

**Southwestern CT OA Intergroup Meeting**  
**APPROVED Minutes of July 20, 2011**

Present: Ruth M., Nick P., Stella V., Mitsy W., Lisa B., Zazu G., Charlotte W., Vonnie N., Frank B., and Amy M.

1. Opening Prayer- 7:00 p.m.
2. Introductions made
3. Charlotte and Mitsy volunteered to be Minutes Approval Committee.
4. Corresponding Secretary Report- Zazu reported that we received an announcement from World Service that one of the Trustee's stepped down, and applications for new trustee solicited, but date has passed. Location for the Region 6 Assembly has changed to another venue in Albany.
5. Treasurer's Report- Nick explained that expenses unusually high due to annual costs related to sending representatives to the World Service Convention and Income dropped off due to less group contributions, which is common during the summer. Treasurer's Report was approved.
6. Committee Reports-

*Public Information/Outreach-*

Will participate in Milford Oyster Festival on Sat. Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>  
Need volunteers to take 2hour shifts from 10am-6. Need 2 people per shift and currently only have one per shift. Intergroup representatives asked to pass along need to groups and provide Zazu as a contact (203) 877-1678. No longer will be participating in Stratford day because they require participants to have their own insurance.

*Bylaws-*

There is a motion for vote on changing the definition of an OA group to bring intergroup into compliance with World Service. Once this motion has been passed, intention of Bylaw committee to send it as well as past changes to the Trustee as required, which has not been done with the most recent changes and doing so will get us up to date.

*Events-*

No event. Hope to have an event in the Fall. Ruth has asked Intergroup representatives to solicit ideas for format etc.. from groups. The venue in Trumbull has worked well and can be used again her number is (203) 378-1878.

*Website-*

No Report.

*Ad Hoc Intergroup Outreach-* Attendance at July was unusually high, so outreach seems to be working.

*Ad Hoc Big Book Study Committee-* Zazu reported that she is almost finished with the edits and reformatting and will send them to intergroup representatives for review along with next month's packets. Also, upon completion will make them available on the website.

7. IG Literature and Storage- Currently Zazu has a large amount of obsolete literature and financial and other records. Group consensus is that any obsolete literature and old records can be recycled. Motion was passed that Financial records will be maintained for 7 years and all other records can be destroyed. There is some gently used literature and some new literature. Zazu will send a list of all items available for sale to groups to be passed along by IG reps along with the

- costs. The literature will be brought to the next intergroup meeting and anyone wishing to purchase can bring cash and do so at that meeting.
8. Motion to change the definition of an OA group- This motion is required in order to bring us in line with World Service. The Motion was passed.
  9. New Business from the floor- Vonnie asked about the additional tool and about new literature that is available. The additional 9<sup>th</sup> tool was explained and its availability online and can be printed out and added to the current Tools pamphlet explained. It was also noted that World Service changed the definition of Abstinence. Mitsy advised us that the youth Greenwich meeting has closed. Stella and Charlotte reported that there is now an updated speaker list. Speakers were called and new speakers were added to the list as well. The updated list will be emailed to Zazu to be posted on the website and will be sent in the next packet so that representatives can pass it along to groups.
  10. Recap of items that Group Reps report to groups
    - Report on IG vacant service positions: Corresponding Secretary, region 6 representatives and alternates.
    - Volunteers needed for Oyster Festival Shifts: contact Zazu; Ideas needed for Fall event format, etc... contact Ruth; new and gently used literature available for purchase from Intergroup; updated speaker list will be available on website.
  11. Seventh Tradition- \$23.00 collected.
  12. Ad Hoc- Old speaker list to be reviewed and updated- work will be started by Ruth.
  13. Serenity Prayer- Adjournment- 8:15 p.m.

Respectively Submitted: Amy M.