

CONNECTICUT INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 16, 2009

Attendees:

Wendy, Chair
Anne, Windsor, Vice Chair
Kelly P., Thursday, East Hartford, Corresponding Secretary
Michael P., P.I. Committee Chair
Trish, Friday, East Hartford
Mary, Willimantic, Manchester
Sue H., Saturday, West Hartford, Recording Secretary
Esther, Treasurer
Antionette, Manchester

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

Secretary's Report: Anne moved to accept the February minutes, seconded & accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Trish reported the following income from the Marathon:

\$30.00 Clothing sales
155.00 Fundraising table sales
40.25 Literature sales
162.75 Raffle
347.00 Entry fees
\$732.00 Total
Plus a donation from the Saturday Rockville group of \$9.46.

Wendy reported the current balance in checking before paying most expenses for the Marathon is \$2,418.17. Trish suggested a rental payment to the church of \$125, which was seconded and passed. Now that the Marathon is over, Wendy will turn over the treasury books to Esther.

Public Information Committee Report -- Michael reported the following:

1. The DVD's have been received from OA now. The **Avon** Monday night meeting has requested one, as well as someone from the North-West corner of the state, and he will be giving copies to then to take to their local cable TV stations. He has also contacted the **Windsor** cable TV station about adding something after the DVD to identify how to contact the local group. Other people taking DVD's for distribution to other town cable TV stations were: Trish for **South Windsor**/ Mary for **Manchester** and **Willimantic**/ Sue for **West Hartford** and/or surrounding towns/ Kelly for **East Hartford**. (Towns bolded for future reference in identifying towns not yet covered) In each case the station will make a copy & return the DVD, which can be returned to Intergroup for additional distribution.
2. Michael read something that Laura has come up with – a personal ad in Craigs List touting the benefits of OA. It was agreed that anyone else who would like to do something like that would be encouraged to do so. Sue pointed out that when someone responds to an ad that you have put on Craig's List, and you then respond to that person, your true Email address and name WILL show up in your response, so people will want to be aware of that, for the sake of anonymity.

Old Business:

1. Sue reported that Avon is ready to host the April Intergroup meeting and Wethersfield is ready for the May meeting. Enfield has now agreed to host a meeting, but that will be set up for

a date in 2010 since 4 such meetings are already scheduled in 2009. Sue will distribute directions to the meetings closer to those dates. It was agreed that most will meet that evening for carpooling purposes and supper before the meeting at the commuter parking lot in Bloomfield just before Copaco, at 5:30 on April 20th. They will then travel to Panera's in West Hartford (on Albany Avenue, Route 44, next to Staples) for supper. Anyone else from Intergroup can meet them there. The agenda for that meeting was set:

- Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Public Information Report which will include the questionnaire for the World Service conference in May. That questionnaire is to be included with the minutes of the March meeting when they are distributed.
- Report on the Region 6 meeting (scheduled for 4-18-09)

Sue will let the Avon group know that we will be bringing literature and CD's to purchase (with no S&H fees). Trish will make more of the little Prayer to God that she had made as hand-outs at the Marathon for gifts to the hosting meetings.

2. Wendy thanked Kelly for her efforts in so quickly setting up the move of the Thursday night East Hartford meeting to the East Hartford Health & Rehab Center.

3. The Marathon: Wendy thanked Kelly for all the items she made and sold at the marathon. Trish is gathering her notes for the next year's marathon. Michael moved to change the name of the event from "Marathon," which many new people don't understand, to "A Day of Recovery," which was seconded and passed. The date for A Day of Recovery for next year was set for March 20, 2010, and Wendy will reserve that date with the church.

4. World Service: Michael confirmed he will represent us at that conference in May.

5. Region 6 Meeting: Michael and Esther will be attending as our representatives.

New Business:

1. Kelly spoke of logistical problems in the new East Hartford meeting location at the health center, which should be resolved with some communication. However, they could also use a daytime meeting. Trish said the Wednesday AM meeting in East Hartford is small and might be willing to move. She will check on that. Kelly mentioned a 37 year old woman who is a patient there, over 600 pounds, bed-ridden, gets out of bed once a week. She has no family and just one "friend" who brings her food. She spent 3 months in a bariatric center in NY before this. She needs people to come to her, cannot go to the meeting. This is mentioned in these minutes in the hopes that someone reading this may have an idea of how to help her. Trish will give her a list of phone meetings, though we don't know if she has/can afford a phone and long distance calls.

2. Wendy advised that the Western Mass retreat scheduled for May is filling up quickly, and people who want to go should sign up soon.

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue
Recording Secretary