

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

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

March 18, 2017

SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES:

STEP 3: Faith

TRADITION 3: Identity

CONCEPT OF SERVICE 3: Trust

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

ATTENDANCE: 😊

Dave C.	Chair	–	Laura W.	Elmhurst	Sat. 10:00 am
Cathy L.	River Forest	Sat. 9:00 am	Mariana	DeKalb	Sat. 11:00 am
Gerri M.	Treasurer	–	Philip	Riverside	Tue. 7:00 pm
Chris B.	Elmhurst	Sat. 10:00 am	Sandy	Naperville	Mon. 7:30 pm
Kimberlie	Burr Ridge	Sat. 8:00 am	Sara S.	Oak Park	Sun. 7:00 pm

MOTIONS:

- Motion made by Mariana to accept minutes as amended (added “5 Assembly” after the word Region in Item e) of Unfinished Business. Seconded by Sandy. Motion carries.
- Motion by Gerri that Kimberlie accept the Bylaws Committee position as Terri is not returning to IG. Seconded by Laura. Motion carries.

Concept 3 – Trust read by Kimberlie

Minutes – read by Laura and accepted as amended.

Financial Report – read by Gerri and accepted.

Committee Reports:

- **PIPO** – Laura reached out to local colleges and will be submitting posters via pdf to Elmhurst, COD, Concordia, Dominican, etc.
- **TSW** – Sandy is authoring monthly articles for *The Butterfly* and would like to do a summer workshop. Mariana and Sara volunteered to help plan. (See Unfinished Business for additional information)
- **The Butterfly/Website** – April newsletter topic is “Get A Sponsor” and May’s topic is “Program Basics”. Going forward a sanitized version of the minutes will be posted to the website to protect anonymity only referencing the first name and initial of last name with their representative meeting in the attendance section.

Special Events:

(Please consider scheduling a workshop in 2017)

- Mar 24-26: Milwaukee IG Annual Conference
- Mar 31-Apr 1: Stepping Into Spring 2017 – Central OH IG Spring Retreat at Camp Wilson
- April 8: Blooming in Recovery – Goshen OA 7th Annual Spring Workshop
- April 8: Journey of Recovery – NWII IG Workshop
- April 21-23: Taking the First Step...Every Day – Central Indiana IG Spring Retreat at Flat Rock Camp
- May 19-21: Let Go and Let God Guide You Through Recovery – Western MI IG Retreat
- May 26-28: Spring Into Recovery – Monday and Wednesday Night London ON OA Groups Retreat
- Jun 23-25: Losing Isolation, Finding Freedom – Louisville Metro IG & Evansville LG2 IG Retreat
- Oct. 20-22: Region 5 Convention – Cincinnati Airport Marriott
- Oct. 20-22: Region 6 Convention – Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel

Unfinished Business:

Nominations will be held at the April Meeting. The following officer positions are open – Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. One year of abstinence is a requirement to serve.

Discussed changing the frequency of IG meetings and decided to continue meeting monthly to allow sufficient time to conduct business and because the group enjoys time together.

To increase IG attendance/visibility - discussed different types of events that IG could sponsor: Sponsor/Sponsee, Picnic, Walk, or Workshop. A summer workshop was selected focusing on the “12th Step Within” concept along with a fun activity like angel cards to be included in the format.

New Business:

An idea from the Region 5 Assembly to send out a survey to meetings asking “what can your IG do for you and how are you struggling” was discussed. An Ohio IG had good results from it.

Gerri reminded us that liability insurance for all CHI-WIF OA meetings is covered at the IG level under one policy. Local meetings should not purchase additional insurance. If anyone needs a Certificate of Insurance (COI) please request one from Gerri.

The monthly IG meetings for 2017 will be held in the White Oak Room.

Dave submitted a report on the Region 5 Assembly held March 10-12, 2017. Highlights/discussion:

- Approximately 29 voting members attended Assembly.
- Friday evening focus was on how to get more people interested in InterGroup.
- Discussed the concept of “home meetings” and voting.
- An Illinois Day of Recovery is being planned this fall possibly in Bloomington.
- Prudent reserve was a hot topic at Assembly. Gerri will be writing an article for *The Butterflyer*.

- **The Region 5 Treasurer (Gerri) has a new address – PO Box 1087 Lombard, IL 60148-2375.**
Please let your meeting(s) treasurer know about the change.
- Region 5 is in good financial shape. The committee voted to streamline the number of accounts for easier reporting.
- The Media Committee selected “Embracing Unity in the Midst of Change” as the focus for the year – how do individuals practice OA differently. Articles are being written and submitted to *The Butterflyer*.
- The balance of the items can be reviewed on Dave’s report.

Meeting Adjourned – at 11:30 am with the OA Promise.

Next IG meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 15th and 10:00 am.