

# **CONNECTICUT INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES- May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

LOCATION: Manchester, CT

## Intergroup Attendees:

**Anne B.**, Chair; **Jana**, Vice Chair; **Wendy**, Treasurer; **Robin**, Correspondence Secretary, Avon; **Cassie**, Recording Secretary, Collinsville; **Sue**, West Hartford; **Angela**, Manchester

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

## Secretary's Report:

Corrected item 4C of old business from “she would mentioned” to “she would mention”. Corrected item 1 of new business from “agreed to talked” to “agreed to talk”. Robin motioned to accept the minutes as corrected, Angela seconded, and the motion was passed.

## Treasurer's Report:

A \$100 dollar donation was received bringing total checking to approximately \$4,433.

## Public Information:

There were no new developments to report.

## Literature:

The remaining literature was donated to the Windsor meeting as agreed at the April meeting.

## Correspondence:

1. Wendy gave the information for the donation thank you note to Robin.
2. The 2010 Membership Survey Report is now available for distribution to professionals, the media, OA members and anyone interested in the OA. Its can either be purchased from the store or downloaded for free from [www.oa.org/pdfs/2010\\_Member\\_Survey.pdf](http://www.oa.org/pdfs/2010_Member_Survey.pdf).
3. Two new Public Information posters are now available for download, “Is your eating overwhelming you?” and “Sometimes the more you eat, the more empty you feel.”

## Old Business:

1. Robin stated she continued to look into new venues for intergroup. She called Saint Mary's to see what the cost at our current location would be if we were coming in new as a point of comparison. It was \$25 per hour. She stated she would look into Saint Mark's in West Hartford. The Quaker meeting house in West Hartford was mentioned as another possibility. It was suggested that an OA member belonging to the meeting house make the approach.
2. A discussion of the marathon was held. The marathon had about 112 attendees. People mentioned liking the space including the parking, the lighting, and the large group room. Wendy commented on liking the signs for the steps and traditions. Jana stated she liked the speakers and the diversity among them and the consistency of the rooms used for workshops. There was general consensus that the raffle had been done well. Wendy said she had a paper explaining step by step how to run the raffle for those coming into it without past experience. Comments were made about the clothing exchange being unsuccessful. There was discussion of removing it next year. Cassie commented on how the volunteers for the clothing exchange were last moment replacements that stepped up to do service. There was talk about reserving the church for next year, possibly March 24<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed to rent out the sanctuary again as well.
3. Wendy had talked with Danny, the webmaster for Western Mass, and David, the chair for

Western Mass, and took copious notes. When we are ready, we have information Danny researched from Steve from New Mexico with the Techweb committee. Wendy has two copies of information Danny printed out on Word Press. It is possible to alter our site through GoDaddy but Wendy felt we should first contact Tina. Wendy suggested we keep her through transition and see if she would stay until we are transferred. Anne proposed a motion to extend our time with Tina another three months while we prepare, it was seconded by Sue, and passed. When we are ready Steve would upload everything that has to be uploaded. In an email to Danny, Steve had commented that he liked our current design. Sue suggested asking Steve on the ethics regarding keeping our current design under a new administrator. We are paid with GoDaddy through January 2013. Danny suggested that afterward we go with PowWeb, which currently costs \$2.95 per month. Wendy showed the template for the site on her laptop. It can be found oagroups.org under demo templates for Word Press. Robin said she was interested in being involved in the process. Angela had previously showed interest but she said she works during the day. She mentioned she could Skype. Cassie said she has been using Word Press and offered to provide what assistance she can.

4. Jana spoke on the World Service Business Conference. Jana showed a book of the proposals. The tool Action Plan was kept. Updated pamphlets will be sent out. AA literature was kept as well. Jana stated she helped support keeping it. The pamphlet If God Spoke to OA was deemed too partisan and will stop being published. The Conference 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition raised about \$3208. Over 300 delegates were in attendance. Jana commented on the good recovery there. She said there had been discussion about 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition and phone and internet groups. Donations from phone meetings for the year had been \$9333. The conference had also discussed how the internet is changing program. Jana thought it was interesting to see how OA was doing things in Mexico, South Africa, and around the world. The conference voted to give Roseann S the title of founder, as opposed to co-founder. Jana had found OA has an anonymous pen-pal program for work with prisoners that keeps information private. Jana served as the vice chair on the Unity of Diversity committee. The term is for two years. Sue motioned to keep Jana as our delegate for next year, it was seconded by Robin, and passed. The committee has a new pamphlet coming out, "A Common Solution- Diversity in OA". Jana stated she also attended a workshop on getting more people to do service. Sue asked Jana if she would write about World Service for the newsletter. Jana suggested that she travel to our meetings to talk about world service and intergroup. There was an overwhelming agreement and it was agreed to compensate her for gas expenses.
5. Sue mentioned individual meetings could use a secretary position to receive information we might have to send.
6. Wendy asked if the Sunday night Collinsville home meeting should be on the meeting list. It was stated they were still looking for a permanent venue.
7. Sue report the newsletter did not go out in April or May.
8. Robin said her sponsor suggested having a hard copy of our meeting list. Wendy took on the responsibility to make copies. Wendy asked Sue to ask South Glastonbury for a contact person. Cassie mentioned possibly scanning the meeting list Wendy had reformatted so that it could be sent out.
9. Cassie said she had checked World Service, Region 6, and several surrounding intergroups for information on the Danielson and Putnam meeting. She had found nothing. A general web search found then listed on a site that aggregated 12 step meetings. Anne showed them on a meeting list she had just received. Cassie said she would look into the discrepancy.

#### New Business:

There was no new business.

Next Meeting:

Due to scheduling conflicts, the next meeting was rescheduled one week early to June 13<sup>th</sup> in Manchester.

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cassie D.  
Recording Secretary