

## CONNECTICUT INTERGROUP MINUTES – January 19, 2009

Attendees:

Wendy - Treasurer and Interim Chair  
Esther - Recording Secretary  
Betty – Manchester Monday 5 p.m.  
Anne – Windsor Wednesday 7 p.m.  
Sue – West Hartford Saturday 10 a.m.  
Kelly  
Trish  
Michael – PI Chair  
Anna – Wethersfield Tuesday

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm. with the Serenity Prayer

Secretary's Report – Esther was late, but minutes for December were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Wendy: Karen delivered the mail to Wendy this week. Balance is now \$2215.45.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**PI Committee:** We discussed distribution of the video explaining OA. Trish reported that there are additional materials available for broadcast. Michael will approach the Windsor cable company. We agreed to purchase 8 copies of the public access video for distribution to various towns and 40 of the Professional Outreach brochures.

**Intergroup Outreach Meetings (Sue):** We have scheduled Avon for Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 and Wethersfield for Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30. Sue presented a draft of a letter explaining to groups the purpose of holding the Intergroup meeting there. It was enthusiastically accepted. Middletown Monday at 7:00 pm is also very interested. They would like to have us meet from 7 to 8 and then hold their regular meeting from 8 to 9. Sept. 21 would work well. Southington Friday night would like to have us come on the 5<sup>th</sup> Friday of a month (May, July, or October). October 30 seems best.

Sue also reports that the Terryville meeting needs support.

**Intergroup Meeting Logistics:** We have been discussing ways to have IG reps connect to the meeting by phone or computer when they are unable to attend in person. It does not seem that the computer option will work at this time. Telephone connection is possible through AT&T, but is expensive (\$1.14/minute). There are free conference services, but the number would not be local for those who call in. We could consider reimbursing those who do not have free long distance. When we do our outreach meetings, we will ask whether there is interest in trying any of these options.

**New Meeting List:** Wendy will check the meeting list again on the Connecticut website to make sure it is accurate.

**Marathon:** Our Connecticut Intergroup Annual Marathon will take place on March 14 at the South United Method Church. The theme is “Together We Can.” Trish, Wendy, and Esther will chair. Esther has done the flyer and distributed it at the Western Mass Intergroup Marathon on January 3.

Manchester Monday 5pm will do the set-up. Rockville Saturday 10am will do registration. We still need meetings to take responsibility for:

- Raffle
- Refreshments
- Clothing Boutique
- Publicity - Trish will get us listed in the Hartford Courant and will try for Cox Cable. Anna will contact the Reminder.
- Clean-up
- Workshop Speakers – Jen and Laura will help get speakers.

PLEASE CALL ESTHER (305-0952) OR E-MAIL TO CONFIRM WHAT YOUR MEETING WILL DO.

Clothing “Boutique” Fundraiser: Clothing is priced at \$1.00 per item through the lunch break and is free after that. Please encourage people to bring nicer items for both the boutique (on hangers, if possible) and the raffle. Please consider having your group put together a basket for the raffle.

Intergroup could offer a free 2009 Region 6 convention registration as a raffle item.

Anne put together lists of literature that could be purchased for \$500 and for \$750. We have some of the pamphlets on hand. Trish will review and we will make a final decision regarding the purchase. S & H should be added to the selling price of the books.

**Connecticut Self-Help Network** has asked whether we would like to be listed. Wendy will check with them to see whether other 12-step groups are listed and with WSO to see whether this would be appropriate.

**Elections:** We need to select new officers for 2009 – Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary. Abstinence requirements – we do not have any specified. Kelly is willing to pick up mail and be corresponding secretary. Wendy is willing to continue as Chair, Sue will become Recording Secretary, and Esther will take over the Treasurer position.

**Newsletter:** Sue passed around a draft of a newsletter, and we discussed possible topics. It was suggested to put the “Is Food a Problem for You?” sheet as the back sheet of every newsletter.

The meeting closed at 9:15 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer.  
Respectfully submitted, Esther