

CT Intergroup Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2015

Attendees: **Robin**, Co-Chair; **Alyssa**, Co-Chair; **Rebecca**, Treasurer; **Wayne**, Assistant Treasurer; **Mary**, Recording Secretary; **Faith**, Webmaster; **John**, PIPO; **Laura**, Saturday Bristol Hospital; **Carol**, Sunday Unionville; **Chris**, Friday East Hartford; **Robyn**, Wednesday Southington; **Stan & Judy**, Wednesday Bristol; **Maria**, Hartford; **Sue**, Wednesday, Westfield, MA; **Heidi**, Saturday Rockville;

Open Meeting 7:00 with Serenity Prayer

Introductions

Step Five – Read by Laura

Tradition Five – Read by Robyn

Concept Four – Read by Stan

Recording Secretary Report – The minutes from 4/20/2015 were accepted.

Treasurer’s Report – The Treasurer’s Report covered 4/20/2015 to 5/17/2015.

4/20/15 Beginning Balance:	\$2731.24
Expenses:	
Robin L. Mileage Region 6 Assembly	\$105.09
Income:	
Group Donations	\$429.89
5/17/2015 Ending Balance:	\$3056.04
On Hold: WSBC 2015 Travel Scholarship	\$1500.00
Available Balance:	\$1556.04

A correction to the Treasurer’s Report made on 4/20/2015 was submitted. The correction includes the \$20.94 expense for the GoDaddy two year Domain renewal. The corrected available balance for 4/20/15 changed from \$1252.18 to \$1231.24

Corresponding Secretary’s Report – Heidi received contact information. She sent three thank you notes before the 4/20/15 meeting. No letters have been sent between 4/20 and today. She will submit a reimbursement request for stamps.

Public/Professional Outreach Report – No new purchases. John wants to inform young doctors in training about OA. To this end he met with a UConn employee. Carol mentioned that the UConn Rudd Center is fairly new and targets obesity. The program is multifaceted. For example it promotes intercity gardening and has a spiritual component. Carol offered to work with John in contacting them.

John mentioned that his ID was on the contact card that he had provided to his UConn contact. He has since found out the card should be anonymous. Sue from Western Mass Intergroup passed around a card that WMI uses. It has a message about OA on one side and a phone number can be written on the

back. Sue has been handing out the card for years at health fairs. These can be ordered from the literature section on the WSO web site. It is \$6 for 250 cards.

Newsletter Report - Robin mentioned that Judi is looking for upcoming events to place in the July/August newsletter. Judi's contact is at the bottom of the newsletter which is posted on the website. Sue asked about including WMI events on the newsletter and was advised to contact Judi. The CTIG website has links to WMI and the other two Connecticut Intergroups. Stan mentioned that radio station WJMJ makes free announcements three weeks prior to the date of the event.

Website Report – Faith reported that it has been a calm month with a couple of meeting changes. There was an inquiry about the existence of a youth group that Robin responded to. AA has requested that direct quotes from the Big Book be removed from OA websites unless permission to use them is given. References to page numbers in the Big Book are allowed. Faith removed Acceptance and the 3rd and 7th step prayers. The promises were changed to the OA promises.

Alyssa mentioned that the previous webmaster no longer wants to be responsible for the domain name. Tina and Faith will need to work on transitioning domain name support to Faith.

A change was decided on 4/20 to direct emails from the "Contact Us" section of the website to Robin. Robin would then verify the requests and forward valid ones to Faith. They realized after trying this that the process for website updates would work better if Faith continued to receive the emails and then work with Robin to follow up. They decided to go back to the original method of handling requests for web site updates.

Miscellaneous Reports:

Wayne recently attended the 2015 World Service Business Conference and provided the recording secretary with a copy of his Delegate report to keep with her records.

Robyn shared a flier for two meetings at St. Paul's Church in Southington. There is a Wednesday 5:30 pm Step Meeting and Friday 5:30 pm Literature Meeting.

Old Business:

Results from The Difference between Abstinence and a Plan of Eating Workshop on 4/25/2015

The workshop was very well received with an excellent turnout of 87 people which exceeded the original goal of 50. Wayne believes all expenses will be covered by the money taken in through donations and raffles. However, he was not on the committee that handled expenses and did not have a report. Robin requested contact information so she could ask for a report for the June meeting. Per the 3/16 minutes, "In case funds over the cost of expenses are taken in, these will go back to Intergroup. In case funds less than the cost of expenses are taken in, then intergroup will reimburse the gap up to \$500." Wayne pointed out that CTIG should sponsor an event and should do an inventory. Alyssa noted that CTIG has sponsored an event every year. It is only this year when there was no CTIG event. The New Britain group had done an outstanding job.

John said that although this event was strong we need a procedure for intergroup sponsored events. Groups looking to host events with CTIG backing should come to CTIG first before planning begins. Robin said that developing a Policy and Procedure Manual had been discussed in CTIG meetings last

year. Robyn suggested a committee be formed for Policies and Procedures. Alyssa mentioned that the Manchester group hosts an annual workshop using its own funds and does not ask for intergroup backing. The New Britain group asked for money which threw us off. Sue mentioned that, in Western Mass, if the function is a group function, then groups are autonomous and responsible for their own funding. Alyssa said that we will revisit the Policies and Procedures Committee suggestion.

CT Intergroup Logo

CTIG needs its own logo. Four WSO approved logo options were presented at the May meeting. The group unanimously approved:



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Chris volunteered to take care of the calligraphy for the “CT Intergroup” part of the logo and will bring some choices to the June meeting.

Sponsorship Training Programs

Alyssa stated that last month we had Mike from Westchester United Intergroup speak to us about sponsor training. We are thinking of having him train intergroup so that we can see what the training is like. This would be for intergroup reps alone because it is chaotic to train a large group. Training may be done before an intergroup meeting, possibly the September meeting. John was concerned about it being too close to the Region 6 Convention causing a possible overload for members. Robin said it should not be a problem since the convention is not CTIG sponsored. Carol asked if there was any follow up from the 4/20 meeting to do this training as a workshop at the Convention. Wayne said that Mike has other responsibilities at the convention and would not be able to do the training then.

Western Mass Intergroup Scholarship Request

Last month CTIG voted to give \$50 to WMI towards a scholarship for the annual Genesis Retreat. This was less than the \$175 provided last year. The decrease was due to the group being afraid it would not have enough money particularly while being committed to cover expenses from the 4/25 workshop. Robin said we can leave the donation at \$50 or increase the amount. We are not sure yet if there will be any reimbursement expenses from the workshop. Carol asked if some of the \$1500 held for WSBC Travel Scholarship could be used. Robin said that the money given to us by Region 6 so we can only use it as earmarked. The group and Rebecca reviewed the upcoming expenses (\$120 for six months rent and \$378 for insurance). It seemed there might be enough to fund a full scholarship of \$180. WMI does not have enough scholarship money to meet the need. A motion was made that the vote from 4/20/2015 be undone. This was seconded and approved. Another motion was made to provide \$180 for a full scholarship to WMI. This was approved but with a dissenting vote. The reason for the no vote was that no minimum standard is being met. The group has a pattern of making decisions before all the facts are established. In this case, we have not had an official expense report from the 4/25 workshop. Since the Genesis Retreat occurs the weekend of June 6th, Rebecca wrote a \$180 check and presented it to Sue who will take it to WMI.

New Business:

Cell Phone for CTIG

A new volunteer is needed to carry the CTIG cell phone and to answer calls. This person does not have to be a CTIG representative or attendee. It is a prepaid phone which must be checked every day.

Lease Renewal

The lease has been renewed from 6/1/2015 to 5/31/2016 at \$20 per month. The terms have not changed. Robin will sign the lease and leave it in the office tonight.

Travelling Meeting

It was asked if CTIG will have a travelling meeting to bring intergroup to some of its 24 meetings. There are no plans right now for this.

Meeting Timer Available

John has a timer from a meeting that folded and can give it to any meeting that can make use of it.

The meeting ended at 8:30 with the serenity prayer.

The next meeting is 6/15/2015 at 7am.

Respectfully submitted by

Mary A

CTIG Recording Secretary

5/29/2015