**Minutes of the MWI Business Meeting**

November 16, 2019

In attendance were: Blair, Chair; Sue, Recording Secretary (via Zoom); Nancy GP, Corresponding Secretary/Web and Social Media (via Zoom); Ed, JP Sunday; Howard, Men’s Brookline; Mark, Framingham Sunday night; Bob K, Newton Noon Friday; Lisa Dee, Monday Meditation; Barbara, Tuesday VA in W Roxbury; Suzanne, Thursday Meditation; Jen, OA member; Steve, OA Member (via Zoom).

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. Mark read the 12 Steps, Bob read the 12 Traditions, and Ed read the Concept of the Month.

Bob and Lisa Dee volunteered to review the Minutes. A brief description of the functions of the intergroup followed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Rachel S was not present.

**Old/Ongoing Business**

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

There was not a lot of change from last month’s report of website metrics. We are now in compliance with Google Ads’ 5% click-through rate. 239 Users were on the site since the last intergroup meeting. Nancy will send out an email asking for meeting reps’ and officers’ IP addresses to eliminate those addresses from her usage report. She wants content for our Instagram and Facebooks accounts. There was a discussion about anonymity on social media, and members were referred to a lot of information available through the WSO.

* Retreat 2020: Susan G and Gwen not present

Several locations have been identified. Blair will contact Susan to get a status update on progress.

* College / University outreach: Nate & Sarah not present

Nate has no further updates from last Monday.

* Hospital outreach: Blair

Tabled until next month.

* Member groups calls / visits: Blair

Blair has the list of meetings to send out and will add contributions. Sue will send out an updated script. Volunteers, not necessarily and preferably not IG reps, are needed to make calls. This is a good service opportunity for sponsees and other members. Follow-up next month.

* Report from Carry the Message workshop: Blair

The meeting was very small, with 3 or 4 attendees. The content was very good, designed by Region 6.

* Monthly workshops / events: Nate

Decisions was made to host monthly workshops on the last Sunday of every month, with co-facilitators, 1:30 to 4:30, at the same place each month, starting in January. Barbara volunteered to co-chair an art workshop after March. Facilitators and topics are set for January and February.

Room Booking: Lisa Dee will contact Spaulding/Youville to reserve room.

Getting the word out: Discussion about whether flyers are needed or not. Consensus was that it is useful for every group to have a few flyers, but that printing flyers to put in the hands of all members is not necessary given online communication methods. More information to follow next month.

**New Business:**

* Nominations were taken for: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Region 6 Representatives (3)

Terms: All Board positions, except Treasurer, are for 1 year; Treasurer, Delegates, and Reps are for 2 years.

The nominee(s) for Chair is(are): Blair

The nominee(s) for Vice Chair is(are): Nate

The nominee(s) for Treasurer is(are): Rachel

The nominee(s) for Recording Secretary is(are): Sue

The nominee(s) for Corresponding Secretary is(are): Nancy GP for web updates, Elizabeth for Blasts and other email

The nominee(s) for R6 Representative is(are): Sue, Nancy GP, Lisa Dee

* Carrying the Message: Howard

Discussion about posting meeting dates and times announcements on bulletin boards, in newspapers, etc. There is Region 6 Blitz money for carrying the message. Further discussion to happen at subsequent meetings.

* Motion passed:

Lisa Dee proposed, Ed seconded, that $150 for 3 months’ rent for the new Monday meditation meeting be disbursed. Any unneeded funds will be returned if group is able to pay its own way.

* Holiday season events: Ed

There will be a Virtual Region workshop on Thanksgiving. Ed requested a link to that workshop on the website and in a Blast message. There will be Virtual Thank-a-thons on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve, and New Year’s Day.

* Discussion about an Ask-It Basket on the web site, (or Ask Me Anything, AMA, on social media sites). Point made about needing a monitor to ensure that answers would be accurate. Tabled for further discussion.

**Summary of Announcements for IG Reps**

* New monthly workshops starting in January. Stay tuned!
* Volunteers for service are needed. Contact your Intergroup Representative.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 am with Rozanne's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Mascioli, Recording Secretary