**Minutes of the MWI Business Meeting**

May 16, 2020

In attendance via Zoom were: Blair, Chair; Nate, Vice-Chair; Rachel S, Treasurer; Sue, Recording Secretary; Nancy G-P, Web and Social Media; Michael P, Tuesday BBSS. Mark, member; Bob K, Newton Friday; Howard, Brookline Men’s Monday; Ronda, Sunday Framingham; Susan G, Thursday 12pm Boston and Wed night Hudson.

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. Bob K read the 12 Steps, Rachel read the 12 Traditions, and Sue read the Concept of the Month.

Bob K and Howard volunteered to review the Minutes.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Rachel S: The finances are good; there were a lot of donations in April, although some covered the first quarter time period when meetings were still functioning in person.

**Old and/or Ongoing Business**

Web and Social Media: Nancy G-P

There is a lot of traffic on the site to check out Zoom meetings. That may also have led to more donations as people see they can donate through Paypal. The site is in compliance for Google Adwords. Bulemia is still one of the highest search terms. A possible addition to the website is to add a blog to address current concerns, issues, etc.

Meetings: do they have what they need, confirm digital/call-in info, updates to OA.org – Blair

Meetings must have the password again as of the end of this month. They will be listed on the website and the Google sheet there. Howard brought up the question if MWI or Region 6 or WSO will be offering any guidelines for what to do when meetings revert to in-person again. Discussion brought up letting each group make their decisions, following local and state guidelines. Information from the state of Massachusetts can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-prevention-and-treatment#latest-guidance-> or <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>

When returning to in-person meetings, each meeting should update the OA.org meeting list, so MWI can update its list. Nancy will add this information to the website and send out a blast.

MWI weekly workshops – Nate

Nate thanked those who have hosted workshops. Attendance has been good. If someone is interested in being the next coordinator of the Sunday workshops, please contact [info@metrowestoa.org](mailto:info@metrowestoa.org).

**New Business**

Virtual WSBC 2020 Recap - Blair & Nate

All five trustees were voted in. There is one vacancy for a General Service Trustee. All four literature motions were approved; check OA.org for how to order literature.

Nomination for replacement: Corresponding Secretary

1. To be eligible for election as an MWI Officer, a person should be at the time of election:
   1. be an intergroup representative (IR) or alternate representative (AR) to MWI for at least six (6) months.
   2. be selected for judgment, experience, stability, willingness and for faithful adherence to the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA. In addition, they should have six (6) months of abstinence whenever possible, each person being the sole judge of her/his abstinence.
   3. have one (1) year recent service to OA, six (6) months of which have been at the Intergroup level.

The corresponding secretary is responsible for corresponding with member groups and updating the meeting list, receiving and directing all incoming and outgoing mail, answering correspondence, and working the Web and Social Media person. Operationally the job description may need to be updated in the by-laws. Bob nominated Michael P. No others were nominated. Voting will occur next month.

Discussion about updating the calendar on MWI.org:

Susan made a motion to disable the calendar at least temporarily until a decision is made to keep it updated or not. It passed by a vote of 11 to 1.

**Upcoming MWI Events**

Sunday MWI workshops at 1:30p (60-75 min) via MWI Zoom:

5/17/2020: Abundance / scarcity mentality, food & plan of eating

5/24/2020: Movement Practices for Physical, Emotional, and Spiritual Wellbeing

5/31/2020: Using Art to Work the Steps

**MWI Retreat 2021: June 4-6, 2021 La Salette, Attleboro, MA**

**Other Upcoming Events:**

Virtual Region Workshops - see MWI website

The Region 6 Convention Committee is working on what form the convention can be held keeping in mind everyone’s health and safety. Final decision may not be made until July.

**Summary of Announcements for IG Reps**

Online Workshops

Passwords will again be required as of the end of this month.

The Region 6 Convention committee still at work.

Service opportunities: Need a coordinator for online workshops

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 am with Rozanne’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Mascioli, Recording Secretary