

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

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

July 15, 2017

SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES:

STEP 7: Humility

TRADITION 7: Responsibility

CONCEPT OF SERVICE 7: Balance

MEETING OPENED by Dave C. with The Serenity Prayer at 10:00 am

ATTENDANCE: ☺

Dave C.	Chair		Sandy F.	Naperville	Mon. 7:30 pm
Gerri M.	Butterflyer Editor		Karol K.	Elmhurst	Sat. 10:15 am
Laura W.	Treasurer		Cathy L.	River Forest	
Kimberlie	Burr Ridge	Sat. 8:00 am	Philip	River Forest	Tue.
Nora K.	Darien	Tue. 7:00 pm	CJ M	Visitor	
			Kenneth C.	Visitor	DG Mtgs.

MOTIONS:

- Motion made by Laura to accept June minutes as amended (corrected the Principle numbers, Cathy's email address, and Gerri and Laura's positions. Seconded by Nora. Motion carried.
- Motion made by Gerri to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Nora. Motion carried.

CONCEPT 7 – Balance read by Laura.

MINUTES – read by Kimberlie and accepted as amended.

FINANCIAL REPORT – read by Laura and accepted. The \$1,500 donation voted on during the June meeting will be distributed in July.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **ByLaws** (Kimberlie) – no changes.
- **PIPO** (Laura) – will work with Marianna this fall to distribute posters to local colleges.
- **TSW** (Sandy) – Workshop is set for Saturday, October 7, 1-4 pm at Elmhurst Hospital. The theme is "First 3 Steps – Stepping Into Recovery." A traveler's format will be used for this workshop similar to the one used at WSBC.
- **The Butterflyer/Website** (Gerri) – August newsletter topic is "Going Through the 12 Steps – The Heart of the OA Program" and the September topic is "Traditions – Keeping Our Meetings On Track." However, articles can be on any topic. All announcements should be submitted in a pdf format. The submission deadline is the 15th of each month.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Please consider scheduling a workshop in 2017.

- July 29: Sponsorship Workshop (9 am-12 noon) Our Savior Lutheran Church – Burbank
Aug. 19: Action for Abstinence (10 am – 4 pm) – Park Forest
Sept. 22-24: Fall Retreat – The Portiuncula Center for Prayer – Frankfort
Sept. 22-24: Milwaukee Retreat
Oct. 20-22: Region 5 Convention – Cincinnati Airport Marriott
Nov. 18: Burr Ridge Annual Workshop – Elmhurst Hospital (may ask IG to co-sponsor)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Vice Chair/Secretary Positions – no volunteers or nominations were forthcoming.

Webmaster Search – no volunteers were forthcoming. In the interim, Gerri has updated the site as much as possible including new contribution forms. Please promote the website whenever possible.

- Gerri will reach out to a colleague and check for availability and cost.
- Gerri will assign each IG member a section of the website to check links and make sure information is up-to-date.
- Gerri will provide website statistics report at next meeting.

Illinois Day of Recovery – on hold until 2018.

Intergroup Phone Number – Gerri has resolved the issue with the old phone number and will check for an internet phone number which does not have an associated cost. It would be setup as an informational message and would not accept messages.

2017 Census – No contact with any of the local meetings represented at IG has occurred.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION or QUESTIONS:

- Ken C., representing the Thursday noon and 7:30 pm OA meetings in Downers Grove, approached the IG for help in keeping the Thursday meetings viable. He asked for any suggestions or help.
 - CJ suggested review and use of the Strong Meeting Checklist
 - Gerri suggested having the IG consolidate purchasing of OA materials and possibly absorbing the shipping costs. It was also suggested pickup of materials be at an IG meeting to help promote IG meeting attendance. Gerri will develop a plan.
 - Also suggested that if there is concern about open vs. closed meetings, that one meeting a month be made open to accommodate members.

- Sandy noted that there are still tickets available for the August 19 Kane County Cougar's game. This outing is sponsored by the Naperville Monday 7:30 pm meeting. Contact Bob at 630-258-9671.
- CJ reported on the Region 5 Assembly conference call. Mike, who is the current Vice Chair, will be ending his term. There has not been much interest in the position since it includes the selection, negotiating and booking of hotels for Region 5 events. Mike has volunteered to continue the hotel booking responsibilities when his term is up in hopes that there will be more interest in the Vice Chair position if it does not include those duties.

MEETING ADJOURNED – at 11:15 am with the OA Promise.

Next IG meeting is scheduled for August 19th at 10:00 am.

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