

**Southwestern CT OA Intergroup Meeting
Minutes of September 21, 2011**

Present: Ruth M, Nick P, Zazu G, Yelisa R, and Charlotte W.

1. Opened with Serenity Prayer shortly after 7:00 p.m.
2. All present introduced themselves.
3. Charlotte offered to record the minutes of the meeting and Yelisa and Zazu agreed to serve as the Minutes Approval Committee.
4. The discussion on the workshop, "How do I define abstinence" was deferred until the November meeting.
5. Corresponding Secretary's Report - Zazu reported as the Special Worker handling correspondence for Intergroup that a letter was received from World Service identifying April 30 – May 5, 2012 as the time for the WS Business Conference. The question was raised as to whether SWCT Intergroup will send a representative in 2012 as we have for the past several years and, if so, who. No decision made.
6. Treasurer's Report – Nick reported a net increase in income of \$36.33 since the last report two months ago, generating a balance on hand of \$2,890.42. He noted that group contributions have been declining. The treasurer's report was accepted.

A discussion ensued about how to inform groups of the need for greater contributions to support our Intergroup, especially if we want to send a representative to WSBC. On a motion by Ruth, seconded by Zazu, it was unanimously agreed that Yelisa would prepare a letter to all Groups about our Intergroup's need for financial support and a request that the Group Rep share this letter at every meeting for four weeks. The letter will be reviewed by Ruth before it goes out with the next mailing to Group Reps.
7. Committee Reports:
 - a. Public Information/Public Outreach: Zazu reported the Milford Oyster Festival booth went well. Lisa is now storing the booth canopy, bucket of literature and table; the chairs borrowed from Mike T. have been returned to him. In the future chairs will be borrowed or rented when a booth is needed.
 - b. Bylaws: Zazu reported that the revised Intergroup Bylaws were sent to our Trustee, Mary Rose, who has reviewed them and responded with comments. Yelisa and Zazu will review the comments to see if any further changes are needed before bringing the Bylaws to Intergroup for approval.
 - c. Events: No report
 - d. Website: No report

- e. Ad Hoc Intergroup Outreach Committee: This Committee was formed to try to get increased participation in Intergroup. It is now on hold as members are not sure what more can be done. Efforts thus far have had some good results but they are hard to sustain.
 - f. Ad Hoc Big Book Study Committee: Yelisa reported the work of this Committee is almost completed. The Committee hopes to bring the final document to the November Intergroup meeting.
8. Applications for 2012 Intergroup Service Positions: All positions are open for election. Applications were due at this meeting and were submitted for positions of Vice Chair and Treasurer. No applications were received for Chair, Recording Secretary or Corresponding Secretary. Zazu stated that she will not continue to serve as a Special Worker next year, handling the work of Corresponding Secretary. She is willing to continue her service as Webmaster and maintainer of meeting contacts and lists, interfacing as necessary with World Service. Yelisa indicated her willingness to serve Intergroup in some capacity until she moves next June. Elections will take place at the November meeting and all reps were requested to let their Groups know of Intergroup's service needs.
9. New Business: Zazu shared a request from World Service to support the World Service Delegate Support Fund. Delegates from all U.S. regions and from regions of other countries are able to apply for assistance to attend the WS Business Conference through the Delegate Support Fund. On a motion by Zazu, seconded by Charlotte, it was unanimously agreed to send \$100 to this fund.
10. Recap of items Group Reps are to Report to Groups
Report on positions open for service at Intergroup –
Chair, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, 3 Region 6 Reps, 2 World Service Delegates.
11. Seventh Tradition: collected \$15.00.
12. Serenity Prayer prayed and adjournment at 8:15 p.m.

After the meeting, group reps purchased literature Zazu had brought to the meeting (see minutes of July 20, 2011 for details). A number of items were also provided free to group reps. The amount of money Intergroup made through the sale of this literature will be reported at the November meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte W