**Minutes of the MWI Business Meeting**

February 15, 2020

In attendance were: Blair, Chair; Sue, Recording Secretary; Rachel S, Treasurer; Mark, Sunday night Framingham; Lisa Dee, Wednesday a.m. HOW; Ed, Sunday morning JP: Ken, Monday night men’s; Michael, Tuesday BBSS; Susan, Boston Thursday noon; Suzanne, Thursday meditation; Barbara, Tuesday West Roxbury; Sandra, Monday Eliot Church.

Attending via Zoom: Nate, Vice-Chair; Lauren, Wednesday night Cambridge.

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. Susan read the 12 Steps, Ken read the 12 Traditions, and Lisa Dee read the Concept of the Month.

Michael and Susan volunteered to review the Minutes. A brief description of the functions of the intergroup followed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Rachel S: The treasurer’s report covered December 2019 and January 2020. The proportion of donations due to Region 6 and WSO were paid. Rachel also produced a list of 7th tradition donations for all groups for 2019, about $800 more than estimated for the 2019 budget. Groups have been starting gradually to use the online payment process rather than mailing checks. The group donation information will be posted on the website.

**Old and/or Ongoing Business**

* Retreat 2020 – Lisa Dee, Susan G., and Suzanne

The initial leaders withdrew so the search continues for a leader(s). The contract with LaSallette Retreat and Conference Center has been signed. The cost per person charged by LaSallette is $215, higher than Sacred Heart Center. Susan presented the proposed budget for the retreat so that the registration fee can be decided upon and flyers be made up. Overall budget is $1,100. Ticket Leap will charge $12 per online registration. Please announce this at meetings. Up to 80 people can be accommodated. Susan and Suzanne will continue to look at other venues as possibilities for 2021 and beyond.

* Budget discussion

Budget committee met and came up with budget for 2020. There is an option to apply to Region 6 for money to spend on a public information and professional outreach blitz. We could apply before the fall Region 6 Assembly. This would reduce our budget but help us with this vital PI/PO function. Motion made and passed to let the budget committee decide where to find funds for subsidizing the retreat.

* Carry the Message subcommittee & flyer

Mark reported that it will be discussed next month. The committee continues to meet.

* Men’s helpline & business cards

Ed is on the men’s service committee for the virtual intergroup. He brought cards to be passed out at meetings, to increase outreach to men.

* College / University outreach

Nate had nothing new to report. Keep announcing the young people’s meeting. There will be a push for reaching young people by WSO this year.

* Hospital outreach

Blair had nothing to report. There is quite a bit of literature available for anyone else interested in this form of outreach.

* Member groups calls / visits – Blair, Lisa Dee, Michael P., Ed, Suzanne, Bob

Ed reported that for one of the meetings he called, the contact person is changed. Others reported that some numbers are out of service.

**New Business**

* WSBC Agenda Questionnaire

Members went through various proposals for agenda items to vote on which to include in WSO conference agenda. Votes sent through email were accepted as to which items to not include.

* Themes from January MWI inventory
* Possible merger with MBI
* Too much time spent on web and social media updates
* We are not a dysfunctional IG
* How to help floundering groups and communicate with groups
* MWI & MBI uniting

Michael reached someone from MBI who would bring this up at their February meeting. We will hear from them after their meeting today. Some people are anxious about that, due to past history of what led to the creation of two intergroups and philosophical differences. The main impetus for considering combining intergroups lay in the desire for unity within OA. There could be joint cooperative efforts. Motion made and passed to create an ad hoc subcommittee to talk with MBI representatives if there is any interest on MBI’s part. Committee members will be Michael, Susan, Suzanne, and Mark.

* Recap of 1st workshop – Attendees

There were $46 in 7th tradition donations. People reported that it was very organized, good sharing, useful activities, and very helpful. About 15 people attended.

**Upcoming MWI events**

* Sunday MWI workshops 1:30-4:30p, Youville Spaulding Cambridge
  + 2/23/20: ‘On Awakening’
  + 3/29/20: Resentment & art-as-inventory
  + 4/26/20: Food plan / abstinence
  + 5/31/20: Using Art in expressing feelings for journaling
  + 6/28/20: 10th step templates
* 5/1-5/3: MWI retreat LaSalette Retreat & Conference Center, Attleboro, MA

**Other Upcoming events**

* 2/28-3/1/20: New Hampshire Intergroup retreat, Greenfield, NH
* 2/29/20: Unity Day (co-hosted by MBI & NSI), North Andover, MA

**Summary of Announcements for IG Reps**

* OA men.org cards
* Upcoming workshops
* MWI Retreat
* Service opportunities
* Info posted on website, including sponsor bank and speaker bank
* Next meeting will be Saturday, March 21
* Young persons meeting, Wednesdays in Cambridge

The meeting adjourned at 10:39 am with Rozanne's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Mascioli, Recording Secretary