

CONNECTICUT INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES – April 20, 2009

LOCATION: Avon Monday Night OA Meeting

Intergroup Attendees:

Wendy, Chair

Anne, Windsor, Vice Chair

Kelly P., Thursday, East Hartford, Corresponding Secretary

Michael P., P.I. Committee Chair

Trish, Friday, East Hartford

Sue H., Saturday, West Hartford, Recording Secretary

Esther, Treasurer

Betty, Manchester

And members of the Avon Monday Night OA Meeting

The Avon Monday Night Meeting was opened by Robin at 7:30 PM, the opening readings were read and each member of the Intergroup introduced himself or herself. Robin then turned the meeting over to Wendy, the Intergroup Chair.

Secretary's Report: Kelly moved to accept the March minutes, seconded & accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Esther reported the current checking account balance is \$1,902.61, after the purchase of some literature and the sales of some. She also reported that the profit from the Marathon is working out to be about \$400, after expenses. She reminded the group that we will need to cover some of the expenses for Michael to represent us at the World Service Conference in May, including \$200 or so for his hotel room. She passed around a copy of her spreadsheet of income and outgoing expenses. Trish moved to accept the report, seconded by Michael and passed.

Public Information Committee Report -- Michael reported the following:

1. Regarding the DVD's that we are asking people to take to their local cable TV stations, Michael advised that it is basically a profile of OA by the American Medical Review, showing no faces and consists of people talking about what OA has done for them. He has heard of one cable company that is objecting to the content, and he will be calling them to see what their concern is. Also he advised that in trying to arrange for air time, the local access company should be contacted, not the cable company itself. He has the list of names and addresses per town, if needed.
2. He reported that Anne has purchased 50 more packets of the Professional Packet for physicians which he will be asking people to give to their physicians.
3. Michael attended the recent Region 6 Assembly and found that they have lots of money to fund PI projects and need groups to present proposals. He was encouraged to do so. He will propose a plan to them that will include purchasing more of the Professional Packets and more Lifelines (the older ones) for distribution, however Wendy said we still have a lot of Lifelines left over from the last bunch we purchased. Mike also said he is still looking for a lot of people willing to spread the packets and speak to their doctors.
4. Mike was excited at Region 6 by all the ideas he heard of what others are doing to spread the work in Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, New York, New Hampshire, Vermont and Mass. Wendy mentioned one thing she saw in New York was a section about OA with a local contact number on a restaurant paper place mat that one group had bought. Sue mentioned the flyer that is the last attachment to the newsletter that anyone can print out and tack on a grocery store bulletin board, etc. Mike said it would be great if 100 of them could be put up!

New Business:

1. Wendy led a discussion of some of the questions on the Agenda Questionnaire for the World Service Business Conference in New Mexico May 4 to 9 (Michael will be representing us and will take our input with him):

a. After discussion it was moved and seconded that the Connecticut Intergroup approves the motion to “Adopt December 12 (12/12) each year as International Twelfth Step Within Day to reach out to members who are still suffering within the program.” Anne mentioned that the Sunday, 3:30 Westfield, Mass and Friday Night, Westfield, Mass both do a Twelfth Step Within once a month now.

b. Regarding the motion to modify the OA definition of abstinence, after discussion it was agreed that Michael will propose that the words “undereating” and “purging” be added.

c. Michael asked that, in the interests of time, anyone with other input regarding the proposed motions contact him directly.

2. Regarding books that the Intergroup will have available for sale at our meetings, Anne will give Sue a list of what we have available, which Sue can include in the newsletter.

The Seventh Tradition basket was passed around as “A Vision for You” was read, then the meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue
Recording Secretary

NOTE: The May Intergroup Meeting will be hosted by the Wethersfield Tuesday Night Meeting.