

CT Intergroup Meeting Minutes – August 17, 2015

Attendees: **Robin**, Co-Chair; **Rebecca**, Treasurer; **Wayne**, Assistant Treasurer; **Mary**, Recording Secretary; **John**, PIPO; **Faith**, Webmaster; **Laura**, Saturday Bristol Hospital; **Carol**, Sunday Unionville; **Robyn**, Wednesday Southington; **Connie**, Thursday Collinsville & Saturday Torrington; **Jilly**, Saturday Torrington; **Tom**, Tuesday New Britain; **Natasha**, Guest

Open Meeting 7:00 with Serenity Prayer

Step Eight – Read by Robyn

Tradition Eight – Read by Laura

Concept Eight – Read by Jilly

Recording Secretary Report – One update made to the Corresponding Secretary Report.

Original: 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.

Updated: 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, **one** resulting from the Workshop proceeds.

During the discussion, it was determined that both the Tuesday and Thursday New Britain's men groups should have received thank you notes and only one group did. Rebecca was to follow up with Heidi to have a second note sent.

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.

Rebecca had received a bill for the PO Box. Payment options are \$82 for 12 months or \$41 for 6 months. Robin said to pay the full year since we have no plans to change the PO Box. In the future the bill can be paid when the bill is received.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Heidi sent four notes this month and has one more to send out.

Public Information/Professional Outreach Report – The balance is the same. There are six packets in stock that are geared towards health care professionals. John needs permission to order more at a cost of \$2.50 per packet. CTIG pays for the packets which are given to doctors free of charge by members. The former PIPO rep mailed the packets to doctors but we were never aware of any results from that. Carol reported that a recent newcomer to the Unionville meeting had been referred by her doctor. John showed the Rudd Center Website to a UConn pulmonologist and his assistant. The Rudd Center's sole purpose is to target obesity by focusing on eating better and educating clients about food. It has a spiritual component that is more church based. They might be interested in hearing about OA and Carol had been working on getting contacts for John.

Newsletter Report – No update.

Website Report – The website has an up to date meeting delegate report. Faith has been looking into what would be needed for the CTIG website to use PayPal for accepting online donations. She had contacted the Region 6 President and Webmaster with questions about using PayPal but has not received a response. There is a dropdown list on the Region 6 website that has CTIG and other intergroups listed. Per Wayne, this section is for intergroups to make donations to Region 6. Robin said that, while CTIG sponsored OA groups send contributions to Region 6 directly, other intergroups collect Region 6 donations from their member groups and then donate to Region 6 on behalf of the groups. The drop down box enables this to be done online. Robyn pointed out that PayPal collects a

fee from the group receiving the donation. Robin suggested tabling the discussion on using PayPal for future discussion.

Old Business:

CT Intergroup Logo

The July 2015 minutes had been sent out with an incorrect logo. The correct logo was distributed the morning of 8/17. Robin filled out paperwork for WSO to approve the logo and was going to mail it after the meeting. WSO approval lasts for two years. We cannot use the logo until it is approved by WSO.

Insurance

Carol called Insurance Agent Mary Ann Gross to get information about the CTIG policy. This Travelers policy insures CTIG sponsored events and CTIG-affiliated group meetings. It does not cover independent meetings that are not registered with CTIG. Coverage is like homeowners insurance in that OA members are not covered (OA can't sue itself) while nonmembers are covered. Robin asked if an OA member (by default not covered) were to sue the church, would the church be able to sue CTIG for damages. Carol had not asked this specific question. Tom asked if the policy would cover an event sponsored by a CTIG affiliated group but without CTIG co-sponsoring the event. Robin said that if a group is registered with CTIG then its event would be covered whether or not CTIG is a co-sponsor of event. Carol also found out that the Manchester address on the policy should be left as it is. This is an umbrella policy and CTIG and its member meetings are covered whether or not the meeting addresses appear on the policy. This policy was used as proof of coverage for two events at the Connecticut Baptist Home in Meriden.

Meeting Lists

Heidi made copies of the meeting lists and these were distributed. These can be taken back to the groups and placed on literature tables on in newcomer packets. Robin had some corrections.

- Contacts for Tuesday and Thursday New Britain meetings at 7:30 pm were changed to: Tom 917-952-7052
- Contact for Wednesday Southington 5:30 pm meeting was changed to: Elaine 860-747-6247
- Contact for Friday Southington at 5:30 PM was changed to: Mike 860-344-9484
- Contact for Saturday Bristol at 11 AM was changed to: Stan 860-681-3937
- On the other side of the paper the following is to be added to the middle column under "Contact Robin" put: WSO Number for CTIG 09054

Policies and Procedures Manual

Per Robyn, this is almost finished for marathons and special events. If the group would like a policy on a particular topic they should let her know. They have been adapting the Region 6 Manual. The old Policies and Procedures was last revised in 2012. Every time we send a representative to the WSO business conference we have to update the by-laws.

Group Inventory

Lynn L. the WSO Rep for Western Mass agreed to hear the group inventory. John was going to check back with Lynn to see if she would be available on November 23, the third Monday in November. There are group inventory questions on the WSO Website. Carol attended a group inventory session in the past and thought it would be better not to study up ahead of time so that responses would be candid and spontaneous. Lynn cannot meet earlier than 7 pm so the group voted in favor of meeting from 7 to 8:30.

Cell Phone for CTIG

No one in attendance had the phone. It was thought that it might be with Alyssa. Sometime since the last intergroup meeting a newcomer called the CTIG phone and did not hear back. Tom volunteered to take charge of the phone.

New Business:

CTIG Contact List

Robin circulated a paper for taking down contact information. This list is meant for circulation among CTIG attendees only.

Upcoming Sponsor Training

Wayne mentioned required reading for the upcoming sponsor training to be held before the October intergroup meeting. This included *A Guide for Sponsors*, *The Dignity of Choice*, *A Plan of Eating* and *Fifteen Questions*. The training is open to CTIG attendees.

Steps and Traditions Workshop

Tom announced that the New York Intergroup would be sponsoring a workshop on the steps and traditions. The date is 9/20/2015 from 1 pm to 5 pm in Manhattan.

Designated Downloader

John suggested that each group have a designated downloader who would make copies of the handouts for their groups.

Reading Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions

WSO recommends reading the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions at each meeting. Some meetings do not read the Twelve Steps. Each group is autonomous and WSO can only make suggestions.

Region 6 Convention

Tom asked if CTIG would do anything for the upcoming Region 6 convention. Robin is the hospitality chair and Wayne is the entertainment chair. They are looking for volunteers.

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

The next meeting is 9/21/2015 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Mary A

CTIG Recording Secretary

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