

Southwestern Connecticut OA Intergroup Approved MINUTES of January 21, 2009

Present: Bob, Lucille, Barbara, Kitty, Charlotte, Zazu, Samantha, Susan, Annette, Gloriana
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair, Charlotte W. following the Third Step prayer.

1. Reports

A. Recording Secretary - was not present. The group read and approved the minutes of Nov. 19, 2008.

B. Corresponding Secretary - Zazu, pro temp reported on correspondence. She reported dates for Manuscripts from the World Service Business Conference flyer. We were reminded that the Feb. 18th IG meeting is a special meeting to review and make recommendations on motions that will go before WSBC in May. Anyone who has questions regarding the motions can call Samantha. The World Service Convention is scheduled to be in Los Angeles in August 2010 but there are some union issues.

****ACTION NEEDED:** Charlotte will bring this union issue up at the Feb. 18th meeting.

C. Treasurer's report - Zazu, treasurer will bring reconciled statement in March. As of 1/21/09. Our balance was \$3838.23. Zazu explained some other notes on the Annual report section called Group Donations.

D. Subcommittee reports

1) Public Information/Professional Outreach -

- Annette distributed the draft of our Intergroup brochure. KUDOS was given for this wonderful first draft and for all the work Annette has done on it. The flyer will be used to help members know what Intergroup does and encourage Member involvement. Samantha asked for help on getting Lifeline copies into local libraries and also OA Brown book and OA 12 & 12 on the shelves. Several IG reps agreed to approach their local libraries to get the books on their shelves and that we will donate a one year free Lifeline subscription to each library.

****ACTION NEEDED:** To accomplish the distribution of OA info to area libraries, the following IG reps agreed to canvas their local library. Charlotte - Guilford; Susan - Bethel/Danbury; Annette Oakville/Watertown/Southbury(Katie); Samantha - Naugatuck (Kari) Samantha reported on the 15 questions and professional folders.

2) Phone and Website annual report - Zazu reported on 200846 Requests from the phone lines 3,350 website hits (compared to 2006- 3,372 and 2007 - 2,890)

3) Event Committee- Next event will take place Saturday, May 16, 2009 11 - 2. Samantha requested \$100 start up funds . APPROVED.

****ACTION NEEDED:** Danbury groups will provide fund-raising items. Some items will be brought to the February meeting.

4. Old Business

A) Group Rep contacts updated from those who made contacts with former reps.

****ACTION NEEDED: Charlotte will put together a list of Group Representatives for each meeting.**

B. Reg 6 OA Intergroup Handbook Inventory:

Question #7: How can we keep WSO group registrations up to date?

Zazu explained how she and Nick update the website for us.

Question #8: Do we choose our service people with care and consideration placing Principles before personalities? We let anyone who wishes to do Service to do it!

Discussion ensued on how to get people to become IG reps. Samantha recommended that sponsors might help by encouraging sponsees to do service. Annette explained that it is important to be certain IG meetings are safe for people to do service. We should be mindful to keep the tone warm and accepting.

*******ACTION NEEDED: BY ALL: All group reps should email Annette by Feb. 1st with any suggestions for the brochure.**

5. New Business -

A. Election of officers for 2009 - Corresponding secretary was not voted on because he was not Present.

**B. Request for financial support from new meeting in Guilford.
Seventh Traditionbasket was passed (\$27.00 collected).**

Meeting was adjourned with the Serenity prayer at 8:30 p.m.

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