**Minutes of the MWI Business Meeting**

July 20, 2019

In attendance were Blair P, Chair; Nate, Vice-Chair; Rachel S, Treasurer; Sue M, Recording Secretary;

Alex, Thursday 5:30 West Roxbury; Howard M, Brookline Men’s Monday Night; Nancy T, Wednesday morning HOW; Sara (via Zoom), Harvard Square; Barbara M, Tuesday evening VA Hospital in West Roxbury.

Blair opened the meeting at 9:05 am with the Serenity Prayer and an introduction of those present, the purpose of our meeting, and its etiquette. Alex read the 12 Steps, Howard read the 12 Traditions, and Sue read the Concept of the Month.

Howard and Nate volunteered to review the Minutes. A brief description of the functions of the intergroup followed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Rachel S gave the report for June. She listed group contributions for the second quarter and amounts going to R6 and WSO. The website domain name is paid for through the end of 2023. About $250 was lost on the retreat, which is standard and what is expected. Rachel is sending letters to groups to thank them for their contributions, and to let them know the break-down of percentages sent to Region 6 and WSO.

**Old/Ongoing Business**

* MWI Web and Social Media (Website, Google analytics, Paid Google ads, Mailchimp) report from Nancy: absent, she will send metrics when she returns.
* Liability Insurance for MWI Officers, Nate and Howard:

They recommend buying liability insurance to protect against, for example, slips and falls, but not Directors malfeasance insurance. The quote is $605 annually for $1 million of protection. The policy also protects officers from individually being sued. If we buy the insurance, and stop paying for it, and then later try to buy it, it will be more expensive. The premium can be accommodated by the budget. Motion made and passed to buy the liability insurance policy as quoted at $605.

* Retreat 2020 and possible locations:

The retreat ad hoc committee (Susan G, Gwen, and Suzanne) is researching locations and dates for next year’s retreat. They asked if they can put down a deposit if they find a place, but they will not make a decision until consulting with MWI as a whole.

* Sponsor Training Workshop - Nate, Blair, Howard, Bob

The Location is at the Leonard Morse Library in Natick. Date and time are September 15 at 1:30 to 4:30. The panel will be somewhat didactic in instructing how to get someone started. The idea is to equip anyone to get a newcomer started in the basics of the program. It is a sponsor training workshop, but anyone is encouraged to attend.

* Sponsor Bank, Blair:

She has heard from Lisa Dee that she is willing to give up the service of coordinating the sponsor bank. Coordinator sends lists of sponsors to those seeking a sponsor. Blair will handle for this month.

* Speaker Bank, Blair for Jen:

Jen has printed speaker bank business cards and Blair will bring them to August meeting.

* Carry the Message Workshop, Alex:

Sunday October 27, 2:00-4:00, at Metrowest Medical Center. There will be scenarios presented on what to say to newcomers, and a PowerPoint presentation approved by the Region 6 Board of Trustees. Alex is working with Claire, chair of Region 6.

* R6 Convention Carpool/Roommates, Blair for Mark:

Email [mark.from.natick@gmail.com](mailto:mark.from.natick@gmail.com) to get matched up with a carpool or a roommate.

* Google Voice: Sarah

The voice mail messages will be transcribed to email and then sent to Sarah. She will figure out who should receive each message. Monday night men’s meeting is going to be putting up posters to announce the meeting. They will put the MWI phone number on their flyers. Howard will receive emails from those responding specifically to the men’s group posters.

**New Business**

* New meditation and writing meeting. She is asking for $145 to support the first two and a half months of the meeting. There is a budget item for group support of $150. Motion made and passed.

**Summary of Announcements for IG Reps**

* New meditation meeting
* Carpooling to R6 Convention
* Sponsor workshop
* Carry the Message workshop
* Speaker bank

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

Respectfully submitted by Sue Mascioli, Recording Secretary