**Minutes of the MWI Business Meeting**

October 12, 2019

In attendance were: Blair, Chair; Nate, Vice-Chair; Rachel S, Treasurer; Sue, Recording Secretary; Mark, Framingham Sunday night; Steve M, member; Bob K, JP Sunday Morning; Howard, West Roxbury; Alex, West Roxbury; Elizabeth G, Tuesday Newton BBSS; Lisa Dee, Thursday morning meditation meeting; Marianne, Cambridge Friday BBSS; Via Zoom: Nancy GP, Corresponding Secretary.

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. Elizabeth read the 12 Steps, Bob read the 12 Traditions, and Alex read the Concept of the Month.

Bob K and Elizabeth volunteered to review the Minutes. A brief description of the functions of the intergroup followed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Rachel S gave the report for September, including a list of 3rd quarter and YTD contributions and amounts passed along to Region 6 and WSO. September was a good month for contributions. Rachel also applied for travel funds to WSBC. Some discussion on whether we should accept the travel funds if awarded any amount. Our working balance is under $4000, including prudent reserve.

**Old/Ongoing Business**

* MWI Web and Social Media (how to best use our local social media channels): Nancy GP

Nancy reviewed data from the latest monthly report. There is little change in analytics from last month. There was an increase in searches by men. Good opportunity to target younger people, according to the ages of who is searching. We get great responses to email Blasts.

* Retreat 2020: Susan G and Gwen

Not present.

* College / University outreach: Nate & Sarah

Nate and Sarah have a project to reach out to university mental health centers. Nate went to Lesley University, and Sarah went to Northeastern and Harvard. Others (not just those at IG meetings) are invited to contact other universities. Nate will put together a little sheet with info on how to contact mental health professionals and follow up. Blair will order more pamphlets.

* Hospital outreach: Blair

Blair will follow up this month and asked for volunteers to help visit hospitals. Comment made to try to solicit volunteers outside of this group.

* Sponsor bank: Sarah

Nate said the phone number and email are accurate and Sarah is now handling it.

* Region 6 Convention 2019 Service Opportunities: Nate

Still looking for volunteers. Blair will purchase a Kindle ebook reader and a $50 certificate for buying ebooks for a raffle.

* Sponsor workshop: Howard

Howard complimented Nate and Laura on the organization and content of the workshop. Very successful and well-attended.

* Google calendar: Bob K was unable to set up the new calendar.
* Final Draft of motions for WSBC: Steve

Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve Steve’s motion amend bylaws.

**New Business: 9:55 am**

* Proposed New Business Motion for WSBC: Steve

Motion made, seconded and passed to allow change to abstinence definition no more than once in ten years.

* IGOR (InterGroup Officer Renewal) Training Report: Nate
* IG Inventory (Yoojin can facilitate). It’s been five years since our last one. Motion made, seconded, and passed to hold inventory in January.
* Strategic Goals: can come out of IG Inventory
* Calling/visiting groups: November will be six months since our last round of calls

Sponsorship training is very effective, high-value offering and we should continue to offer it.

* Ordering more “Where Do I Start” pamphlets: Nate

Blair will buy 150 pamphlets.

* Professional exhibits fund: Blair/Nate

Money is set aside by WSO to do this. More discussion after our Inventory in January.

* Carry the Message Workshop: Alex

Alex is stepping down from co-chairing. Needs a volunteer to replace her. Materials are all set.

* Nominations due in November; elections in December

**Upcoming Events**

* Carry the Message Workshop: 10/27/19; 1:30-4p, MetroWest Medical Center, Perini Auditorium, Framingham

**Summary of Announcements for IG Reps**

* Speaker Bank
* Carry the Message Workshop: 10/27/19; 1:30-4p, MetroWest Medical Center, Perini Auditorium, Framingham
* Inventory in January, open to all to attend. Can offer suggestions to IG rep if they can’t attend. January 18, 9am.

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

Respectfully submitted by Sue Mascioli, Recording Secretary