**KEY:**

green highlight = items to do (for others)

gray highlight = to be discussed next month

bold text = decisions

**MWI Meeting Agenda**

April 20, 2024

**Our Primary Purpose is Tradition 5:  . . .*“to carry the message to the compulsive overeater who still suffers.”***

**Attendance:**

* **Blair P.** - Vice Chair (serving as chair for meeting), Region 6 Board, WSBC delegate
* **Sue M.** - Treasurer
* **Kathy B.** - IG rep for Saturday 10a Westwood meeting
* **Rachel S.** - Region 6 Delegate
* **Bob M.**- IG rep from Friday 6:15p Harvard Square-ish BBSS meeting
* **Susan G.** - IG rep for Thursday 12p Gov’t center meeting
* **Jean E.** -Corresponding Secretary
* **Abby C**. - IG rep for Monday 7:30a Eliot Church Meditation meeting
* **Ava S.** - IG rep for Sunday 6p Brookline meeting
* **Kaitlyn T.** - IG rep for Tuesday 7:15p BBSS meeting

**Meeting Opening:**

* Serenity Prayer
* Introductions: Everyone present introduces themselves and their role in MWI.  Each attendee shares one thing they are grateful for.
* Reminder: An intergroup representative’s (intergroup rep’s) role is to:

(1) Report what is going on in the intergroup to their meeting

(2) Support MWI’s strategic goals through work on related projects.

(3) MWI is available to support reps. There will be a time in the meeting for reps to bring up issues or ask questions on behalf of their groups.

* Other information: If voting occurs, intergroup reps can cast one vote for the meeting they represent. Questions & cross-talk are encouraged. The chair will move the meeting along if too much time is given to one agenda item. Orientation for new members will be done in a breakout room, if needed.
* Readings (need 4 volunteers): Abby C. read the 12 Steps, Kathy B. read the 12 Traditions, Bob M. read the Concept of the Month (short version) & MWI’s Strategic Goals.
* Review of minutes (need 2 volunteers): Two people will serve as this month’s ad-hoc subcommittee for minutes approval. Procedure: Review minutes within ~3 days of receiving draft minutes by the person acting as Recording Secretary, suggest edits. Once edits are made by the acting Recording Secretary, the minutes are considered approved.
* **Ava volunteered to take notes. Abby and Chloe volunteered to review and revise the minutes.**

**Volunteer needed to document minutes, or discuss how to handle going forward**: Blair - Discussed that we will continue to ask for a recording secretary to document the minutes monthly. **Discuss next month.**

**Region and WSO:**

☐ R6 Convention planning and registration: Rachel

Rachel announced there is a limit of 371 people, and it’s now half full. So if you’re interested in the convention, sign up! We need volunteers for the convention. Examples of volunteer activities: Staff the literature table for a 2 hour shift. Get on the entertainment committee.

And, you can buy an “Angel ticket” which is basically buying a scholarship ticket so someone else can register for free.

**Ad hoc Committees:**

☐2024 Retreat Committee: Susan G, Abby, Sue

Reminder that folks can apply for scholarships if cost is a barrier to participation!

☐ Unneeded Literature from meetings: Blair, Susan G. (also where to store items)

Discussion about what to do with unneeded literature. Give away literature that might be out of date but still conference approved for free at the convention. Anything current should go to meetings in need (Waltham 7pm needs pamphlets and 12&12s; Monday 10a Hopkinton needs big books). **Abby will transport the books to Sue, who will inventory and Sue will ask meetings who might need literature. Sue M. and Abby C. will provide an update next month. Discuss next month.**

**Old Business:**

☐ Review and adopt Strategic Goals 2024: Blair said Barbara is not here and she is not sure what additions / changes need to be done for the Strategic Goals. **Discuss next month.**

☐ Giving Corresponding Secretary access to respond to emails using [info@metrowestoa.org](mailto:info@metrowestoa.org): Jean E.  
Jean said that when she responds to someone, it comes from her personal email and she has some concerns about giving out her personal email. **Motion** by Susan G.to provide access to the Corresponding Secretary to send emails from [info@metrowestoa.org](mailto:info@metrowestoa.org) email address. **Seconded** by Sue M. **10/10 eligible voters voted yes, passed unanimously**. **Jean E. to ask Nancy G. P. for access to reply to emails using** [**info@metrowestoa.org**](mailto:info@metrowestoa.org) **email address.**

☐ Speaker / Sponsor list: Putting info about how to get on or access lists on website. How to ensure people on these lists are legitimate: Susan G.  
Susan G. requested that her email address not be posted publicly (e.g. on the website, in announcements or on newsletter). **Decision** to update email on announcements so that it’s only ever routing to the [info@metrowestoa.org](mailto:info@metrowestoa.org).**Jean E. asked the newsletter editor to remove Susan G.’s contact information from the newsletter (done), Blair removed Susan G.’s contact information from the announcements in April-May (done) and ask that if Susan G.’s contact information is listed on the website that it be removed (done).**

How to identify if people are legitimate speakers? If someone asks to be on the speaker list, do we just do it? **Discuss next month.**

**New Business:**

☐New member safety concerns: Rachel

Got a call from the Norwood meeting, hotline incoming calls are asking to meet 1:1.

Bob gets texts before the meeting as a contact person, and then he gives that name to the person who’s managing the waiting room, and this is helping them prevent zoom interrupters.

Susan G. explained that OA world service or OA Region 6 may have some guidelines on how to manage this. Before we continue, maybe we should ask for a policy? Blair said there is no policy. Chloe suggested we identify if there are any patterns- like requesting the 1:1 zoom. Could we reach out to other IGs or other 12 step programs? For now, should we recommend not doing any 1:1s.

Sue, Rachel, Susan G. Kaitlyn, Blair will form an ad-hoc committee to discuss proposing a policy. **Sue will reach out to ad-hoc committee members to meet.**

**Ongoing Business:**

☐ Treasurer’s report: Sue M. shared it on screen. No questions. Sue reimbursed herself for Angel tickets for MWI at the early bird rate. Blair suggested Sue be reimbursed for the $60 rate because that’s what was purchased, due to delays in determining which ticket to purchase. **Sue will talk to Blair offline.**

☐ Website: Nancy G. P. sent metrics to ? Barbara **Website report needs to be sent to others (Blair will distribute to MWI distribution list).**

☐ Social Media: Kaitlyn: anything to post on social media (convention poster), send to Kaitlyn at [info@metrowestoa.org](mailto:info@metrowestoa.org)

☐ Hotline / Voicemail: Rachel received one call from someone who didn’t know about OA, routed them to OA.org

☐ Workshops: Chloe FYI - no June workshop

☐ Sponsor Bank and Where Do I Start?’ (WDIS) pamphlet: Jean E: no pamphlets requested this past month

☐ Speaker List: Susan G.nothing new besides what was already discussed.

**Questions/comments/meeting concerns from meeting reps**

**Other:**

☐Review the possible monthly announcements - put R6 convention at top, put link to MWI meetings with the ‘new to OA’ section, **Blair to update and send to group (done).**

**Adjourn at 10:26a with the Unity Prayer**