

CHI-WIF Intergroup Minutes – January 16, 2021

The February 20, 2021, CHI-WIF meeting of Overeaters Anonymous was opened at 10:00 a.m. by Dave C. Introductions were made, and all said the Serenity Prayer. Dave cited the spiritual principles for Step 2 (Hope), Tradition 2 (Trust), and Concept 2 (Conscience), and read Concept 2.

Attendees:

- Dave C. – CHI-WIF Intergroup Chair
- Sara S. – CHI-WIF Intergroup Co-chair, Public Information/Professional Outreach Committee Co-chair; Meeting Rep for Riverside Tuesday, 7 p.m.
- Laura W. – CHI-WIF Intergroup Treasurer and Meeting Rep. for Elmhurst Saturday 10:15 a.m.
- Suzanne M. – Meeting Rep. for Elmhurst Sat. 10:15 a.m. meeting
- Cathy – Meeting Rep for River Forest Saturday, 9 a.m.
- Heidi – Meeting Rep for Burr Ridge Saturday Zoom meeting, 8 a.m.
- Chris B. – Meeting Rep for Oak Park Sunday, 7 p.m.
- Terri N. – Secretary
- Gerri M. – Butterfly Editor
- Natalya – Meeting Rep. for Burr Ridge Saturday 8 a.m. Zoom meeting
- Betsy – Meeting Rep. for River Forest Saturday 9 a.m. Zoom meeting

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Terri N. read the minutes from the January 16th meeting. There was a correction to the subject matter of Laura's article in the Region 5 article (Principles and The Steps). Sara made a motion to approve as amended. Laura seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Laura W. presented the 2021 budget. Expenses are similar to 2020. Gerri noted that there wasn't enough in the budget for the World Service Conference in 2021 if it's not virtual. Laura said she can add \$2,500 to the budget to adjust for it. We spent \$5,200 in 2019 to send two people. Our usual contribution to Good Samaritan for our meeting space is \$300, so Laura sent them \$150 since we are currently not using the space. Suzanne suggested adding a separate line item to the budget for technology, so Laura said we could add \$1,000 for the website and possible Zoom account expenses under "administrative website technology" costs. We are still keeping our insurance (which covers us in case of injuries, fraud, lawsuits, etc.) even though we are not currently meeting in person. Laura will send out the revised budget for everyone to review.

Laura then presented the January treasurer's report. We received \$1,291.61 in donations for January. Meeting #89078 sent in \$210, but it might not be for CHI-WIF, as that meeting look like it's registered with a different intergroup. GoDaddy returned the \$129.05 deposit since they won't do our redesign. She sent \$225 to Region 5, and rest of the account reconciled. Sara made a motion to approve the budget and the January Treasurer's Report. Terri seconded it, and they both were approved as amended.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bylaws – Rich W., chair

No report. Bylaws have been submitted for review and approved by Region 5 Trustee Barb.

Public Information/Professional Outreach: Laura W. and Sara S., co-chairs

Laura sent out a letter to colleges using last year's email list. The letter describes OA and has links to The Butterflyer, OA.org, Region5oa.org and a video on the OA.org website. Sara said she has had no response on the PSAs. The papers have no information on how to submit PSAs and do not respond when you leave messages. Terri had the same experience.

12th Step Within:

Mary resigned as Chair, so we need a new Committee Chair. Suzanne is interested. Sandy F. was the former Chair so Suzanne will email her on info about the 12th Step Within Committee.

NEW Butterflyer – Gerri M.

February edition did not go out on time, but Gerri hoped to get it out that week. The online Butterflyer has info on how to subscribe.

REGION 5 ASSEMBLY:

Laura is registered for the March Assembly.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Spring Assembly (Virtual): March 12-14, 2021
- World Service Business Conference (Virtual): April 21-24, 2021
- Big Book Workshop
- Unity Day

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**Intergroup Zoom Account**

Sara said she will talk to Lori D. about the technical aspects of having a group Zoom account, and then Lori will bring back details to discuss at our next meeting.

Questions to discuss:

- Who will be responsible for a year-long account? Should be one of the CHI-WIF officers.
- Should we have a multiple meeting-use account?
- How do we share the account? Think we can have one owner but multiple hosts.
- Can Lori guide us through the initial training?

Website Update:

Gerri talked to GoDaddy about updating our website, but they do not offer that service. They will only build a website from scratch. She will reach out to the Region 5 website designer to see if they can do the updates. In the meantime, Gerri came up with a new “contact us” workaround. Going forward, we can no longer have personal emails with Zoom accounts. It’s too hard to change up the addresses as volunteers come and go. She suggested we redo the service addresses by their titles (i.e., secretary@CHIWIF.org) instead.

WORLD SERVICE :**World Service Business Conference: April 2021**

Laura said she will register to be our Region 5 Rep at the Assembly in March.

The meeting was closed at 11:00 a.m. with Rozanne’s prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Navarrete, secretary