

CHICAGO WEST FAR-OUT INTERGROUP (CHI-WIF) MEETING MINUTES

Good Samaritan Hospital | 3815 Highland Avenue | Downers Grove, IL 60515

November 18, 2017

SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES:

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| STEP 11: Spiritual Awareness | TRADITION 11: Anonymity | CONCEPT OF SERVICE 11: Humility |
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MEETING OPENED by Dave C. with The Serenity Prayer at 10:00 am

ATTENDANCE: ☺

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| Dave C. | Chair | | Sara S. | River Forest | Sat. 9:00 A |
| Laura W. | Treasurer | | Mary R. | Aurora | Wed. 9:30 A |
| Gerri M. | Butterflyer | Editor | Karol K. | Elmhurst | Sat. 10 A |
| Mariana | DeKalb | Mon./Sat. | Lori M. | Darien | Tue. 5:30 P |
| Kimberlie | Burr Ridge | Sat. 8:00 A | Cathy L. | River Forest | |
| Nora K. | Darien | Tue. 7:00 P | C.J.M. | Visitor | |

MOTIONS:

- Motion made by Mary R. to accept October minutes with corrections – remove trending question to be placed in Butterflyer, changed Laura to Lori on page 2, correct Standing Rules numbers on two new rules. Seconded by Lori. Motion carried.
- Motion made by Mary R. to accept the treasurer’s report. Seconded by Cathy. Motion carried.
- World Service representatives for April 2018 meeting nominated by Laura: Sandy and Kimberlie with Dave as alternate. Seconded by Laurie. Motion carried.
- Region 5 Assembly representatives nominated by Mariana: Sandy, Nora and Kimberlie with Dave as alternate. Nora seconded. Motion carried.
- By unanimous show of hands, the IG is interested in hosting the OA Convention in Chicago in 2021 or 2022.

CONCEPT 11 – Humility read by Dave.

MINUTES – read by Kimberlie and accepted with corrections.

FINANCIAL REPORT – read by Laura and accepted. Clarification was made that the \$100 donation given as deposit money to the workshop co-hosts (Naperville Monday night meeting) does need to be reimbursed. Mary will check with the Naperville Monday night treasurer.

Important Reminder - All workshops must be approved by the IG for insurance to be in effect and that proceeds from workshops are distributed as follows: 75% to CHI-WIF IG and 25% to the meeting that hosts the workshop.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **ByLaws** (Kimberlie) – Standing Rules to be corrected to reflect correct numbering.
- **PIPO** (Laura) – Laura and Sara will compile a list of local colleges/universities with appropriate contact information. The new STOP posters have arrived. Laura will place QR sticker on each one and the CHI-WIF website address.
- **TSW** (Sandy) – no report.
- **The Butterflyer/Website** (Gerri) – Gerri will submit current Butterflyer to Region 5 website.

SPECIAL EVENTS: *Please consider scheduling a workshop in 2018.*

Mar 23-25 Milwaukee OA Convention – Brookfield, WI

May 18-20 Finding Peace Workshop – Techny Towers Retreat Center (sponsored by Wheeling and Northbrook meetings).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Secretary Position – The Secretary position remains open.

Website – The website is updated. It now includes information on the availability of help to meetings with literature costs. Gerri is continuing to reach out to colleagues for availability and cost of becoming webmaster. Word Press password needs to be located.

Literature - Kimberlie to obtain an updated inventory from Lisa M. of the literature she has stored.

Health Fair – Nora and Mariana will research the upcoming Health Fair at Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Naperville on Feb. 17-18.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gift Basket for Region 5 Convention – the CHI-WIF basket was a hit at the convention. Thank you to Sandy for the creative display!

Region 5 Assembly Report – Nora reported:

- The large volume of business conducted at the meeting.
- Acceptance of a new Hotel Liaison position that separate those duties from the Vice Chair position.

- An approved budget.
- Push to have Sponsors urge sponsees to be more involved. Bring a friend to IG was suggested.
- Chicago has been asked to consider hosting the Region 5 Convention in 2021 or 2022.
 - Gerri will contact the CSSI, SNI, TPI and NWI Intergroups to see if they would like to co-host the Convention and meet before the March Assembly.
 - Mariana and Laura are interested in helping.
- That if every OA member donated \$2.50/month the World Service office would be fully funded.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION or QUESTIONS:

Trends in meeting attendance:

Laurie – noted more people are attending phone meetings.

Sara – her groups are placing ads in their local newspapers (placements are free of charge).

Laura – Elmhurst meeting goes up and down in size and has a lot of sponsors.

MEETING ADJOURNED – at 11:25 am with the Serenity Prayer.

Next IG meeting is scheduled for December 16th at 10:00 am.

What you hear here, who you see here, when you leave here, let it stay here.