

CONNECTICUT INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES – May 19, 2009

LOCATION: Wethersfield Tuesday Night OA Meeting

Intergroup Attendees:

Wendy, Chair

Kelly P., Thursday, East Hartford, Corresponding Secretary

Michael P., P.I. Committee Chair

Sue H., Saturday, West Hartford, Recording Secretary

Esther, Treasurer

Betty, Manchester

And members of the Wethersfield Tuesday Night OA Meeting

The Wethersfield Tuesday Night Meeting was opened by Lauren at 7:29 PM, the opening readings were read and each member of the Wethersfield Meeting and the Intergroup introduced himself or herself. Lauren then turned the meeting over to Wendy, the Intergroup Chair.

Secretary's Report: Kelly moved to accept the March minutes, seconded & accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Esther income as follows: \$88.01 group donations, \$200 in donations not yet deposited, \$100 in donations to the Morgan Fund and \$6 from the sale of merchandise. Expenses total \$200 plus the expenses for Michael's trip to World Service, leaving a balance of \$1,132.82 plus the \$200 in donations received today. In response to a question, Esther explained it is her understanding that the Morgan Fund is an older fund established to help people who could not afford the cost of a retreat, although the Intergroup has not been hosting retreats recently. IT was decided that Wendy will contact a long time member, Shirley, for further information on that fund and how it can be used. During the meeting, the hosting Wethersfield meeting passed along a donation to Intergroup of cash as well as a decorated box that can be used for the next auction. Mike moved to accept the report and the motion was passed.

Public Information Committee Report -- Michael reported the following:

1. He is looking for someone to help with a project of buying additional back issues of Lifeline to be stamped with the Intergroup name and phone number and distribute to physicians offices.
2. He offered some additional Professional Packets for doctors offices, some of which were taken by various members in attendance, to distribute to their own doctors.
3. He asked people to remember to print out and distribute the "Is Food a Problem" flyer that can be found on the Intergroup Web site and attached to the newsletter.
4. Michael also holds the phone that is the Internet information line, and he reported that he received three calls on that line in the past week.
5. Regarding the Region 6 Meeting in March: Michael reported that he and Esther attended that meeting, and he is putting together some proposals for how to use funds available through Region 6 for reaching out to new people.
6. In discussing those ideas, a number of different local publications were named for Mike to investigate, beyond White Publications (such as Wethersfield Life, the Reminder and the Rare Reminder).
7. Mike mentioned the DVD's still available to bring to local cable TV stations. Emily from the Wethersfield meeting volunteered to take one to the cable company for Wethersfield.

8. Sue from Wethersfield expressed a need for something to be available for teens. Mike offered to help her “brainstorm” that idea. Lauren suggested “Google ad words.” Mike said that is possible if we have the right “meta tags” on our Website. He agreed to discuss that with our WebMaster.

Literature: Wendy explained that the literature for sale (with no shipping costs) that was to be brought tonight is not available as the person who is in charge of bringing it was not able to attend tonight’s meeting. It will be available for the June meeting.

Fundraising: Kelly advised that she did bring to the meeting CD’s and 12 Step meditation beads, the profits for which are to benefit the Intergroup.

New Business:

1. Michael gave a report on the World Service Business Meeting he attended earlier in May, saying he was so impressed that 300 delegates from 75 countries attended, all committed to doing the best job they can for OA. There was a major discussion on how to communicate to meetings all over the world given the language problem. He met people from Sweeden, Costa Rica, Italy and Germany, and he believes OA may be doing even better in other countries than in the USA right now, judging from the level of commitment he saw.

2. Sue asked for direction in the newsletter on giving out phone numbers and last names and Email addresses. It was decided the members would mull that over for this next month before making a final decision. Sue was asked to state somewhere in the newsletters that any emails and phone numbers published are to be used for OA purposes only.

The Seventh Tradition basket was passed around, and Emily from the hosting meeting suggested that half of the collection this night be given to the Intergroup as an additional donation, which the hosting meeting members agreed to. The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue
Recording Secretary

NOTE: The June Intergroup meeting returns to the usual Manchester location as of the June 15th meeting.