

CONNECTICUT INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 16, 2009

Attendees:

Wendy, Chair
Anne, Windsor, Vice Chair
Kelly P., Thursday, East Hartford, Corresponding Secretary
Michael P., P.I. Committee Chair
Avril, South Glastonbury
Laura, Rockville
Trish, Friday, East Hartford
Mary, Willimantic, Manchester
Sue H., Saturday, West Hartford, Recording Secretary

Secretary's Report: Michael moved to accept the January minutes, seconded & accepted.

Treasurer's Report: It is set up that both Esther and Wendy can sign checks for the group.

Wendy reported in Esther's absence that the current balance is \$1,574.71.

Public Information Committee Report -- Michael reported the following:

- a. He has arranged for Town of Windsor cable TV station to show the OA video a couple of times per week, and he will ask them to do a "flash over" to show our Intergroup phone number. They actually made a copy of the video and gave it back to him. He has a list of the phone numbers for ALL the town cable TV offices for anyone who needs it.
- b. RE: Connecticut Clearing House, which is a health services resource library for the State. He contacted them, and they have agreed to send a copy of the OA meeting list to all the professionals on their list.
- c. The 8 videos we have ordered have not come in yet.
- d. Avril will contact Town of Manchester to ask them to include OA information in the green information sheet they hand out to new residents.

OLD BUSINESS:

Traveling Intergroup Committee report – Sue advised that Enfield has also agreed to host a meeting. It was agreed we will schedule them for 2010, as 4 travelling meetings have already been scheduled for 2009.

Meeting List –

- a. Michael reports the Sunday, Avon meeting is closed. Sue will ask a representative of that group if they can donate their step books to the Thursday East Hartford meeting.
- b. Wendy reports the Sunday, Southington meeting is also closed.
- c. This information has been sent to the WebMaster Tina, and the list on our Website is now up to date.
- d. Avril gave some updates on contacts for the Glastonbury, Sunday meeting and that the meeting is being moved temporarily to the school next door (park in back of the church) during renovations to the main building.
- e. Kelly advised the Thursday East Hartford meeting will be moving from Faith Lutheran Church to East Hartford Health & Rehab on Applegate Lane (off Silver Lane) (across from Aldi's -- go to the second nursing home there, use the back door).

This was agreed after she and Trish met with Social Worker Jillian last week. This is intended to be an open meeting that is also available to residents of the nursing home.

Marathon Report –

- a. Kelly provided samples of several items she has made to be sold at the marathon, all very well received, and pricing was set at \$12 for the crystal recovery beads with 12 Step prayer and \$8 for wooden “God Boxes.” Trish moved to give Kelly another \$50 to buy the supplies to make another dozen of the recovery beads, seconded and passed.
- b. Trish suggested that Kelly also make CD’s of OA podcasts to also sell at the marathon. A motion was passed to increase the money for Kelly to \$80 so that she can also make 50 CD’s in envelopes.
- c. Trish also gave Kelly a book of 20 postage stamps for her use as Corresponding Secretary
- d. Clothing Boutique—Avril has volunteered to coordinate this.
- e. Donations to the Marathon --Wendy and others reported the following donations for the raffle:
 1. Books from South Glastonbury
 2. Books from Wednesday, Windsor
 3. Abstinence Support Booklet from Thursday, East Hartford
 4. A “Handy man’s Basket” from Saturday, West Hartford
 5. A basket from Monday, Manchester
 6. A “Patriots Theme Basket” from Willimantic/ Manchester
 7. A “Seascape Basket” from Willimantic/ Manchester
 8. A flower arrangement from Friday, East Hartford
- f. Literature for the marathon has been ordered. It was agreed that there will be a 12% S&H charge for the books and DVDs but just a 5 cent charge for the pamphlets.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The group thanked Sue for starting an Intergroup Newsletter, the first edition of which was sent out earlier this month.
2. World Service -- Motions were made, seconded and passed to donate \$1,200 expenses and \$99 registration fee for a representative of the Intergroup to attend the World Service meeting in May. Michael volunteered to be that representative.
3. Region 6 Meeting, April 18th in Albany – It was agreed that our representatives to that meeting will be Michael and Esther. Kelly and Sue might go as well.
4. WebMaster – Tina has advised that Yahoo has seriously increased their rates (from \$8.95 to \$12.95), and suggests that we switch to “Go Daddy,” which currently is charging \$4.75. This was moved and passed.

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer. Next meeting to be Monday, March 16th.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue H., Recording Secretary