

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

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

June 17, 2017

SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES:

STEP 6: Willingness

TRADITION 6: Solidarity

CONCEPT OF SERVICE 6: Responsibility

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

ATTENDANCE: ☺

Dave C.	Chair	–	Karol K.	Elmhurst	Sat. 10:15 am
Gerri M.	Butterflyer Editor	–	Cathy L.	River Forest	
Laura W.	Treasurer	–	JenMarie B.	Naperville	Mon. 7:30 pm
Kimberlie	Burr Ridge	Sat. 8:00 am	Marianna	DeKalb	Sat. 11:00 am
Nora K.	Darien	Tue. 7:00 pm	CJ M	Visitor	
Sandy F.	Naperville	Mon. 7:30 pm			

MOTIONS:

- Motion made by Mariana to accept May minutes as amended (corrected *Butterflyer* months from July/August to June/July) in Committee Reports section. Seconded by Nora. Motion carries.
- Motion made by Kimberlie to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Nora. Motion carries.
- Motion made by Cathy to donate \$1,500 of IG funds as follows: 75% to WSO (split 50/50 between the Delegates Fund and the Translation Fund) and 25% to Region 5, seconded by Sandy. Motion carries.

CONCEPT 6 – Responsibility read by Gerri.

MINUTES – read by Kimberlie and accepted as amended.

FINANCIAL REPORT – read by Gerri and accepted.

- The transfer from Sage 50 to QuickBooks has been completed.
- There is a net gain of \$823 for May with an operating fund balance at May 31 of \$6,776.78.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **ByLaws** – Per Kimberlie – no changes.
- **PIPO** – Per Laura - no changes.
- **TSW** – Per Sandy - continuing to work on the fall workshop. Mariana and Nora volunteered to assist.

- **The Butterflyer/Website** – July newsletter topic is “Our Primary Purpose” and the August topic is “Going Through the 12 Steps – The Heart of the OA Program.” Submission deadline is 25th of each month. Articles can be on any topic and should be sent to Gerri.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Please consider scheduling a workshop in 2017.

July 29: Sponsorship Workshop – (9 am-12 noon) Our Savior Lutheran Church – Burbank
 Sept. 22-24: Fall Retreat – The Portiuncula Center for Prayer in Frankfort, IL
 Oct. 20-22: Region 5 Convention – Cincinnati Airport Marriott

- B2B Workshop River Forest – it is scheduled for July 8 with further details being finalized.
- TSW Summer Workshop – see Committee Reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

12 Step Study Guide Workshop – CJ continues to be impressed with attendance and the sharing. Group meets at 7:00 pm on Wednesday’s at Unity in Naperville. All are welcome.

Illinois Day of Recovery – having difficulty securing venue. Contact is being made with Southern Illinois (Region 4) to see if there is interest in participating.

2017 Census – World Service is conducting a 2017 census and will be sending out the survey to meeting secretaries. Please make sure your group secretary is listed correctly on the OA website – www.oa.org.

Webmaster Search – Continue to seek a volunteer at our meetings for a webmaster specifically with WordPress experience. It can be short-term (complete approximately 25 updates) or it can be long-term. If no volunteer is found, a decision to hire a professional webmaster to be made at July meeting. Gerri indicated we have the funds to allocate this as a paid position.

Intergroup Phone Number – Gerri will request the phone number listed for the CHI-WIF Intergroup be removed from the OA website since it is no longer in service.

NEW BUSINESS:

WSO Request from Secretaries – World Service is asking secretaries, past and present, to offer their experience, strength and hope in executing their positions - do’s and don’ts, and items to keep in mind to be an effective secretary for a service body.

Workshop Ideas – hold until next month.

Suggested \$1500 Donation – Gerri indicated that as a service body we do not need/want to hold as much cash as we have on hand. She suggested donating \$1,500 to WSO and to Region 5.

WSBC Wrap-Up Report – Sandy was very impressed and thoroughly enjoyed her experience attending the World Service Business Conference. She presented the final “Wrap-Up Report” to the group. It can also be found on the website.

What Can Intergroups Do to Promote Workshops – Gerri shared the list below from a workshop:

Workshop Ideas:

1. Body Image
2. Sexuality
3. Sponsor workshops from the sponsee prospective. Learn how to find and utilize a sponsor.
4. Traditions workshops.
5. A series of step workshops covering a few steps at a time. Workshops centered around doing the steps during the workshop instead of centered on the speaker(s).
6. Workshops that take one tool at a time. For example, a telephone workshop that shows someone how to use the phone as a tool. Include role playing, phone etiquette including how long should you talk, who should you call, what should you say, results to expect.
7. A workshop covering the symptoms of compulsive eating. The weight is not the only symptom. How can you recognize you are a compulsive eater?

What can your Intergroup do to help meetings?

1. Emphasize the importance of meetings. What should you get from them, why you should have a home meeting, what are your responsibilities as an OA member?
2. Spread the word to professionals – Post flyers, bring literature to doctors, talk with counselors.
3. Explain the OA structure. Groups, Intergroups, Regions, World. The difference between conferences and conventions.

Straw Pole – CJ asked for a show of hands of how many people would attend the Region 5 Convention if the hotel room rate was \$144/night and who would attend if the conference venue was a university setting with dorm rooms used for housing. Approximately half indicated they would attend if the room rate was \$144/night and over half said they would attend if a university setting was used.

MEETING ADJOURNED – at 11:23 am with the OA Promise.

Next IG meeting is scheduled for July 15th at 10:00 am.

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