael is looking for members for the PI committee. The committee will generate, evaluate, and implement ideas for spreading the message of OA. Activities will include contacting news media (Reminder, Courant, Advocate) to get our phone number and web page listed. Michael has also suggested changing our phone message to something more welcoming.</p> <p>The P.I. committee will meet on May 3 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. at the Rockville Hospital (in the Board Room prior to the Saturday morning 10:00 a.m. meeting). For further information, contact Michael at 731-0779.</p>	
New Business		
New Meeting	<p>Michael is starting a Sunday 7:00 p.m. meeting at the Windsor Recovery Club on Palisado Avenue. The meeting will be a step meeting. The first meeting will be June 4. For further information, contact Michael at 731-0779.</p>	
World Service Agenda	<p>Trish asked for opinions on various topics for World Service. The most controversial proposal is about changing the definition of abstinence. There is also a proposal to have coins celebrating lengths of abstinence. IG supports this idea. Another proposal calls for a Compulsive Overeaters Awareness Week. WSO would send ideas on how to celebrate this week and attract new members. IG would support this also.</p> <p>Trish will give us a report following the WSO meeting and will try to make herself available to speak at meetings about her experience.</p>	
Intergroup Participation	<p>It was proposed that we divide up our meeting list and call to encourage each group to send an Intergroup rep. Please call your assigned meetings about 2 weeks prior to our next Intergroup meeting.</p>	Approved

The meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Esther