

**CHI-WIF Intergroup
Business Meeting
July 19, 2025**

Evelyn opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer and the group check-in.

Present

Evelyn - Chair - 7:30 p.m. Monday Zoom – Chair & Region 5 Rep and WSBC Delegate
Peggy – Guest - Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Montgomery/Aurora meeting
Toni B. - Monday night 7:30 p.m. zoom
Julie O. – Monday 7 p.m. Yellow Box Naperville
Dave C. – Saturday 8 a.m. Burr Ridge
Laura W. Saturday 10:15 a.m. Elmhurst – Bylaws Chair
CJ M – Saturday 8 a.m. Friends in Recovery Zoom - Scribe
Gerri M. – Treasurer

Mission Statement—The CHI-WIF Intergroup supports Overeaters Anonymous groups in our area to carry the message of abstinence and recovery to compulsive eaters via the Twelve Steps of OA.

Spiritual Principles

Step 7— Humility
Tradition 7— Responsibility
Concept 7— Balance

Welcome/Serenity Prayer/Introductions/Check-ins

I. Officers' Reports

- A. Secretary's Report**—Scribe CJ – Minutes approved.
- B. Treasurer's Report**— **Gerri M** – Collected \$187 in 7th Tradition in June – The expenses were \$2,662.50 for a payment for the new website and quarterly distributions to WSO and Region 5. Net balance after prudent reserve is \$2,474.19. Evelyn emailed the incorrect month with the meeting information. Contributions are not coming in to keep pace with the budget of \$7,800 budgeted amount. Report approved as presented.

II. Committee Reports

- A. Bylaws/Standing Rules – Laura** – Nothing new on Bylaws – The updated Bylaws are on the new website. Bylaws were submitted and approved by Barb when she was Region 5 Trustee. Gerri agreed to update a calendar of important dates and events, and CJ offered to share an Excel version of the CHI-WIF calendar of events.
- B. Public Information/Professional Outreach— Toni B. Chair** - Toni provided an update on public information and professional outreach efforts, mentioning progress with a Gmail sheet. The group discussed library outreach efforts, with Toni reporting progress on getting libraries to purchase books and post OA materials. They explored options for distributing OA literature to healthcare professionals, including a professional presentation folder available for \$3.50 from oa.org. The group also

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discussed challenges with posting materials in public places, with Gerri suggesting the post office as a potential location despite issues with theft and removal of posters. Evelyn suggested exploring church ministries and local post offices as potential outreach locations. Gerri emphasized the importance of involving group members in these outreach activities, which she described as quick and easy service opportunities that could help grow the program. The group also discussed concerns about the 11th tradition regarding promotion versus attraction, with Peggy raising questions about the appropriateness of posters. Evelyn encouraged representatives to discuss 12-step work at their group meetings and offered support for organizing workshops.

C. 12th Step Within—Position open

D. Butterflyer—CJ M. Editor – CJ not present. Please submit articles to MsButterflyer@yahoo.com and/or to Region 5 for publication.

E. Technology - Zoom Rep—Lori d Chair – Not present

III. Old Business –

A. Website update –Gerri explains that the new website uses oa.org's meeting finder, which is filtered to show only their service body's meetings. She demonstrates how to navigate the oa.org website to find their specific service body information. Laura volunteered to take on the task of checking links for the next month. Gerri mentions she will meet with CJ to show her how to add announcements to the website that can be linked in the Butterflyer newsletter.

IV. Tax Reporting for Group Payments

Gerri explained that for groups processing payments through services like Zelle, PayPal, or credit cards, if the total exceeds \$600, the payment processor must issue a 1099 tax form to the group, which would then need to be reported on the group's tax return. She clarified that this rule applies to electronic payment processing but not to checks and advised smaller groups to set up a separate bank account using the group's own tax ID rather than individual members' IDs to avoid personal tax implications. Gerri noted that this regulation was unlikely to affect most of their groups, except possibly smaller ones, and recommended that treasurers ensure they are using the correct tax ID and consider applying for 501(c)(3) status if applicable.

V. New Business –New Church Meeting Opportunities

Evelyn discussed two pieces of new business: a potential new meeting in Lombard that fell through due to the organizer's personal circumstances, but the church (Community Presbyterian Church of Lombard) remains interested in hosting a meeting; and a new opportunity at Saint John Newman Church in St. Charles, Illinois, which has offered space for an OA meeting. The group discussed that while the Lombard church was initially mentioned as wanting Friday morning slots, this was not a firm requirement, and both Toni and Gerri expressed interest in the St. Charles location, which already hosts an AA meeting and has ample parking.

VI. Butterflyer continuation - The group discussed the future of their newsletter, the "Butterflyer," with CJ noting they hadn't published one since December and suggesting the

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website could serve as a sufficient information source. Gerri advocated for maintaining a newsletter as a "push" method to encourage members to visit the website, while Evelyn expressed concerns about the additional workload. The group agreed to revisit the newsletter discussion at their next meeting. They also discussed upcoming events, including a World Service Convention in Orlando and a "Better Together" retreat in the Schaumburg area, and Gerri announced she would write an article clarifying the new \$600 tax credit for contributions.

VII. Takeaways –

- Evelyn: Consult with Trustee Juliet regarding the 11th tradition interpretation for posting OA posters
- Gerri: Write an article explaining the \$600 credit card/electronic payment tax implications in plain English
- Meeting Representatives: Remind their meetings about making contributions to CHI-WIF as Intergroup is behind budget
- Toni: Update the library contact list and send it to CJ
- CJ: Distribute the updated library contact list to CHI-WIF members once received from Toni
- Gerri: Add Butterflyer and Website contact options to the website contact page
- Laura: Check all links on the new CHI-WIF website and report any issues to Gerri
- Gerri: Fix the "Other Meetings" link formatting on the website to remove the underline
- Meeting Representatives: Return to their meetings to recruit volunteers for checking local post offices and libraries for outreach opportunities
- CJ: Bring up the 12-step within committee chair position at her group's conscience meeting
- Julie: Follow up with Community Presbyterian Church of Lombard regarding potential new meeting space
- All Members: Promote and explore interest in starting new in-person meetings at Community Presbyterian Church of Lombard and Saint John Newman Church in Saint Charles
- Evelyn: Add Butterflyer discussion to next month's agenda
- Tony and Kristen: Continue work on library outreach program
- All Members: Spread the word about the new website to their respective groups
- All Members: Share information about the World Service Convention early bird registration deadline with their groups

8 Closing with OA Promise

9 Next IG Meeting—Saturday, August 16, 2025, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. via zoom