**Minutes of the MWI Business Meeting**

September 14, 2019

In attendance were: Nate, Vice-Chair; Rachel S, Treasurer; Sue, Recording Secretary; Mark, Framingham Sunday night; Jen, Tuesday BBSS: Steve M, member; Bob K, JP Sunday Morning; Ken, Brookline Men’s; Via Zoom: Nancy GP, Corresponding Secretary & Sarah, Harvard Square Wed night.

Nate 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. Jen read the 12 Steps, Steve read the 12 Traditions, and Bob K read the Concept of the Month.

Bob K and Jen volunteered to review the Minutes. A brief description of the functions of the intergroup followed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Rachel S gave the report for August. Donations were slim in August, but September is on track for +$1000. Upcoming expenses are only for the Region Assembly next weekend. We are about breaking even now.

**Old/Ongoing Business**

* MWI Web and Social Media (how to best use our local social media channels): Nancy GP

She reviewed what is on the home page of the MWI website. Sponsor bank number was updated. The “Latest News” page is updated with current information from various intergroups, workshops, etc. Jen questioned whether we need to have email through Bluehost vs. using a Gmail account. Bob K will update the Gmail calendar associated with the Gmail account, with latest events which will then link to the web site calendar. Metrics for August: 100% female, mostly in 25 to 34 age range, lots of searches around “eating disorder” and “bulemia”. More users returned to the site in August than July. People are starting to use the “Latest News” page. No email blasts in August. Discussion on how to make it clear that OA works for all forms of eating disorders.

* Liability Insurance for MWI: Nate and Mark. All paid for.
* Retreat 2020:

No one present. Susan G and Gwen asked if it okay to look further west for a location. Bob suggested and group approved to limit locations to nothing further than 1 ½ hours from NWH location.

* College / University outreach: Nate & Sarah

Nate said one project is the Young People’s committee through WSO, which is to “adopt” a local college to provide information to mental health staff, so they can help students dealing with food issues. This could be an opportunity for young members to do service. The pamphlet “When to refer someone to OA” is a good resource to offer professionals. Members volunteered to approach different colleges with referral information. Nate will forward information on how to do this.

* Hospital outreach: Tabled.
* Sponsor bank: Sarah

Lisa D is not getting voice mails left on the 857 number listed on the sponsor bank cards. Sarah set up a new 508 number which is now listed on the OA website. Sarah will follow up with Lisa D to fix the access problem to the original 857 number.

* Sponsorship Workshop on September 15: Mark. Everything is all set.

**New Business: 9:55 am**

* October MWI meeting date change: Blair

3rd Saturday in October is the Region Convention. Group agreed to meet October 12. Sue will contact the hospital to reserve the room on that date.

* Region 6 Convention 2019 service opportunities: Nate

There is a sign-up genius for service opportunities at the Convention.

* Region 6 Convention 2020: Nate

It will be in Burlington, MA, in October. Local intergroups will need to be involved. Kim and Chuck are co-chairs and are looking for volunteers.

* Draft motions for WSBC: Steve

The bylaw amendment would change the limits of trustee service from 8 consecutive years to 8 years total service. Rationale is to encourage new voices and points of view. Bob K moved and Mark seconded to support Steve’s by-law change.

* Jen will attend the Region 6 Assembly next week as Blair cannot attend.

**Summary of Announcements for IG Reps**

* Speaker Bank
* Abstinence workshop (SCMI): 10/5/19; 1-4p, Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital, Funkhouser Conf Rm, Plymouth
* Region 6 Convention 2019: 10/18- 10/20/19, White Plains, NY
* Carry the Message Workshop: 10/27/19; 1:30-4p, MetroWest Medical Center, Perini Auditorium, Framingham

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 am with Rozanne's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Mascioli, Recording Secretary