**MWI Intergroup Zoom Meeting - November 16, 2024**

Attendees:

**- Nancy GP** (Temporary Mtg Chair, Recording Secretary, Region Rep and paid web professional)

**- Sue** (Treasurer)

**- Bob** Friday night Harvard Square Bog Book Step Study

**- Sally** – Westwood Sat 10am mtg

**- Janet** – Corresponding Secretary & Wed AM HOW mtg

**- Margaret Ann** – Retreat Co-chair Tuesday night Big Book Step Study

- **Susan G** – Thursday noon Government Center mtg

- **Beth K -**

**Meeting Overview**

**1. Introductions and Readings:**

- Participants introduced themselves and shared expressions of gratitude.

- The group read the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and Concept 11.

**2. Treasurer's Report and Budget**

**Treasurer Report (Sue):**

* Current donations are declining, leading to concerns about funding for core services.
* Proposed creating a **budget committee** to review and plan finances for 2024.
* Encouraged frequent budget updates to prevent surprises and ensure transparency.
* **Budget Committee Volunteers:**
  + Margaret Ann
  + Susan G
  + Michael P developed this call to action to be announced at all Zoom meetings and used with the QR Code.

**“Doesn’t intergroup pay for the Zoom room?”**

It’s true that virtual meetings mean fewer room rents, but OA still has essential expenses — many of which are invisible, yet vital. Without 7th Tradition contributions, the work of OA simply can’t be done.

**Here’s what your 7th Tradition supports:**

* Zoom rooms (MWI maintains three, for overlapping meetings).
* Websites that help newcomers find us — built, hosted, and maintained.
* Google Ads and real-time support for those seeking help.
* Public outreach campaigns to health professionals and the community.
* Delegates aid and scholarships for OA’s business assemblies.
* Translation of OA literature into more than 2 dozen languages to reach non-English speakers who are the biggest factor in OA growth.
* Professional staff at World Service who keep OA running.
* Region and World Service conventions, where vital business gets done.

In face-to-face meetings, a full basket was visible. Now, with virtual meetings, it’s easy to forget — and contributions have dropped.

**We are self-supporting, and *you* are part of “we.” Without your support, OA cannot exist**

**3. Website and Social Media (NGP)**

Website stats are normal for this time of year. Website metrics were sent out to MWI members before the meeting. If anyone would like the metrics sent to them (that didn’t receive them) please send a message to Nancy GP.

Google Ad Grants are restricting some of our ads due to a new rule about health related topics in some countries.

Kaitlyn is doing a great job with regular posting on our social media channels! Thank you for your service Kaitlyn.

**4. New CoChair:**

Kaitlyn was voted in unanimously as new co-chair for MWI intergroup. (Rachel had to resign the position) Thank you for your service, Kaitlyn!

**5. MWI Monthly Workshops and publicity**

#### Chloe is doing an amazing job with the monthly MWI workshops. The next one is Sunday, January 4th at 1:30. Topic: Ch-ch-ch-changes: Stories of moving through big life transitions in program. Kaitlyn designed a great flyer to promote this workshop. We are looking for a volunteer to send it to other intergroups. The volunteer does not have to be an attendee of Intergroup. If interested, please see Chloe.

**6. MWI Hotline Number**

We are looking for someone to answer OA hotline calls from the 1-800 number on our website. We get between 0-4 calls a month typical. If you or someone you know is interested in doing this service, please reach out to Rachel S.

**7.Holiday Marathon Meetings**

Posted on the Metrowest OA website Bulletin Board page.

**8. Sat HOW MTG shoutout**

We recognized Sat HOW mtg for its success in being a true Hybrid (online and in person at the Spaulding hospital) meeting that is attracting newcomers. It is also one of the only meetings that continues giving out anniversary chips. Please contact them in advance of your milestone to coordinate.

**9. Outreach:**

**- Ideas Discussed:**

- Highlight individual meetings with a “Meeting of the Month” feature on the website and announcements.

- New in person meetings may be forming (possibly in the near North Shore area like Reading or Stoneham. Michael P spearheading this charge, NGP supporting.

- Reviving the MWI Blast Mail Chimp newsletter – it has been dormant for months since the last editor left his service position.

**10. Closing and Next Steps:**

* **Closing:** The meeting ended with the **Unity Prayer,** a reaffirmation of OA unity and principles.
* **Facilitator’s Note:** Nancy thanked attendees for their engagement, expressed gratitude for the productive session, and invited feedback on improving future meetings.