**Minutes of the MWI Business Meeting**

February 2019

In attendance were Sue M, Recording Secretary; Blair P, Chair; Nate, Vice-Chair; Bob K from the Sunday Jamaica Plain meeting; Diane R from Tuesday Newton BBSS; Nancy G.P., Corresponding Secretary (via FaceTime);

Blair opened the meeting at 9:05 am with the Serenity Prayer and an introduction of those present, the purpose of our meeting, and its etiquette. Diane R read the 12 Steps, Bob K read the 12 Traditions, and Sue M read the Concept of the Month.

Nate and Blair volunteered to review the Minutes.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Rachel S was sick. She emailed that there was nothing of note to report this month. Nancy was paid for branding, social media, and web site. Rachel will report on two months at the next meeting.

**Old/Ongoing Business**

* MWI Web and Social Media report from Nancy:

The website hit a new high this month for engagements and visits, as of the last two years. Nancy will send out numbers this afternoon. She wants to talk offline about ideas to keep the website fresh. She put up a new events page called “Latest News” and wants to send out a new Blast, as those tend to lead to more hits. The site is getting more hits through search engines so we are not relying so much on ads to generate traffic.

* MWI meetings and contact from Blair:

Blair has list of meetings but they are not divided up yet between volunteer callers. Sue M wrote up a script for callers to use. Bob, Jen, Sue, Blair, and Terri will call.

* Liability Insurance for MWI from Blair:

Through emails, there was discussion about liability insurance for officers and event liability insurance, two different things. One other intergroup has insurance for both, but most have just event insurance. Nate will look into buying the event policy. Blair will send names of companies on to him. Blair will ask at Unity Day what other intergroups are doing for officer and event liability insurance.

* Retreat (6/7 to 6/9, Wareham) – Committee members:

We need co-chairs for the planning committee. It is very turn-key: food, location, accommodations, and venue contact are all the same. Need to find a retreat leader. Margaret Ann is willing to be the retreat leader, or the co-chair, but not both. Taube and Veronica are interested in volunteering to be part of the retreat committee again. Still need to get committed co-chairs and a retreat leader. Blair will contact Terri O and Margaret Ann about leading the retreat, and Toni and Susan about whether they would be willing to be members of the retreat committee.

**New Business**

* WSBC Agenda Questionnaire – Blair

Members should review the Questionnaire and respond by email to Blair as to which agenda items they think should not be included. Due date to Blair is February 23. Blair will re-send the Agenda Questionnaire Summary via email, and include the link to the New Business Motions and Bylaw Amendments so the group can review the motions and amendments in their entirety.

* Podcasts - Nate:

There are a lot of clicks to the MWI page that contains links to podcasts. A lot of the podcasts are old, or lack context, or are outdated. Nate proposed allowing members to record themselves (giving talks, qualifying, etc.) and have the recording uploaded to the web site. Nancy proposed adding good podcasts from other web sites and making links to them more prominent (LA Intergroup, OA.org, etc.). Nate requested including a note in the Blast to inform readers about the podcasts, as well as encouraging others to send a recording to be uploaded on the MWI site. It should be made clear to speakers that their recording will go on the website. Nate will maintain quality control.

* Blair asked for a section on the Blast listing opportunities for service, such as retreat co-chairs, making a podcast, and being an MWI rep.
* Strategic Planning for 2019, including Diversity – Blair and Committee:

For next time, Blair suggests reviewing the Checklist and Suggested Meeting Format. What can we do in the next year? How can we leverage the work being done on the website? OA is putting emphasis on reaching young people. How can we do that? In our meetings, we can ask if there are any young people interested in starting a young people’s focus meeting. There is work that could be done on college campuses, through counseling offices or peer counseling groups. Nate will be point person for those interested in starting a young person’s meeting. More in-depth discussion next month after reps have read through the Checklist.

**Summary of Announcements for IG Reps**

* Retreat June 7-9 in Wareham (Sacred Hearts Retreat Center); co-chairs needed
* Podcasts on website, and create your own
* Unity Day in Rhode Island: February 24, Butler Hospital Ray Conference Center, 1-4pm.
* Check your meeting’s contact person and update at OA.org and with MWI if necessary
* Crafts workshop date is TBA

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 am with Rozanne's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Mascioli, Recording Secretary