

CONNECTICUT INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES – August 17, 2009

LOCATION: Manchester, CT

Intergroup Attendees:

Wendy, Chair

Anne, Vice Chair

Michael P., P.I. Committee Chair

Sue H., Recording Secretary

Wendy opened the meeting at 7:22 PM. (The meeting was held at a local Subway because the church hall had been inadvertently locked).

Secretary's Report: Mike moved to accept the July minutes, seconded & accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Wendy advised that Esther could not attend due to hospitalization of a family member. She had nothing to report other than she understands that the Intergroup PO Box fee has been paid for the year and there have been some donations received.

Public Information Committee Report

Michael advised that with regret he is stepping down from the post, although he is willing to continue to answer the phone and to help train anyone who volunteers to take over the job. He will also help in the search for someone to replace him. Wendy thanked him for his contributions to the Intergroup in that capacity. Sue agreed to post an E mail seeking a volunteer.

Literature: Anne reported that she did not bring the literature for sale to this meeting, but she will bring it all to the workshop coming up in September that our Intergroup is cosponsoring with the Massachusetts Intergroup.

Old Business:

Mike did agree to research his idea of having an OA display ad placed in the Reminder.

Newsletter:

Sue has not been able to put another newsletter together yet, however she reported on an idea that Diane in the West Hartford, Saturday meeting had suggested that should draw some writing contributions from members. She also handed out copies of her Sign-Up sheet, and Wendy, Anne and Mike will see if they can collect more E-mail addresses of OA members who would like to receive the newsletter in the future.

Mail:

Kelly has had to resign as Corresponding Secretary and has given the PO box key to Wendy, who reported the following items of interest received:

1. A reminder that the Region 6 Fall Assembly is to be held on October 3 in Albany. We need someone to attend as our representative.
2. An announcement that the World Service Business Meeting will be held on April 26 to May 01, 2010 in New Mexico -- we will need a representative for that, too.
3. A letter from World Service advising:
 - a. There are two skits about the 7th Tradition approved and available on line at the OA Web site

- b. Guidelines for local newsletters have been updated
- c. Presenting the newest OA definition of abstinence approved at the '09 World Service Business Meeting: "Abstinence in Overeaters Anonymous is the action of refraining from compulsive eating and compulsive food behaviors. Spiritual, emotional and physical recovery is the result of living the Overeaters Anonymous Twelve-Step program."
- d. Advising that the delegates also approved designation of December 12th each year as the "12 and 12 Day." OA service boards, meetings and individual members are encouraged on that day "to reach out to those within the Fellowship who are still suffering from compulsive eating behaviors."
- e. The on-line OA store is "re-built" and easier to use.
- f. A flyer advertising the 7th annual "Weekend Walk Through the Steps," sponsored by Southern Main Intergroup on October 9th thru 11th (for more information contact Jim H. at (207) 874-2175).

More Old Business:

The subject of the Morgan Fund came up, given that no-one seems to know what the original rules for use of those fund were, other than to be used for scholarships to our Intergroup retreats. Since we no longer host a retreat, Wendy suggested it could be used to give scholarships to the Genesis Retreat. Anne said she has been approached to see if we would be willing to donate \$50 to that retreat for them to use for that purpose. Also, Wendy suggested we might consider donating some of the money to World Service for the translation of OA literature into other languages. It was pointed out that we really don't know how much money is in the Morgan Fund, including donations that have been specifically made for the Morgan Fund. It was agreed to table this discussion, and Wendy will ask Esther to determine if there have been any such donations since she became Treasurer and what that balance therefore is now. Wendy will also try again to speak to Shirley to see if she knows what the allowed uses of the Morgan Fund are.

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at 8:25 PM. .

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue
Recording Secretary

NOTE: the next CT Intergroup Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 21st, at the Manchester location.