

Minutes of the MWI Business Meeting  
April 15, 2017

In attendance were Ed R. Recording Secretary, Lisa Dee P. W. from the Tuesday Newton meeting, Jen B Chairperson, Valerie H. Region Delegate, Sharon from the Wednesday Newton meeting, Elizabeth G from the Sunday Brookline meeting, Rebecca B. from the Monday Brookline meeting, Rachel S. Treasurer, Blair P. Vice-Chairperson, Margaret Ann B. Acting Corresponding Secretary.

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 it's etiquette. Margaret Ann B. led a choral response of the 12 Steps, Rebecca B. read the 12 Traditions, and Blair P. read the concept of the month.

Margaret Ann B. and Blair P. volunteered to review the minutes of the meeting.

Rachel S. gave the treasurer's report and informed us that all expenses were paid including the renewal of the post office box. A suggestion was made that the budget be included in the monthly treasurer's report to help guide spending. A quarterly report on group donations was also distributed. There is a new page on the website titled 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition At Work. Jen B. entertained a motion to post treasurer's reports on the website. It was unanimously passed.

The MWI Webmaster position is in transition. Ann M. and Elizabeth G. are working together. Elizabeth is going to consult with Margaret Ann B. about streamlining the way information is channeled to the webmaster.

The next 12 Steps in 5 Hours workshop will be in Jamaica Plain on June 10, 2017.

Jen B and Lisa Dee P.W. gave an update on the MWI Retreat June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Wareham MA. There were some concerns that the retreat was not sold out yet, but Jen B. and Lisa Dee P.W. will make certain with the retreat center and leader that this event will happen.

Sharon informed us that the Sponsorship workshop hosted by the Wednesday am. HOW meeting was being held May 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 11 am at the Newton Wellesley Auditorium. Suzanne had purchased literature for the event. It was voted on unanimously to reimburse her for the literature. Margaret Ann B. informed us that we do have a stock of MWI literature in her possession.

Margaret Ann was voted in unanimously as Corresponding Secretary.

Jen B. informed us that the MWI Bylaws are now compliant with the World Service Bylaws.

Lisa Dee P.W. reported that the attendance at Region 6 Assembly was low and little business was done. There will be a workshop at the fall Assembly on bylaws.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am with Rozanne's prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Minutes of the MWI Business Meeting  
December 16, 2017

In attendance were Ed R. Recording Secretary, Rachel S. Treasurer, Lisa Dee P. W. from the Wednesday 7:15 am How meeting NewtonRegion 6 Rep and World Service Delegate, Nate O. from the Wednesday Harvard Square meeting(via Skype), Blair P. Vice Chair, Jen B. Chair, and Elizabeth G. from the Sunday Brookline meeting.

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. Elizabeth G. read the 12 Steps, Lisa Dee P.W. read the 12 Traditions, and Ed R. read the Concept of the Month.

Lisa Dee P. W. and Elizabeth G. volunteered to review the minutes of the meeting.

Rachel S. gave the treasurer's report. She informed us that the rent for the P. O. box was paid in March, 2017 and was good for one year and will be automatically renewed. Rachel will form a committee to present a budget for 2018 at the January meeting.

Metro West Intergroup in cooperation with North Shore Intergroup, MBI, Cape Cod Intergroup, Central MA will be hosting Unity Day on February 24, 2018 with the theme of OA World Service's Year of Diversity within OA. We have not yet heard from South Coastal but Jen will try to contact them again. Different focus groups will be represented and Ed R. will represent the Mens Focus Groups. The Newton Wellesley Auditorium has been reserved for that day between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm. At 2:30 we will hold a moment of silence.

Margaret Ann informed the board via voicemail that a deposit for the 2018 MWI Retreat, June 8 to June 10, had been sent in to the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Wareham, MA.

We want to have an Intergroup Inventory or Action Plan. Based on the Intergroup Officer Training Workshop held November 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> 2017, Jen B. suggested that we review the Intergroup Renewal Process and choose one or two actionable items including a membership survey. need to do is survey We will be holding a special meeting in January to plan a survey. We need to determine who we are going to survey, what information we want to gather, how will it be built,and what we want to do with the results.

Nate O. suggested putting together a Sponsor bank to be hosted on our website. Lisa Dee P.W. agreed to design a draft form and send it out to the Intergroup members for feedback and edits.

Ed R. and Lisa Dee P.W. will complete their terms as delegates to the World Service Business Conference April 23,2018 to April 28, 2018. We are entitled to 3 delegates. Jen B. will be our third delegate. Registration applications must be filled out and brought to the January meeting for appropriate signatures.

Nate O. and Blair P. will be the delegates to the Region 6 Assembly on April 14, 2018.

The prudent reserve and the Seventh Tradition funds from the closed Thursday meeting were allotted to

the new Brookline Tuesday meeting.

Rachel S. was allotted \$50.00 to buy appropriate OA pamphlets for the Brookline Teen Center.

Intergroup will not sponsor a remembrance meeting for Judy C. because of O. A.'s tradition of Anonymity but we are willing to publicize the information in our email blast.

Elizabeth G. proposed that we hire a webmaster to improve, upgrade and add e-commerce to our website. Ed will ask Steve M. if he would like the position, and Jen will ask other webmasters of OA sites.

The Liability Insurance for our intergroup was tabled until next month. Lisa Dee P. W. will investigate how other intergroups handle this situation.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 am. with Rozanne's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes of the MWI Business Meeting  
July 15, 2017

In attendance were Ed R. Recording Secretary, Lisa Dee P. W. Region 6 Rep and World Service Delegate, Jen B Chairperson, Rachel S. Treasurer, Terri O. from the Tuesday Newton meeting, Marcy M. from the Framingham Sunday meeting, Nate O from the Wednesday Cambridge meeting and Margaret Ann B. Corresponding Secretary

Jen B. opened the meeting at 9:06 am. with the Serenity Prayer and an introduction of those present and the purpose of our meeting and its etiquette. Terri O. read the 12 Steps, Lisa Dee P. W. read the 12 Traditions, and Marcy M. read the Concept of the Month.

Terri O. and Marcy M. volunteered to review the minutes of the meeting.

Rachel S. gave the treasurer's report. It included the donation to the New Zealand Delegate to the WSBC Conference and the quarterly 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions from MWI meetings. Because Rachel S. had to leave early the topic of a reimbursement policy to MWI groups for sponsored activities was discussed. Margaret Ann B. suggested we set up a policy manual for this and other procedures so that each board will have direction in these types of matters. Terri O. will write up a policy statement reflecting if, and when groups need to be given money in advance or reimbursed for items above and beyond any 7<sup>th</sup> tradition collections. We will vote on this next month.

The MWI Webmaster position has been handed over to Elizabeth G. She is in transition at the moment and has limited computer access. The June minutes of the business meeting were uploaded to the website. The question of groups being able to contribute electronically to our intergroup was raised and tabled until September when Elizabeth could confer with Ann about how this could be done.

Margaret Ann B. gave a report on the July 8<sup>th</sup> Public information event at Newton Wellesley Hospital. A mother and daughter who saw the event on the Newton Wellesley Hospital website attended. Margaret Ann B. said that the Facebook ad was clicked on 19 times and people in the area who had inquired about food issues saw it on their news feed. She thought that it was a good way to get the name Overeaters Anonymous out to the public. Nate O. suggested that this is a good way to target a younger audience. Margaret Ann B. and Lisa Dee P.W. will discuss how to use these ads in the future.

Jen B. was elected as Region 6 Delegate.

Hosting Unity Day in February 2018 was tabled until next month as Lisa Dee P.W. had to leave early.

Ed R. brought up the disbursement of the 10 registrations purchased for the Region 6 convention in Toronto in October. Margaret Ann B. will put a notice out in the next blast. People can respond by email to [info@metrowestoa.org](mailto:info@metrowestoa.org).

Jen B. informed us that Milford Wednesday meeting has rejoined MWI.

Nate O. informed us the the Cambridge Friday night B.B. Meeting was moved to Youville Hospital.

Margaret Ann B. suggested for New Business we determine how people that attend the MWI business meetings and do not attend the 7:15 meeting at Newton Wellesley Hospital will be reimbursed for

parking.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am with Rozanne's prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ed R., Recording Secretary

Minutes of the MWI Business Meeting  
June 17, 2017

In attendance were Ed R. Recording Secretary, Lisa Dee P. W. Region 6 Rep and World Service Delegate, Jen B Chairperson, Rachel S. Treasurer, Terri O. from the Tuesday Newton meeting, Toni F. from the Framingham Sunday meeting, Blair P. Vice-Chairperson, Patty B. guest, Marianne from the Friday Acton meeting, Elizabeth G. from the Sunday Brookline meeting.

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. Blair P. read the 12 Steps, Lisa Dee P. W. read the 12 Traditions, and Terri O. read the concept of the month.

Toni F. and Elizabeth G. volunteered to review the minutes of the meeting.

Rachel S. gave the treasurer's report. The Sponsorship Workshop and June Retreat expenses and payments will be reflected in the July report.

It was proposed and seconded that MWI intergroup support the 12 Steps in 5 Hours Workshop twice a year up to \$250 per session. The motion was unanimously passed.

The MWI Webmaster position has been handed over to Elizabeth G. She will be able to maintain the website. The discussion of hiring a consultant to add or subtract from the website was tabled until the fall.

Lisa Dee P.W. and Jen B gave a report on the June retreat. It was a success. Lisa shared the 19 evaluation forms with us. Rachel S. gave an expense report. We lost \$535.80. The retreat center was reserved for next year. No deposit was given because the center has been offered for sale.

The posters for the July 8<sup>th</sup> Public information event at Newton Wellesley Hospital were distributed to be placed in public areas, community centers, gyms, etc.

Ed R. announced that he had informed World Service that the Monday night meeting at the Paulist Center on Park Street in Boston had been closed. Elizabeth will watch for it to be pulled from [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) and from metrowest.aa.org websites. Judy C has already taken it off her paper copy.

The Saturday Plainfield meeting has been sending in donations to our intergroup for some months. They were informed that as soon as they change their intergroup designation with World Service to MWI they will be welcomed to join us.

Jen B. presented us with an idea that was forwarded by OA Isreal concerning publicizing OA on internet news and social media websites. Lisa Dee P.W. will inquire about placing Public Information material on the Gatehouse Publications websites and the Patch websites in the communities where we have meetings.

The reimbursement policy to groups hosting MWI sponsored events and the hosting of Unity Day in February of 2018 were postponed until next month due to time constraints.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 am with Rozanne's prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Minutes of the MWI Business Meeting  
May 20, 2017

In attendance were Ed R. Recording Secretary, Lisa Dee P. W. Region 6 Rep and World Service Delegate, Jen B Chairperson, Sharon from the Wednesday Newton meeting, Rachel S. Treasurer, Margaret Ann B. Corresponding Secretary, Terri O. from the Tuesday Newton meeting, Toni F. from the Framingham Sunday meeting, and Nate O. from the Wednesday Cambridge meeting.

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. Terri O. read the 12 Steps, Toni F. read the 12 Traditions, and Rachel S. read the concept of the month.

Lisa Dee P.W. and Terri O. volunteered to review the minutes of the meeting.

Rachel S. gave the treasurer's report which included the budget. The bills from the recent Sponsorship Workshop have not been submitted yet that is why there are no expenses listed yet. The leader of the coming June Retreat has had his travel expenses paid.

Rachel S. also reported that the June 10<sup>th</sup> 12 Steps in 5 Hours workshop has been canceled. It will probably be rescheduled for 2 workshops a year in September and March. There was some discussion about whether the group ("12 Steps in 5 Hours") should continue to be called a "self-supporting meeting" rather than a repeating MWI sponsored workshop. Margaret Ann offered that it should continue to be an Intergroup goal to have more repeating events and to get more people involved to run them; our treasury can afford this. Further discussion of whether 12 Steps in 5 Hour should be a regularly subsidized event was tabled pending a review of the pros and cons from last year's minutes about this topic.

The MWI Webmaster position has been handed over to Elizabeth G. She will be able to maintain the website but feels that if improvements are needed in the future, professional expertise may be needed with a cost implication.

Lisa Dee P.W. gave an overview of the WSBC. There will be a revised OA 12 and 12 coming out in the fall of 2018. Also there will be a new pamphlet coming out about Maintaining a Healthy Body Weight. There was a Sponsorship Day created on the third Saturday of August. Adding Mindfulness as a new Tool was defeated because it is embodied in Step 11. OA's Unity with Diversity was the theme of this year's WSB Conference with the aim of fostering more diversity in OA. Representatives from many countries from around the world were in attendance. World Service has a dedicated translation fund to help meet this goal.

Jen B and Lisa Dee P.W. gave an update on the upcoming MWI Retreat June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Wareham MA. There are 40 participants registered. Only a few spots are left. Lisa Dee P.W. will confirm the deadline. Margaret Ann B. has bought the necessary literature for the retreat.

Sharon reported that the Sponsorship workshop May 13<sup>th</sup> was well attended (about 50). There was a recording of the workshop made with some technical difficulties and the quality of the recording will be reviewed before deciding to upload to the website. All sponsorship literature was sold. It was suggested that groups buy the sponsorship packets because they were so popular. There is a template being prepared for people to follow to put on similar events.

Because of time constraints Jen B proposed to table until next month all new business except for the Public Information Event until next month. Margaret Ann B. proposed to have a public information event on July 8<sup>th</sup> at Newton Wellesley Hospital. The general public will be invited to come in and hear from speakers who will share what has OA done for them. Posters with tear off sheets will be posted in stores and in the hospital. The motion was carried unanimously. It was also suggested that a similar workshop be done later at the Boston Medical Center with the goal of having a more diverse audience.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ed R., Recording Secretary



Minutes of the MWI Business Meeting  
November 18, 2017

In attendance were Ed R. Recording Secretary, Terri O. from the Tuesday Newton meeting, Rachel S. Treasurer, Toni F. from the Sunday Framingham meeting, Lisa Dee P. W. Region 6 Rep and World Service Delegate, Nate O. from the Wednesday Harvard Square meeting, Blair P. Vice Chair, Jen B. Chair, Veronica C. & Sue M. from the Holliston Monday meeting, and Margaret Ann B. Corresponding Secretary.

Jen B. opened the meeting at 9:07 am. with the Serenity Prayer and an introduction of those present and the purpose of our meeting and its etiquette. Veronica C. read the 12 Steps, Terri O. read the 12 Traditions, and Blair P. read the Concept of the Month.

Terri O. and Blair P. volunteered to review the minutes of the meeting.

Rachel S. gave the treasurer's report. All the third quarter contributions had been sent in to Region 6 and World Service. It was noted that our budgeted goals to spend down our prudent reserves have fallen short. We need to give more scholarships, sponsor more events and contribute more to the delegate fund.

Toni O. presented the new reimbursement form. It was accepted with a few changes and combined into one form. Blair P. will combine it with the reimbursement policy statement into one file and forward it to Elizabeth G. to be made available electronically on the website.

The parking reimbursement for MWI Business Meeting attendees was made moot when Suzanne D. asked Newton Wellesley Hospital to use the Saturday 7:15 am meeting's parking vouchers for the HOW Workshop and was told that the vouchers could be used for any OA event.

A committee consisting of Margaret Ann B., Veronica C., Nate O., Blair P. and Toni F. was formed for the 2018 MWI retreat.

Metro West Intergroup in cooperation with North Shore Intergroup, MBI, and Cape Cod intergroup will be hosting Unity Day on February 24, 2018 with the theme of OA World Service's Year of Diversity within OA. We are waiting to hear from Newton Wellesley Hospital to see if this date is available. An alternative site may be the First Baptist Church in Newton Center.

Sue M. will temporarily take over the key and pick up mail from our post office box in Needham. Rachel S. will check to see when the lease is up. Margaret Ann B. and Steve M. are now listed with Voice Nation to return phone messages for any phone calls to our information number.

Sue M. and Veronica C. from the Holliston Monday meeting were looking for assistance in planning a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for the oldest meeting in New England. They will try to have a panel of long timers along with historical records and memorabilia. The event is tentatively scheduled for March.

Jen B., Nate O and Rachel S. reported on the Intergroup Officer Training Workshop held November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 2017. Their presentation stressed an inventory process to get more people involved to do service. Intergroup is more than just board members and meeting reps. Everyone who is a member of an OA group is de facto a member of its Intergroup with the purpose of carrying a clear message of

recovery. We need to show strong recovery to attract newcomers. We need to use technology more. Our website is an important tool. It gets the message out. We could set up speaker banks, sponsorship banks and Facebook ads. This ongoing conversation was tabled to next month.

According to our by-laws, nominations and elections were held for Chair, Vice Chair, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary. All office holders volunteered to serve one more year and were unanimously elected.

World Service Delegate is a 2-year term. Ed R. and Blair P. are available to serve; Lisa Dee P. W. is not sure if she could go.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes of the MWI Business Meeting  
September 16, 2017

In attendance were Ed R. Recording Secretary, Terri O. from the Tuesday Newton meeting, Rachel S. Treasurer, Toni F. from the Sunday Framingham meeting, Elizabeth G. from the Brookline Sunday meeting, and Blair P. Vice Chair.

Blair P. opened the meeting at 9:06 am. with the Serenity Prayer and an introduction of those present and the purpose of our meeting and its etiquette. Jen B. was in Albany N.Y at the Region 6 assembly. Terri O. read the 12 Steps, Toni F. read the 12 Traditions, and Rachel S. read the Concept of the Month.

Toni F. and Elizabeth G. volunteered to review the minutes of the meeting.

Rachel S. gave the treasurer's report. All bills have been paid. This months 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition donations will be reflected in next month's report.

The MWI Webmaster position has been handed over to Elizabeth G. She paid the domain fee. She reiterated that she has maintained the web site and has done edits but may not be able to improve or add additional functions to the web site. Elizabeth suggested that we look at the site in 6 months to see if we need a consultant to improve the site. She will update the host and domain payment sites with the intergroup's debit card.

Terri O. presented the draft of the policy for reimbursement of group sponsored events from MWI. She will add language concerning over-payment by the intergroup and resubmit the draft for a vote next month. Toni F. will design an application for reimbursement to accompany the policy.

During the reimbursement discussion the subject of individual groups dividing their 7<sup>th</sup> tradition among MWI, Region 6, and World Service arose. Rachel S. suggested that this division was not necessary because she did it with the money she dispersed with the acknowledgment of groups by group number.

Hosting Unity Day in February 2018 and the Parking Reimbursement for MWI Business Meeting attendees was tabled as Margaret Ann B and Lisa Dee P. W. were not present. Scott from Newton Wellesley Hospital needs to be contacted according to the sign in the meeting room.

Ed R. brought up the concern that I.D.E. A. Day (The International Day of Experiencing Abstinence) is November 18<sup>th</sup>. According to the WSO Blast, members should consult their local intergroup. Because of this and our reimbursement policy we will have a meeting on the regular day next month although it conflicts with the Region 6 convention. Blair P will chair the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 am. with Rozanne's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes of the MWI Business Meeting  
February 18, 2017

In attendance were Ed R. Recording Secretary, Lisa Dee P. W. Region 6 Delegate, Blair P. Vice - Chairperson, Suzanne D. visitor, Valerie H. from the Wednesday Newton meeting, Kim visitor.

Blair P. opened the meeting at 9:07 am. with the Serenity Prayer. Valerie H. read the 12 Steps, Lisa Dee P.W. read the 12 Traditions, and Suzanne D. read the concept of the month.

Blair P. and Lisa Dee P.W. volunteered to review the minutes of the meeting within 3 days of being sent the meeting minutes.

There was no treasurer's report as Rachel S was not able to attend the meeting due to illness.

The MWI Calendar was not reviewed. It was agreed that the calendar would be reviewed every other meeting.

How to distribute the 10 Early Bird registrations purchased for the Region 6 Convention in October 2017 was tabled until the next meeting.

The 12 Steps in 5 Hours workshop will be in Jamaica Plain on March 4, 2017.

The board voted to elect Margaret Ann B. as our interim Corresponding Secretary until she can attend a meeting and be elected.

Lisa Dee P.W. had nothing new to report on the recent IDEA Day workshop. It was agreed that we would not send a basket to the Unity workshop on February 25, 2017.

Blair P. will request an update from Jenn P. concerning working with MBI on public information events.

Valerie H. is unable to serve as WSBC delegate. Lisa Dee P.W. volunteered to take her place.

Suzanne D. is looking for assistance in setting up a workshop to Celebrate Sponsorship. This event will be sponsored by the Wednesday morning Newton meeting that will happen in the near future, probably in early May. Lisa Dee P.W. will consult with Suzanne D. Lisa Dee P.W. will also create a 1-page summary with previous contacts to set up workshops to help facilitate future creation of workshops. Valerie H. will report on the progress of the workshop to our intergroup.

Lisa Dee P.W. gave an update on the annual MWI Retreat in Wareham, MA. The cost for the leader is \$162 for room and meals and \$345 for airfare. The cost to participants will be \$175 which includes a \$10 internet registration fee and 5 meals (3 on Saturday and 2 on Sunday). This is \$14 more than last year's cost to participants. Additionally, Lisa Dee P.W. asked the members if a \$3/person revenue was appropriate. All attendees agreed it was. Finally, the title of and image used to promote the retreat was discussed. Initially, the term and image of a "revolving door" was used. Members felt that this might be too dismal. The appropriate title of and image used to promote the

Retreat was discussed – Lisa Dee P.W. suggested “Navigating the ups and downs of relapse” as the title and use of an escalator as the image for promotion of the event. Lisa Dee P.W. will discuss with Steve and Margaret Ann B. They will decide together what the best image for event promotion is and will move forward with creating the flyer. The retreat will run from Friday 7:00 pm (no supper) to Sunday morning.

We discussed promoting other OA events. We decided that we would promote them as long as they are not contemporaneous with MWI events. Our retreat is scheduled on the same day as the Western MA retreat. When a flier is provided, each MWI member's assistance is needed to publicize the event at their meetings.

The rest of the meeting was spent reviewing the WSBC Agenda Questionnaire Summary. It was agreed that items E, N, and 2 should not be on the agenda. Because not all board members were in attendance to vote, Blair P. will send out a blast asking people to send any additional comments by 2/24/17. Ed R. will send the MWI response to WSO and postmark it by March 2, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am with Rozanne's prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ed R.  
Recording Secretary

Minutes of the MWI Business Meeting  
January 21, 2017

In attendance there were Ed R. Recording Secretary, Elizabeth G. Sunday Brookline meeting, Lisa Dee P. W. visitor, Jen B. Chairperson, Blair P. Brookline Monday Women's meeting, Heather L. visitor, Meg van B. Newton Tuesday meeting, Deb D. visitor, Rachel S. Treasurer.

Jen B. opened the meeting at 9:10 am. with the Serenity Prayer. Heather L. read the 12 Steps, Ed R. read the 12 Traditions, and Meg van B. read the concept of the month.

Blair P. and Elizabeth G. volunteered to review the minutes of the meeting within 1 week of being sent the meeting minutes.

Rachel S. gave the treasurer's report for the fourth quarter of 2016 and January of 2017. Rachel S

How to distribute the 10 Early Bird registrations purchased for the Region 6 Convention in October 2017 was tabled.

Rachel S. informed us that the next two 12 Steps in 5 Hours workshops will be in Jamaica Plain on March 4 and June 10. There is a flier on the website.

Blair P. was elected Co-chairperson. Elections for the Corresponding Secretary will be held in February. Margaret Ann B. expressed a willingness to provide service as the Corresponding Secretary. She was out of town but will be at the February business meeting. Lisa Dee P.W. will reach out to Liz (current Corresponding Secretary who now lives in NY) to ask if she's willing to do service and remain as the Corresponding Secretary until MWI IG can elect the next Corresponding Secretary.

Blair P. will confirm with Jenn P. to be liaison with MBI concerning public information activities. Two conferences that are being discussed are the Harvard University sponsored conference March 3 – 4 and the NPACE conference Nov 4-7, 2017.

Rachel S. presented the report from the budget committee. Their working budget was accepted. It is not a balanced budget because we want to spend down our excess monies. Rachel S. will make the budget available on the website. Jen B. will provide access to her personal MWI IG/OA Google Drive folder to each member of the MWI IG.

The request from the Thursday night meeting for \$100 for literature for their literature meeting was accepted. Consideration for the newcomers attending the meeting was the rationale.

Lisa Dee P.W.'s calendar will be used to coordinate our activities each month.

Blair P. will chair the February meeting. Jen B. will be absent. Elizabeth G. will not be physically present but will call into the meeting. Jen B. will send out the agenda questionnaire for the WSBC and ask people to review it to see before our next meeting so that we could see which items need to be discussed.

February 25<sup>th</sup> is Unity Day. South Coastal Intergroup and Cape Cod Intergroup are sponsoring an event from 1 to 4 pm at the Beth Israel New England Deaconess Hospital in Plymouth. Lisa Dee P.W. will see if support is needed for this event. \$250 was allocated if needed for this event. Lisa Dee P.W. also will explore obtaining a list of email addresses for the chairpersons of other

intergroups in Mass.

Lisa Dee P.W. is the new Region 6 Assembly Delegate.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am with Rozanne's prayer.

Respectfully Submitted  
Ed R.

Minutes of the MWI Business Meeting  
March 18, 2017

In attendance were Ed R. Recording Secretary, Lisa Dee P. W. from the Tuesday Newton meeting, Jen B Chairperson, Steve M. visitor, Valerie H. from the Wednesday Newton meeting, Elizabeth G from the Sunday Brookline meeting, Rebecca B. from the Monday Brookline meeting, Rachel S. Treasurer.

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 it's etiquette. Elizabeth G. read the 12 Steps, Rebecca B read the 12 Traditions, and Steve M. read the concept of the month.

Valerie H. and Elizabeth G. volunteered to review the minutes of the meeting.

Rachel S. gave the treasurer's report and informed us that all bills were paid and donations sent.

New Business was dealt with first so that Steve M. could give the presentation that he was invited for. Steve presented three posters for our consideration to be submitted to the World Service Public Information Contest. It was unanimously voted to enter the poster with a yellow background that had a hand hovering over a doughnut and a smartphone.

The MWI Webmaster position will be open within the next month. We appreciated the work that Ann M. has done. Elizabeth G. is interested in the position on a voluntary basis as long as workload and expectations remain the same. Elizabeth is going to consult with Ann about the position and transfer of responsibilities.

Lisa Dee P.W. was voted in as WSBC Representative.

The MWI Calendar was reviewed. Hotel Reservations have been made by Ed and Lisa for the WSBC.

April 8<sup>th</sup> is the next Region 6 Assembly. Lisa Dee P.W. will attend. While at the Assembly she will coordinate with the Region 6 Convention Committee how to distribute the 10 Early Bird registrations purchased for the Region 6 Convention in October 2017.

The next 12 Steps in 5 Hours workshop will be in Jamaica Plain on June 10, 2017.

Lisa Dee P.W. gave an update on the MWI Retreat June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Wareham MA. She asked everyone to please get the word out at meetings about the retreat. Steve brought a box of fliers that were made available and distributed among those present. The title of the retreat is "Using the 12 Steps to Navigate the Ups and Downs of Relapse. The emphasis will be on relapse.

Blair was not present to update us about liaison with MBI events but Rebecca B. informed us that Jenn P. will be a liaison.

Lisa Dee P.W. put out a suggestion to approach human resource departments and their EAP s (Employee Assistance Program) for a professional outreach program. She will prepare a blurb for the blast to explore this idea.



The meeting adjourned at 10:13 am with Rozanne's prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ed R.  
Recording Secretary

Minutes of the MWI Business Meeting  
October 21, 2017

In attendance were Ed R. Recording Secretary, Terri O. from the Tuesday Newton meeting, Rachel S. Treasurer, Toni F. from the Sunday Framingham meeting, Elizabeth G. from the Brookline Sunday meeting, Lisa Dee P. W. Region 6 Rep and World Service Delegate, Nate O. from the Wednesday Harvard Square meeting and Blair P. Vice Chair.

Blair P. opened the meeting at 9:09 am. with the Serenity Prayer and an introduction of those present and the purpose of our meeting and its etiquette. Elizabeth G. read the 12 Steps, Terri O. read the 12 Traditions, and Ed R. read the Concept of the Month.

Lisa Dee P. W. and Elizabeth G. volunteered to review the minutes of the meeting.

Rachel S. gave the treasurer's report that included the third quarter seventh tradition by each group.

Terri O. presented the revised draft of the policy for reimbursement of group sponsored events from MWI. During Toni F.'s presentation of the application form it became evident that two application forms would be needed, one for an advanced grant and one for a post grant. Nate O. made clear the procedures by developing a flow chart which Elizabeth G. will try to put on the web site. Toni F. will create the grant application forms. Blair P. will revise the language in the policy statement to reflect the procedures. Lisa Dee P.W. will prepare a blast to let groups know that money is available to sponsor events and the procedures once the policies have been approved. This topic will be on the agenda for November's meeting.

Lisa Dee P.W. expressed an interest in hosting Unity Day on February 24, 2018 in accordance with OA World Service's Year of Diversity within OA. She will contact Newton Wellesley Hospital to see if this date is available.

The Parking Reimbursement for MWI Business Meeting attendees was tabled as Margaret Ann B. was not present.

Judy C. is no longer able to pick up the mail from our post office box in Needham. Lisa Dee P. W. will talk with Margaret Ann B. and arrange to pick up the key and how to contact Voice nation to give them another phone number to refer calls.

The retreat site is still on hold as we do not know the status of the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Wareham MA. Terri O. suggested the Espousal Center in Waltham as an alternative. This item was tabled due to time available.

Rachel S. was advised that there was no conflicts as far as we knew with scheduling the BB in Five Hours workshop at Newton Wellesley Hospital in January.

Each representative was asked to go back to their meeting to check if the contact information was correct on the World Service Site, oa.org. Changes could be made by contacting the web site.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 am. with Rozanne's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed R. Recording Secretary