

Minutes of the MWI Business Meeting

July 21, 2018

In attendance were Ed R. Recording Secretary, Rachel S. Treasurer, Nate O.(via Zoom), Merideth D. from the Wednesday Harvard Square meeting , Jen B. Chair, Bob K. from the Sunday J.P. meeting, Diane R. from the Tuesday Newton meeting, Margaret Ann B. Corresponding Secretary, Sue M. from the Monday Holliston meeting, Lisa Dee P.W. from the Wednesday Newton Corner meeting, Nancy G.P. Social Media Coordinator(via Zoom), Blair P. Vice-Chair. and Sue A.

Jen B. opened the meeting at 9:05 am. with the Serenity Prayer and an introduction of those present and the purpose of our meeting and its etiquette. Bob K. read the 12 Steps, Lisa Dee P.W. read the 12 Traditions, and Diane R. read the Concept of the Month.

Bob K. and Lisa Dee P.W.. volunteered to review the minutes of the meeting.

Rachel S. gave the treasurer's report. It included a summary of the expenses and loss of the 2018 Retreat and the second quarter group donations.

Nate O. and Margaret Ann B. reported that website is up to date. The punch list has been completed and running smooth.

Lisa Dee P.W. reported that she has talked with a few agents about liability insurance, and we will probably have to have an umbrella policy. She will talk to a few intergroups to see what they have done.

The Sponsor Bank is progressing. Jen B. has set up the email address sponsorship@metrowestoa.org and the mail will go to Lisa Dee P.W. Sue A. and Sue M. presented an outline of a flier for the Sponsorship Bank. Lisa Dee P. W. will work with Sue A. to set up a Google phone number.

Margaret Ann B. handed out fliers for the “Nuts and Bolts of Sponsorship” workshop for Saturday, August 18, from 1:30 to 4:00 pm. at the Spaulding Hospital (formerly called Youville Hospital) 1575 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA. Registration will open at 1 pm. Margaret Ann has experienced sponsors lined up for the event, but she is looking for a person who has just recently begun to sponsor to be on the panel. Several members at the meeting volunteered to play roles in skits that Margaret Ann B. will prepare to show different kinds of calls between a sponsor and sponsoree.

Jen B. reported that the Abstinence workshop will take place on September 8th at the Spaulding Hospital. There is a format on www.oa.org available to us. Registration will begin at 1:00 pm and the program will run from 1:30 to 3:30. A flier will be coming out shortly.

Nancy G.P. has volunteered to be our Social Media Coordinator. We need to decide how we are going to be followed on the media. Should we set up a public group on Facebook or a secret group where you need to be approved so you could join? Nate suggested to set up ads on Facebook so that when people click on the ads they can be contacted. The group voted to set up the ads because we want this to be for public outreach. Blair will investigate how the Region 6 public interest/professional outreach committee is dealing with Instagram and Twitter.

Blair will be attending the Intergroup Renewal Training Workshop Thursday evening September 27th and Friday September 18, 2018 in Albany. Nate may also attend if he cannot find transportation to the Region Assembly on Friday.

Blair P. will bring a white Kindle to the intergroup meeting next month for the Raffle Basket for the Region 6 Convention October 26th, 27th, and 28th 2018 in Portland, Maine . She will also buy a \$50 gift certificate to download program literature. A note will be placed in the basket to suggest this. Jen B. will supply the basket portion of our gift.

Because of time constraints the Diversity Report and Pay Pal Fees items on the agenda were tabled.

We voted \$2,500 worth of scholarships for the Hotel and Meal Plan for the 2018 Region 6 Convention . A subcommittee made up of Nate O., Lisa Dee P.W., Blair P., and Bob K. will develop a proposal on how to disperse this money.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am. with Rozanne's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed R. Recording Secretary