

Southwestern Connecticut Intergroup APPROVED Minutes of March 18, 2009

Present: Susan R., Zazu G., Ruth M., Maria, Jesse M., Annette C, Lucille K., Samantha H., Jackie, Maureen, Bob B.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Susan R. following the Serenity Prayer. Everyone introduced themselves and a list of group reps was passed around to be checked for accuracy.

I. Reports:

A. Recording Secretary: Susan R. presented Jan. 21, 2009 minutes which were reviewed, discussed, amended and approved.

B. Corresponding Secretary: Jesse M. reported no correspondence received.

C. Treasurer:

1. Zazu presented the current statement and reconciled statements for November - January. Reports for Sept./Nov.; Nov./Jan.; Jan./March were discussed and approved.

2. Zazu requested that for ease of bookkeeping, the treasurer's reports be kept by calendar month rather than by intergroup meeting dates as it is currently kept. Motion was made to change the reports to monthly. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

3. Zazu reported that the due date for the fee to reserve a table at Stratford Day is before our next intergroup meeting. A motion was made to approve \$100 for registration fee for Stratford Day. Motion passed.

D. World Service: The results of World Service purposed motions voted on in February were sent out to all group reps in mailing.

II. Subcommittees:

A. Public Information-Out Reach-Events

1. Samantha reported on telephone committee meeting.

a. Sign up sheet was passed for people to attend a local meeting that has no intergroup rep and give a brief pitch on intergroup, hopefully attracting members to participate in intergroup events and attend intergroup meetings and ultimately have someone sign up as a group rep.

b. The event planned for May 16 "A Few of My Favorite Things" is coming along. Volunteers are needed for set up and break down. Flyers went out to all group reps in last mailing. Lucille is taking care of publicity on Channel 13. A volunteer is being sought to get publicity into the newspaper.

c. Input for informational flyer on all that intergroup does was also discussed and referred to Annette.

2. Annette presented a draft of the flyer/brochure on all that intergroup does. After discussion it was sent back to committee to be fine tuned. Drafts may be duplicated and used in the meantime. Annette was thanked for her hard work and great service.

3. Library Canvas

a. Bethel, Danbury, Newtown, & New Milford public libraries are receiving for circulation copies of the books **OA 12 & 12** & **Overeaters Anonymous** which are being purchased & donated by local OA groups. It was suggested that IG reps approach their local meetings about purchasing & donating copies of **OA 12 & 12** & **Overeaters Anonymous** to local libraries. It was also suggested that the library be checked first to be sure the books will indeed be placed on the shelves for circulation and not given away, as libraries often do with donated books.

b. 10 **Lifeline** subscriptions are currently being received by libraries. Libraries are still being approached about accepting subscriptions.

III. Old Business

A. Letter to World Service A letter to World Service drafted by intergroup Chair Charlotte was distributed. It was addressed to WSO Managing Director regarding the location of the World Service 2010 Convention at Los Angeles International Airport. Charlotte wanted to draw to the WSO attention that she felt holding the convention at that venue was in violation of Tradition 10 which states that OA ought never be drawn into public controversy. The controversy is that hotel workers at the venue are demonstrating to form a union and WSO is choosing to ignore the demonstration and urging members to attend the convention. Motion to send the letter was made. Discussion followed. Particulars will be checked. Motion denied and tabled until revisions can be reviewed at next meeting. (May 20)

B. Region 6 OA Intergroup Handbook Inventory

1. Question #9 Is anonymity honored within intergroup?

Each member was polled and the consensus was YES.

2. Question #10 Is an opportunity given to each and every member to participate in the intergroup's activities ?

Each member was polled and the consensus was YES.

IV. New Business

A. Election of Corresponding Secretary Jesse M. was unanimously voted to fill this position and thanked for his service.

B. Request for Start-up money for new meetings: There is a new HOW meeting Sat. 10:30 a.m. in New Haven beginning in April 4. Motion was made to give \$75 to the new meetings. Motion passed. Maria passed out flyers with info on the new meeting for group reps to pass out at their home meetings

C. Seventh Tradition- \$29.19 was collected.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 followed by serenity prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth M.

Actions Needed Before Next Meeting (May 20):

-Library Issues (check w/ local libraries re Lifeline subscriptions and putting OA books into circulation

-solicit help from local group members for May 16 event

-Susan will check w/ Charlotte about WSO letter re convention

-volunteer needed to get publicity for May 16 event into the newspaper

-consider volunteering to go to meeting w/ no IG rep to pitch on IG