

CONNECTICUT INTERGROUP MINUTES – NOVEMBER 17, 2008

Attendees:

Wendy - Treasurer and Interim Chair

Esther - Recording Secretary

Michael - Windsor, Sun 7 p.m., PI Chair

Avril – Glastonbury Sunday 7 p.m.

Kelly – East Hartford Thursday 5:30 p.m.

Betty – Manchester Monday 5 p.m.

Anne – Windsor Wednesday 7 p.m.

Sue – West Hartford Saturday 10 a.m.

Sue and Walter – visitors from Western Mass Intergroup.

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

Secretary's Report - Esther Minutes for October were approved.. No one asked to connect by phone to this meeting. Esther noted that she has been Recording Secretary for almost 2 years.

Treasurer's Report - Wendy Expense of \$53.56 paid out. \$1740.45 is our current balance. No mail received from Karen (not present). Report approved.

Corresponding Secretary - Heather Not present.

OLD BUSINESS

PI Committee: Michael now has four committee members. A stamp has been purchased with our name, number and website, asking “Is food a problem for you?” Michael ordered back issues of Lifeline from World Service. These have been stamped and will be distributed by committee members to doctors’ offices in this area. Members are asked to make notes of which offices were receptive and which were not. It was also suggested that members contact their own physicians’ office first. Michael saw on the World Service website that there are excellent guidelines for doing outreach to professionals. This will be the second wave of the project.

We have permission from WSO to use the new short video for public information purposes. Wendy will contact Trish to see what her experience has been in working with cable companies so that we can clarify exactly what information needs to be provided. Michael will find out about copying the video and about how much it costs to purchase it in case we need to purchase multiple copies. In order to get the video onto community access channels, a local resident must approach each cable company. Michael has offered to contact Windsor, Kelly – East Hartford, Wendy – Marchester. Sue will ask if there is anyone at the West Hartford meeting who is willing to contact cable companies.

Sue works for a company that writes malpractice insurance for physicians and sends out a newsletter to their clients. If Michael will write an article, she will see if she can get it published in their newsletter.

The next PI Meeting will be December 15 at St Mary's Episcopal Church, Manchester at 6pm prior to the IG meeting.

Intergroup Meeting Logistics: Phone-in option: Michael looked in to the technical aspect of this. We could easily arrange to have up to 30 telephone participants. We could get Skype service, which would depend on our having internet access at the meeting. The service is under \$100 per year to have a Skype-in number. People could connect either via computer or by phone. To participate in the chat room, people would need a computer. We could also use this phone number or service to answer the information line, since the phone number can easily be forwarded to different people. The second option is to have a conference call phone-in situation. We would need a speaker phone; everyone would dial in with a code. Kelly will find out about this possibility.

Our visitors from Western Mass shared some of their experience in increasing their Intergroup participation. They have asked various meetings all over their territory to host the monthly Intergroup meeting. This introduces the people to the concept of Intergroup and has spurred participation from members from a number of meetings. Sue (W. Mass) explained that they simply looked at a map and picked one of the farthest meetings and phoned to ask if they would host the Intergroup meeting. Sue (W. Hartford) is willing to take charge of this idea. Betty will go to the Tuesday Wethersfield meeting. Anne will also call one or two groups.

It was suggested that we get some additional information about our meetings so that we can assess what their needs are and what we can do to support them. It was agreed that this is a separate issue that we can discuss at a future time.

New Meeting List: Wendy reviewed the meeting list and noted a number of changes that need to be made. She e-mailed Tina, but cannot confirm that the changes have been made. She will follow up with Tina. She will also update WSO regarding meeting changes.

NEW BUSINESS

East Hartford Thursday 5:30 pm will meet on Thanksgiving Day. This meeting is looking for support. Kelly is concerned about books missing. They need 12 & 12's. Michael will contribute books from the Sunday night meeting.

Windsor Sunday Night Step Meeting is closing. .

Marathon: Wendy called South United Methodist Church to confirm a date: March 14. We will make a donation to the Church. Esther volunteered to be a co-chair. If anyone else is interested, please contact her at 305-0952. There is a 6-month abstinence requirement for chairing. Esther will work on the flyer (include a map). Manchester 5 pm will do set-up. Committees needed are: Registration, Raffle, Small Group Speakers,

Refreshments, Clothing Exchange, Breakdown, and Publicity. Kat would be interested in doing the Clothing Exchange (boutique).

Theme: "Together We Can."

Time: As last year

Suggested Donation: As last year

Flyer by December meeting. Notify Lifeline (Michael). Group sign-up sheet.

Wendy and Avril will be on the committee.

The meeting closed at 8:15 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Esther