

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

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

May 20, 2017

## SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES:

STEP 5: Integrity

TRADITION 5: Purpose

CONCEPT OF SERVICE 5: Consideration

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

## ATTENDANCE: ☺

Dave C.	Chair	–	Mary R.	Aurora	Wed. am
Gerri M.	Treasurer	–	Sara S.	Oak Park	Sun. 7:00 pm
Philip L.	Riverside	Tue. 7:00 pm	CJ M	Visitor	
Kimberlie	Burr Ridge	Sat. 8:00 am			

## MOTIONS:

- Motion made by Mary to accept minutes as amended (correct Gerri’s phone number 630-833-6942) in attendance section. Seconded by Kimberlie. Motion carries.
- Motion made by Mary to accept the treasurer’s report. Seconded by Kimberlie. Motion carries.

**CONCEPT 5** – Consideration read by C.J.

**MINUTES** – read by Kimberlie and accepted as amended.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – read by Gerri and accepted.

- Prudent reserve is a hot topic.
- Overeaters Anonymous is asking members to consider making automatic recurring donations to the World Service Office. Donations can also be a one-time occurrence. Go to [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) > *Menu > Contribute*. You can designate your donation to 1.) General Fund - Trustees decide use; 2.) Translation Fund; 3.) Professional Display; or 4.) Delegate Support Fund – helps defray cost of sending delegate(s) to the World Service Business Conference.
- Maximum contribution by individual per year is \$5,000.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **ByLaws** – Kimberlie reported no changes.
- **PIPO** – No report.
- **TSW** – No report.
- **The Butterflyer/Website** – June newsletter topic is “No Dues or Fees for Members” and July topic is “Our Primary Purpose”. Submission deadline is 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Articles can be on any topic. Send articles to Gerri.

**SPECIAL EVENTS: Please consider scheduling a workshop in 2017.**

June 3: Using the Tools – (1-4 pm) Vernon Township Building – Buffalo Grove  
Jun 23-25: Losing Isolation, Finding Freedom – Louisville Metro IG & Evansville LG2 IG Retreat  
June 24: Body Image Workshop – Faith United Methodist Church – Orland Park  
July 29: Sponsorship Workshop – (9 am-12 noon) Our Savior Lutheran Church – Burbank  
Oct. 20-22: Region 5 Convention – Cincinnati Airport Marriott  
Oct. 20-22: Region 6 Convention – Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel

- B2B Workshop River Forest – in process of finalizing details.
- Illinois Day of Recovery – Sandy was not present. CJ will check with Phil on progress.
- TSW Summer Workshop – No report.
- 12 Step Study Guide Workshop – CJ amazed by attendance and the shares; 25 people attended introductory session and 22 attended Step One the following week. Group meets at 7:00 pm on Wednesday's at Unity in Naperville. All are welcome.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**2017 Census** – World Service is conducting a 2017 census. Please make sure your group secretary is listed correctly on the OA website – [www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org).

**Webmaster Search** – It was decided to seek a volunteer at our meetings for a webmaster specifically with WordPress experience. It can be short-term (just complete the approximate 25 updates that need to be done now) or it can be long-term. Gerri and Mary are checking with people they know to determine availability and cost. A decision whether to make this a paid position will be decided at the June meeting if no volunteer from the fellowship is forthcoming.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Speaker Request** – A request for an Intergroup speaker was made by the Darien 5:30 pm Friday meeting. Their requirement is 6 months of abstinence. Philip L. volunteered to speak.

**Elections** – Voting for officers was held by paper ballot. Results:

- Chair - Dave C.
- Vice Chair – no nominees
- Secretary – no nominees (Kimberlie volunteered to scribe and it was accepted by group)
- Treasurer – Laura W. – two year term

By acclamation the following Committee Chairs were accepted:

- ByLaws – Kimberlie
- PIPO – Laura W. with help from Marianne
- TSW – Sandy
- *Butterflyer/Website* – Gerri

## 2017 World Service Business Conference Highlights – Growing OA Unity Worldwide (CJ and Gerri)

- There were 188 registered delegates at the World Service Business Conference which was May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- There were delegates from 20 countries present.
- Many motions were discussed and voted on. A few of the highlights were:
  - The revised book - Overeaters Anonymous Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions (OA 12 & 12) was approved by the conference for publication.
  - The revised pamphlet – Maintaining a Healthy Body Weight was approved by the conference for publication.
  - The new Twelve Concepts of OA Service pocket guide was not approved.
  - Change to Statement of Copyright and Ownership of Creative Works did not pass.
  - Mindfulness as the 10<sup>th</sup> Tool did not pass.
  - Proposal to change the preamble did not pass
  - Proposal to change the way business is conducted away from Roberts’ Rules of Order did not pass.
  - Creation of a Translation Fund passed.
  - Taking out “religious” as one of the entities that funds would be distributed to if OA, Inc. was ever dissolved – no vote – possibly statutory language for a not for profit organization.
  - Five Trustees were elected – three General Service Trustees and a new Region 4 and Region 6 Trustee.
  - Time ran out before all of the motions were presented to the body.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** – at 11:30 am with the OA Promise.

Next IG meeting is scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup> and 10:00 am.

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