

CONNECTICUT INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES – June 21, 2010

LOCATION: Manchester, CT

Intergroup Attendees:

Anne B., Chair Wendy B., Vice Chair Esther, Treasurer
Sue H., Recording Secretary Robin, Collinsville

Anne opened the meeting at 7:03PM.

Secretary's Report:

1. Robin moved to accept the minutes of the May meeting, seconded and passed.
2. Sue reported that she has not yet responded to the Email from the Canaan, CT group that is listed with the Western Mass Intergroup. There was discussion on this request, and it was agreed that the group can be listed. Sue is to get the necessary information from them.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Esther presented an updated spreadsheet from January, 2010 to the present, showing an Ending Balance of \$4,174.82. The \$871 income for June represents group donations.
2. Esther also advised that Mike has requested a check for \$21.20 to pay for minutes on the OA cell phone – this is why there has been no answer when people called. He has purchased those minutes, and the phone is working again.
3. Esther pointed out that our ending balance of over \$4,000 is high, and she recommends that we think of ways to use it. After discussion, Robin agreed to look into what would be involved in obtaining a “contract phone,” rather than just buying minutes as needed.

Public Information Committee Report

No-one has volunteered for this position yet. Anne is exploring the suggestion that a job description be written up. She will put a rough draft together and bring it to a meeting for input from everyone.

Literature: Anne gave Esther a \$15 check from a book sale.

Correspondence: No-one has volunteered for this position yet, either. Anne agreed to take on the task of writing thank-you notes for donations received, and Wendy will pick up the mail and let Anne know when a donation has come in that needs a thank-you note.

At this point Anne brought up the fact that there is a form that can be used when sending donations to the Intergroup, Region 6 and World Service, which people may not know about. Robin agreed to scan the form and email it to Sue to use in the next newsletter and for posting to our Web Site.

Old Business:

1. Anne has made up a list of those groups that do not currently send representatives to the Intergroup meeting. She will contact her committee members and divide up the list for making calls.
2. Wendy advised that the Traveler's insurance policy (General Liability) has been paid. Sue volunteered to review it to make sure the coverage that is needed is there.
3. About the OA phone, Wendy reported she has spoken to Mike, and he said that he would like to continue to cover the phone (as above, the problem was the need to buy more minutes – he had not

realized the minutes had expired). The next time minutes will need to be bought will be in early August. Anne will set up a tickler to remind Mike about that then.

4. Anne reported that Stacy is working on the Speaker List that is on our web site, as the current one is quite old and not too accurate. Anne handed out sign-up sheets for the representatives to take back to their meetings to see if some fresh names can be added. There was discussion on this, and it was agreed that the Web Master will be asked to add the following to the Speaker List:

“The following people have expressed their willingness to be contacted about sharing their experience, strength and hope at meetings. If your group has specific requirements for speakers, please clear that with the speaker.”

5. Anne advised that Western Mass Intergroup is working on a plan to have the new tool named “Plan of Action” rescinded as there is some controversy about how it might trigger someone into unhealthy, compulsive actions.

More Correspondance:

1. Anne read a letter from a patient at the psychiatric hospital Connecticut Valley Hospital. He is asking for help to start an OA meeting there. Anne has already responded to let him know she would bring it to this meeting. After discussion, Esther volunteered to take the lead on this. She will begin by contacting the hospital to find out if they would have any requirements or restrictions, and to give them a copy of the OA Professional Packet. She will also talk directly with the man who wrote the letter, give him some OA literature (Anne will give her a copy of the 12 and 12 and an old copy of the Big Book). Wendy volunteered to help her. Esther will report on that at the next meeting.

2. A flyer about the Region 6 Convention coming up.

General topics:

Regarding a search for the location for the next Marathon, Wendy has not yet spoken to Unity Church (site of the last Marathon) to see if they would be able to rent the sanctuary to us as well, so that we would have another large room. She will do that soon. Anne asked that everyone else bring to the next meeting any proposals they may have for other locations/churches.

Anne confirmed that the next meeting will be Monday, July 19th, at the Manchester location. **For August, the meeting date is changed to August 23rd** so that Anne will be able to attend. That will also be in Manchester, and the September meeting will be in Enfield.

Anne reminded everyone that anyone who has items for the agenda should get them to Anne one week in advance. Her email is: windwomen@att.net.

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue H.

Recording Secretary