**Minutes of the MWI Business Meeting**

March 21, 2020

In attendance via Zoom were: Blair, Chair; Sue, Recording Secretary; Rachel S, Treasurer; Bob K; Lisa Dee, Wednesday a.m. HOW; Nate, Vice-Chair; Elizabeth, Corresponding Secretary; Nancy GP, Web and Social Media; Howard; Ed R, Sunday morning JP; Susan, Boston Thursday noon; Rhonda, Framingham Sunday night; Sue A, Brookline Sunday 6pm; Mark, visiting; Michael, visiting; Marianne, Friday BBSS.

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 K read the 12 Traditions, and Rachel read the Concept of the Month.

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

**Treasurer’s Report**

Rachel S: February was a quiet month. Rachel has submitted tax documents to Pay Pal to certify our non-profit status, which will reduce the fee. The only expense for the month was the deposit for the retreat center, which will be held for next year. MWI got a $1300 scholarship for WSO delegates expenses. Nancy volunteered to set up a Venmo account for individuals to make donations to their online meetings. Discussion about the purpose of donating to virtual meetings, where the money would go, should we still ask for 7th tradition donations. All payments need to include the meeting ID. Rachel will send out info to groups with how to make payments.

**Old and/or Ongoing Business**

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

The retreat is cancelled for this year, and the deposit will be held over for next year. Retreat committee will need to meet and explore dates to book for next year.

* Budget discussion—Rachel

Difficult to estimate income for this year. Circumstances dictate that we need to be careful on expenses. Rachel will come up with figures of known costs for this year which will dictate whether we need to go for groups for donations.

* Carry the Message subcommittee tri-fold flyer—Elizabeth, Bob, Howard, Mark, Nancy

Howard said Bob and Elizabeth have put a lot of effort into the design and content of the flyer. Its purpose is to put it at places where people can pick it up, and it contains all the meetings, brief description of OA, the basic concepts, how to tell if you are a compulsive overeater, and contact information. Discussion on how to proceed with approving the flyer, editing it, and printing and distributing. Motion made and approved to approve the pamphlet, allowing a month for people to suggest corrections and edits.

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

**New Business**

* Meetings: do they have what they need, confirm digital/call-in info, updates to OA.org

Blair compiled a list of meetings using Zoom or conference calls. She will post it on the website. Blair proposed letting the group contacts host the Zoom meetings. She and Nate will work out the logistics of how to make the call-in info available and to whom.

* Workshops

Nate proposed hosting bi-weekly or as frequently as possible, hour-long workshops on Sunday afternoons, held virtually. He will coordinate topics and leaders. Email Nate if you are willing to host or have a topic to propose. The issue of recording workshops vis-à-vis anonymity will be dealt with later.

* MWI & MBI uniting

MBI apparently isn’t interested at this time.

**Upcoming MWI events**

See website for upcoming virtual workshops.

**Other Upcoming events**

**Summary of Announcements for IG Reps**

Latest info on meetings at MWI.org

Contact Nate at [info@metrowestoa.org](mailto:info@metrowestoa.org) about hosting a virtual workshop

2020 Retreat is cancelled.

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 am with Rozanne's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Mascioli, Recording Secretary