

Minutes of the MWI Business Meeting
June 16, 2018

In attendance were Ed R. Recording Secretary, Rachel S. Treasurer, Nate O.(via Zoom) 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, and guests Patty B. 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, Blair P. read the 12 Traditions, and Sue M. read the Concept of the Month.

Bob K. and Sue M. volunteered to review the minutes of the meeting.

Rachel S. gave the treasurer's report. Ticket Leap is sending a check for \$3,850. Sponsorship Packets have been bought for our events. Literature sales from the retreat will be on July's report.

Margaret Ann B. reported that the 2018 MWI Retreat held June 8 to June 10, at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Wareham, MA was successful. Forty-seven people participated. There was overwhelming positive response to the retreat. There are still concerns by the committee that the Center is not handicap accessible and funds may be lacking for the maintenance of the facility. Many participants learned about the retreat from fliers. Participants came from all over New England.

Nate O. said that website is up to date. We will receive Google analytics next month. Nate is going to test the Pay Pal application for group donations. Ed will ask Tom to upload to the link and men's flier from the www.oamen.org website.

Liability insurance was tabled as Lisa Dee P.W. was unable to attend.

Lisa Dee P.W. did tell Jen B. that she would be the Sponsorship Bank coordinator until the program is fully operational. Blair P. will help with the clerical work on the necessary Google document. We need to set up a Google phone number for the coordinator. A questionnaire for Sponsors will be linked to the Blast. Nate will help set up the Google form. Jen B. will request the link sponsorship@metrowestoa.org be set up. Sue A. and Sue M. will work on a flier for the Sponsorship Bank.

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.

Jen B. is organizing an Abstinence workshop for September 8th . There was no further update on her report.

A Social Media Coordinator is still needed. It was resolved that the candidate for this position have one year of abstinence. It will not be a one year commitment. Nate will prepare a statement for the Blast and meeting reps.

There will be an Intergroup Renewal Training Workshop Thursday evening September 27th and Friday

September 18, 2018 in Albany. This is the day before the Region 6 assembly on September 29. Blair P. is interested in going. Sue M. and Patty B. are also interested depending on their work schedule.

The Raffle Basket for the Region 6 Convention October 26th, 27th, and 28th 2018 in Portland, Maine was approved. It was agreed that we would donate a kindle loaded with the Big Book, For Today and Voices of Recovery. Blair P. will buy the Kindle and be reimbursed. Jen B. will supply the basket portion of our gift.

Diversity is an issue for OA. MWI is looking for ways that we can carry the message to underrepresented minority groups. A subcommittee of Jen B., Margaret Ann B. Lisa Dee P.W. Blair P. and Sue M. was formed. Ed advised the committee to consult the WSBC report from 2017. The 2018 WSBC report will be available in August.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ed R. Recording Secretary