**Minutes of the MWI Business Meeting**

June 20, 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; Bob K, Newton Noon Friday; Lisa Dee, Wednesday HOW; Lacey, Wednesday Night Young People; Mark, member; Howard, Brookline Men’s Monday; Ellen C, Sunday Night Brookline; Susan G, Wednesday Night Hudson and Thursday Gov’t Center; Ronda, Sunday Framingham.

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. Lacey read the 12 Steps, Bob K read the 12 Traditions, and Ronda read the Concept of the Month.

Bob K and Lisa Dee volunteered to review the Minutes.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Rachel S: There were no expenses for May. Contributions still coming in. Working balance is over $7000. Paypal donations exceed check donations. Discussion of what to do with excess will take place later in the meeting.

**Old and/or Ongoing Business**

1. Social Media update: Nancy G-P

The website is getting much more use. She has some ideas of doing more outreach for newcomer’s meetings (paid ads). Can also do outreach on Facebook and Instagram. She looked into a plug-in service for the calendar, to make it easier to update, for $200. Discussion about how to spread the word to reach more people, to inform them that OA exists. Discussion about what the calendar could include.

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

Some meetings have transitioned back to meeting in-person. One meeting is retaining use of the conference call line as well. Discussion about when meetings can resume in person, what guidance MWI or R6 or WSO can provide, and who decides. Link to the state guidelines will be posted on the website. Discussion about how to get newcomer literature to newcomers, without sending them to oa.org. Mark volunteered to mail out “Where Do I Start” pamphlets to newcomers. Lisa Dee made a motion to have Intergroup create an adhoc position as mailer of newcomer literature to those who want it. Lacey seconded it. Passed by 9 to 2. Mark will take on this position. Send names and addresses to Mark.

1. MWI weekly workshops – Volunteer

No one has stepped forward to organize these from now on. Nothing is planned after June 21. Lisa Dee proposed putting them on hold until September. Others proposed holding workshops once or twice a month, or repeating a topic from a previous workshop. Lisa Dee will support one meeting a month.

Nate proposed saying the workshops are on summer vacation, and having an online suggestion box for ideas. Workshops will be held last Sunday in July and August.

**New Business**

1. Vote for permanent replacement: Corresponding Secretary

Michael P is the sole nominee for the position. He was unanimously selected.

1. Discuss bylaw amendment: Blair

Tabled to next month.

1. Proposed Goals (for Strategic Plan 2020): Nate

* Refer to our IG inventory from January
* Suggest we adopt the strategic goals from page 3 of the IG renewal plan:
* Help members strengthen their personal recovery
* Increase the number of sponsors
* Increase the number of newcomers
* Increase the retention of newcomers
* Help those in relapse
* Inspire people to give more service
* Increase outreach and public information activities

Nate made a motion to adopt the above strategic goals for the intergroup. Seconded by Lacey. Discussion ensued. Question about adopting strategic goal for increasing racial diversity and addressing institutional racism. Nate made a suggestion to adopt the goals as stated and next month discuss adding a goal to increase diversity. Vote was 9 to 1 passing.

* Read our strategic goals at every meeting instead of 12 steps/traditions?

Tabled for next month. Blair will consult bylaws.

* Possible action plan items:
* Member survey (refer to responses from 2 years ago). Could raise awareness and help us prioritize
* Visiting all our groups. Raise awareness of IG’s value and get them to send a rep
* Sponsorship training (e.g. series of workshops)
* 15-week step study (refer to Lisa Dee and Jen’s)

Blair asked reps to think about these possible actions for discussion next month.

1. Sponsor bank check-in (call everyone on list to confirm): All (sponsor bank coordinator: Sarah M)

Blair will check with Sarah.

1. R6 Convention Committee update: Michael

Committee is still trying to decide what/how to hold convention.

**Upcoming MWI Events**

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

6/21/2020: Navigating Cancer and Recovery from Food Addiction. Panelist: Tiana

Last Sundays in July and August: Need topic and host

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

**Other Upcoming Events:**

6/20 and 6/21: Virtual Region Convention at <https://oavirtualregion.org/conv2020/>

Virtual Region Workshops: see MWI website

**Summary of Announcements for IG Reps**

Online Workshops

Service opportunities: Need a coordinator for online workshops starting in September.

Contact Mark about mailing literature to newcomers.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am with Rozanne’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Mascioli, Recording Secretary