

CT Intergroup Meeting Minutes – July 20, 2015

Attendees: **Robin**, Co-Chair; **Alyssa**, Co-Chair; **Rebecca**, Treasurer; **Wayne**, Assistant Treasurer; **Mary**, Recording Secretary; **John**, PIPO; **Judi** Newsletter; **Laura**, Saturday Bristol Hospital; **Carol**, Sunday Unionville; **Chris**, Friday East Hartford; **Stan** Wednesday Bristol; **Judy** Bristol Guest; **Heidi**, Saturday Rockville;

Open Meeting 7:00 with Serenity Prayer

Step Seven – Read by Laura

Tradition Seven – Read by Robin

Recording Secretary Report – One word in the 6/15/2015 minutes was changed.

Original: Brian said the workshop was successful and **offered** CTIG a check for \$50.

Updated: Brian said the workshop was successful and **gave** CTIG a check for \$50.

A motion to accept the minutes was voted on with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's Report will be distributed along with the minutes.

The group discussed the rent. Per Robin, a new contract for \$20/month was recently signed. Rent was not raised because CTIG is a good tenant. A suggestion was made to increase the rent to be considerate of costs incurred for lights, heat and other expenses. Others felt that \$20 for one meeting per month was not out of line with the rent paid by other groups and that the contract had already been negotiated and signed. A motion to raise the rent to \$30 beginning January 1st was voted on and defeated with six opposed and five in favor.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Two thank you notes were sent. One for a group donation and the second to thank the New Britain Men's Group for two separate donations resulting from the Workshop proceeds.

Public/Professional Outreach Report – The balance is the same. Medical professional packets have been handed out. John will be speaking with a UConn pulmonologist. Carol sent a link to John for the Rudd Center. John asked his personal physician about releasing John's medical records to other physicians so that they could see OA's transformative impact. Alyssa suggested keeping it simple and that anything done should be done anonymously.

Newsletter Report – The latest newsletter is posted on the website. Work is in progress for the September/October newsletter. There had been a commitment from the men's group but nothing has been received. Upcoming deadlines are 7/31 for the September/October newsletter and 9/30 for the November/December newsletter. The deadline is much earlier than the publication date because three people work on the newsletter and they need enough time to collaborate.

Website Report – Faith sent an email update. Since the June meeting, she has been investigating the use of Pay Pal for CTIG online donations. She studied the Region 6 website's online donation page. She submitted questions to the Region 6 webmaster and president but has not received a response yet. She removed more AA material from the CTIG website. The "How It Works" page was replaced with the 12 Steps.

Old Business:

Reports

Wayne submitted a summary of the Region 6 Spring Assembly and a copy of his World Service Office Business Conference Report. He will email the reports to the Webmaster to be posted on the website.

CT Intergroup Logo

(Background added by the recording secretary: IGs do not have authorization to use the WSO logo. Each IG must put together its own logo and have it approved by the WSO. A WSO approved logo consists of a WSO approved image combined with text of the IG's choosing. CTIG selected the image at the May meeting. Chris volunteered to work on the font and sizing for the intergroup name and presented options at the June meeting. Members in attendance at the June meeting suggested some additional changes to be voted on in the July meeting.)

Chris distributed a handout with five logos. Three were intended to show what the group had rejected in June. The other two incorporated the suggestions made at the June meeting and these were voted on. The winning logo received eight votes. The Recording secretary will distribute the logo along with the minutes. **Note that this new logo cannot be used until the WSO approves it.**

Sponsorship Training Programs

(Background added by the recording secretary: Mike from Westchester United Intergroup attended a CTIG meeting earlier this year and offered to conduct a sponsorship workshop. At a subsequent meeting the group decided to have training provided to IG reps to see what the training is like and to avoid the session becoming too large. IG reps would then be expected to train OA membership at large.)

The Sponsorship Training Workshop will take place from 5:45pm to 6:45 pm on 10/19/2015 before the CTIG meeting at 7pm.

Western Mass Intergroup Scholarship Request

The scholarship money was sent to WMI.

Travelling IG Meetings for the Fall.

There will not be any travelling CTIG meetings this fall since there is no interest in them.

Insurance

The insurance bill has not been paid. The insurance will lapse if not paid by 7/31/2015. Rebecca received two bills for the same premium, one from the agent and the other from the insurance company. It had been pointed out at the June meeting that coverage seemed to be for only one meeting in Manchester and this resulted in uncertainty about paying the bill.

Providing historical perspective, Carol said that the Manchester meeting was the old location where intergroup used to meet. The policy should provide blanket coverage for all CTIG meetings. Carol volunteered to read the policy to verify what is covered.

The group authorized Rebecca to pay the bill before July 31st so that coverage would not lapse.

New Business:

Group Inventory

John made inquiries for an inventory leader and obtained the names of two people.

1. Karen – Region 6 trustee who will be in the area for the Region 6 convention.
2. Lynne – WSO Conference Delegate from Western Mass Intergroup

While Karen will be in the area, she will be very busy and this makes her a less likely choice. Lynne seemed to be the better choice since she is more local and has indicated willingness to participate.

Alyssa suggested the inventory be planned for November, December or January. Robin thought it would take two hours. The inventory would replace the business meeting that day. We should review the questions posted online on the WSO website before the August intergroup and then we can decide on the date at the August meeting.

Minutes:

IG Reps are reminded to bring their own copies of the minutes to the meetings. Mary was asked to send the minutes to Faith and ask her to post them on the website.

Meeting Lists:

The CTIG meetings list has been updated. All contacts listed on the meetings list are confirmed as regular attendees to those meetings. Heidi volunteered to get 100 copies printed.

Cell Phone for CTIG

Laura has had the intergroup cell phone since April and turned it in for someone else to carry. She did not receive any OA related calls and wondered if the number was valid. The number was tested at the meeting and is valid. A new volunteer is needed to carry the phone. Alyssa wondered if we needed the phone. Wayne said that WSO recommends that groups maintain a phone.

OA Non-Picnic

John is selling tickets to the Western Mass Non-Picnic on 9/20/2015. It will be at YMCA Camp Sheppard in Westfield MA. The cost is \$5 for an individual and \$10 for a family. Ticket purchase is encouraged so that they will know how many lifeguards to hire.

Speaker List

Anyone who would like to be on the Speaker List should contact Faith and ask her to add your contact information to the website.

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

The next meeting is 8/17/2015 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Mary A

CTIG Recording Secretary

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