

**CONNECTICUT INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES – February 21st, 2011**  
LOCATION: Manchester, CT

Intergroup Attendees:

**Anne B.**, Chair; **Jana**, Vice Chair, Terryville; **Wendy**, Treasurer; **Robin**, Corresponding Secretary, Avon; **Brian**, Recording Secretary, Collinsville; **Angela**, Manchester; **Sue H.**, West Hartford; **Emily**, Wethersfield; **Mike**, Bristol

Anne opened the meeting at 7:02 PM with the Serenity Prayer.

Secretary's Report:

Corrections to the minutes:

1. The Spanish language site is <http://espanol.oa.org> not <http://espagnol.oa.org/>
2. The meeting is on President's Day not Veteran's Day

Sue moved to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Wendy and passed.

Treasurer's Report:

1. A donation of \$96 was received.
2. Emily was reimbursed \$47.47 for printing fliers for the marathon.
3. The total checking amounted to \$4,009.17
4. The outstanding checks were cashed. Wendy handed addresses to Robin for thank you notes.

Public Information:

Wendy now has the Public Information data including two copies of the Comcast-Cox cable outreach information compiled by Mary.

Wendy stated she had been contacted by David and Danny of Western Massachusetts Intergroup concerning sharing representation of OA at the Diabetes Expo at April 16<sup>th</sup>. Booth 8-3 would be \$700 for a 6' table with two chairs. Split evenly our share would be \$350. Mike asked whether we had a banner, literature, and general booth setup. Anne asked how far the Expo was into Massachusetts. Wendy called David and who was then put on speakerphone. He said it was a day long event in Hartford with presentations and that the expo would supply setup but we would need to bring literature. David offered to send information by email but advised Western Massachusetts Intergroup decided they could not afford the expo this year. It was generally stated that \$700 was considered expensive. Brian stated he had attended that Expo two years before at the Connecticut Expo Center and noted enough people were attending some had to be turned away. The idea of looking into a fee reduction for non-profit organizations was raised.

Literature:

1. Wendy has the new "Sponsoring Through the 12 Steps" to give to the marathon's speakers.
2. It was decided that literature would not be bought for the marathon.
3. Anne thought we should bring soft literature to the marathon. There was general agreement.
4. Anne said she would bring the literature to the marathon meeting so they could see it.

Correspondence:

1. World Service now has Anne's email.
2. Duplicate information for the World Service Assembly was received.
3. Information for the 2011 Region 6 Convention "Enjoy a Big Abstinent Bite of the Big Apple" in White Plains, NY arrived.

### Old Business:

1. Sue mentioned that she was restarting the newsletter. She reconfirmed Collinsville hosting intergroup on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Wendy moved that Sue continue with the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Brian and passed.
2. Jana received her two year coin which she passed around.
3. Wendy said the marathon meeting had to be rescheduled. The literature and fundraiser positions for the marathon were filled by Chris from Monday. The boutique position was still open. Sue mentioned West Hartford's gathering for the raffle. Brian offered to send an email relaying who they could be contacted and that donations could be brought on the day as well.
4. Brian said he had called someone from Southeastern Connecticut Intergroup about their website. They use the free subdomain hosting of oagroups.org at <http://sect.oagroups.org>.
5. Wendy asked about the updated meeting list. Brian said there were a few last corrections.
6. Wendy confirmed Tina had been paid through December and now was paid through March. The outstanding issues with the site had been resolved including the posting of our marathon flier. We also have three years of hosting with <http://www.godaddy.com> paid upfront. Emily from Friday Southington volunteered to work on the website. Wendy said she would try to make sure Emily was in contact with Danny from Western Massachusetts Intergroup. Emily from Wethersfield mentioned concerns of having a professional give services without compensation. Others felt it was within the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition of being self supporting. Concern was voiced over her short time in OA. Mike brought up concerns of access to the current site if a decision to go ahead was reached. Angela stated she was willing to learn how to help maintain the site. A woman from Wednesday East Hartford was said to maybe come forward as well.

### New Business:

1. Anne read in new information from World Service:
  1. What It Takes was read, concerning contributions to World Service.
    1. Contributions grew 1% from 2009 to 2010, considered not enough for possible programs including world wide outreach.
    2. Average contribution per group was \$71.66
  2. The Service by Mail email program is to be discontinued in favor of region level programs.
  3. The lack of youth outreach in our area was noted.
2. Jana mentioned paperwork for the World Service Business Conference including the Agenda Questionnaire. Several proposals were discussed including rescinding the tool Action Plan, adding several tools, and removing AA literature, except the Big Book and the AA 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, from this list of OA approved literature. The deadline for the questionnaire was considered too close and the decision was made to abstain at this stage.
3. Jana submitted for reimbursement for her transportation to the World Service Business Conference. Sue moved to cover her food and expenses, Wendy seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.
4. The next marathon meeting was scheduled to on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm at Wendy's house.
5. The next intergroup meeting would be held in Manchester on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

The meeting was closed with Serenity Prayer at 8:26pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brian D.  
Recording Secretary