

**Summary of New Actions:**

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- **ACTION:** Diane S will write an email back to the people who provided input via e-mail, with an update on the actions we plan to take.
- **ACTION:** Judy C. to check with Stephen Palmer Center to see if space is still available for 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month IG meeting PLUS a one hour fellowship meeting before where we can eat dinner.

**Carry-over actions:**

- **ACTION:** Kristen to update planning for Friday speaker meeting. Virginia to follow-up with Kristen

**Meeting Minutes:**

Attendees: **Virginia**(Chair, R6 Alternate), **Ellen F.**(Brookline Sunday 6pm), **Diane S.**(Member), **Julie C.**(Treasurer), **Judy C.**(E-mail mistress, WSBC Delegate, Vice Chair), **Jean E.**(Sunday 10am Framingham, R6 Delegate), **Mary F.**(Monday 6pm Natick), **Lisa M.**(Corresponding Secretary, R6 Delegate), **Veronica C.**(Wednesday 7pm Framingham), **Steve M.** (Recording Sec, WSBC Delegate, Webmaster), **Jean O.**(Ashland 10am Saturday)

- Opened with serenity prayer at about 7pm.
- 12 Steps read by Diane S.
- 12 Traditions read by Jean E.
- Concept 3 read by Veronica C.
- Steve read the minutes. Minutes approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Received a letter from the IRS seeing if we are still active and qualified to NOT file taxes.. Julie filed a form 990 confirming that we received sufficient low funds to be exempt from filing income tax.
- Reviewed Treasurer's report: final income from November 2006 Sponsorship event was \$257.61 after expenses. No donation had been made to NWH at this point. Judy C. moved to donate \$50 dollars. Seconded by Mary F and passed.
- Net proceeds from Recovery From Relapse event was 218.11. We agreed prior to donated 50 to Newton Wellesley Hospital.
- Retreat income: 8 prior registrants already paid. 15 more paid and checks coming to Julie. Retreat scholarship fund is still \$113.
- The treasurer's report was accepted as corrected (donations to WSO and Region 6 were swapped on the report but correctly paid).

**Corresponding Secretary Report:**

- Mailing Expenses for January, postage(\$21.78)+Large envelopes and labels(\$18.77)
- March \$10.32 for postage.
- WSO meeting list update: Update submitted. Still a couple of meeting missing. Thanks to our service volunteers.

### Old Business

- **Vice Chairperson position open:** Virginia asked Judy C. to fill in as she has the required experience. Judy has agreed to accept the appointment with the understanding that she is not going to run for Intergroup Chair in the future.
- **Retreat update:**
  - Jen will find the kitchen liaison.
  - Current count for the retreat is 25+ the leader. Well on track for breaking even.
  - Bee asks that we decide on dates for 2008 retreat.
  - **ACTION:** Diane S. to investigate dates for 2008 retreat, taking care to avoid Passover and other conflicts.
  - Jen reports Holly D. will be staff liaison and will need a check for Grotonwood.
  - One verbal request so far for scholarship money.
  - Thursday Brookline asked to use 50% of 7<sup>th</sup> tradition as scholarship money if that was ok with IG. IG thinks this is a bad idea but that a separate collection would be fine.
  - **Action:** Steve M. to put together note about groups directing 7<sup>th</sup> tradition to specific purposes and get feedback from Trustee. In short, groups can do what they want BUT it is the group conscience of MWI that the best way to make sure group 7<sup>th</sup> tradition is used as desired is to send a rep to the meetings and influence decision making.
- **Diane S gave update on e-mail survey** asking members what incentives or steps IG could take to improve attendance. 12 replies received. Summary:
  - People feeling like it's a clique
  - One person said she had to wait 45 minutes for meeting to start
  - Maybe people could be more friendly.
  - Conflicting meetings
  - Day and time is not good.
  - Suggestion to alternate days and times.
  - Offer incentive to non-reps to attend.
  - Go back to selling literature at IG meeting.
  - Find easy drive and easy parking
  - Instead of just announcing at meetings, do one on one pitches: Personal Invitation.
  - Idea at this evenings meeting was to have an OA meeting before the IG Meeting.
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- **Newton Wellesley Hospital Parking Update:** No reduced rates for available. Parking is free on Sundays.
  - Could use current meeting space on Sundays in a few month (currently booked).
  - No real interest in this expressed.
- **New meeting location for MWI monthly meeting**
  - Today there were many more outside 128 then inside 128. Mass transit doesn't seem to be a real factor.

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- Meeting before to be self supporting.
- Target this for May pending Judy finding out if we can use the space.
- **Other**
  - Region 6 Assembly is coming up April 14. Documents will be on [www.oaregion6.org](http://www.oaregion6.org)
  - Didn't have time to talk about events for Q3 or Q4.
- **Closed at about 8:30 with Together We Can.**

**Join us for our next Meeting -**

**Date:** Tuesday, April 17, 2007

**Time:** 7:00 – 8:30pm

**Where:** Newton Wellesley Hospital – Allen Riddle building, Room 100

If you'd like more information, call MWI and leave a message at 508-875-0001 or, send e-mail to [info@metrowestoa.org](mailto:info@metrowestoa.org) Call or write in advance if you need a ride.