**Minutes of the MWI Business Meeting**

July 18, 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, Corresponding Secretary; Bob K, Newton Noon Friday; Lisa Dee, Wednesday HOW; Marge M, Holliston; 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. Howard M read the 12 Steps, Ronda read the 12 Traditions, Michael P read the Concept of the Month, and Susan G read MWI’s Strategic Goals 2020.

Bob K and Susan G volunteered to review the Minutes.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Rachel S: June was a good month for donations, although they are starting to level off. There were two donations made via checks and the rest were made online. The only expense was $89 for website work.

**Old and/or Ongoing Business**

1. Social Media update: Nancy G-P

Nancy spent $102 to optimize the site and improve speed for downloads. She and Michael P have ideas for changes.

1. Strategic Goals: Blair. Blair shared the Strategic Goals with everyone.
   * Possible action items:

* Visiting all of our groups via Zoom to raise awareness of MWI’s value and to get them to send a rep, and share the strategic goals. Sue volunteered to coordinate this with Nancy’s help.
* Nate will lead/coordinate, with Blair, the series of sponsorship training workshops.
* No one volunteered yet to lead the 15-week step study that Jen and Lisa Dee did last year.
* The announcements sent out every month will now include the Strategic Goals.
* Meetings: do they have what they need, confirm digital/call-in info, updates to OA.org.

Susan G asked if she could get permission to be the temporary host in her meetings, with which Blair agreed. Michael made a motion for MWI to make the Zoom account available to any MWI meeting that wants it, so each meeting can host itself. Bob seconded, and motion passed 11-0. Blair will follow up with specifics.

* Mark has been sending “Where Do I Start?’ pamphlets to newcomers. It’s been very successful. Pamphlets are sent to newcomers, even those out of state. Send the first name, last initial, and address of newcomers to MWI meetings to [markfromnatick@gmail.com](mailto:markfromnatick@gmail.com) and he will send out the pamphlet..

1. New Pamphlet: Bob K

It is not ready for approval yet.

**New Business**

1. Possible Bylaw amendment. Blair wants to add the position as Web Site and Social Media Coordinator to the board. She will write up the amendment to bring to next month’s meeting.
2. Region 6 Convention Committee update by Michael P.

The committee met and decided the face-to-face convention will not take place. The hotel gave the committee the option to roll over the contract to the next year, or just cancel with no penalty. There will be a virtual convention, Oct. 23-25. Details will be forthcoming

1. World Service PIPO Committee

The Medical and Mental Health subcommittee is looking for members to serve, until next May. Blair asked for two volunteers to serve on this subcommittee, working on how to instruct members in how to talk to mental health professionals. Ronda and Bob volunteered.

1. Rachel suggested an upgrade to the donations page to add a drop-down requiring the donor to select the group ID number before proceeding with the donation. Nancy got an estimate of $475 to do this. A discussion ensued around the need to record which meetings donations are from. The solution decided on was to include a mandatory note indicating which meeting the donation is from. Nancy will send a proposal via email.
2. A motion was made by Mark to add a paragraph from a ‘Synopsis of OA Unity with Diversity’ policy to MWI meeting formats. The motion was tabled to next month due to time constraints.
3. Mark made a motion to remind groups not to change any language when reading “How It Works,” the 12 Steps or 12 Traditions, or anything from the Alcoholic Anonymous Big Book. Unanimously approved.
4. Proposed action plan to increase diversity: Lisa Dee will go to other groups and intergroups about what they are doing to increase diversity and bring that info back to us

**Upcoming MWI Events**

Sunday MWI workshops:

7/26/2020 9am-12pm: 12 Steps to a Positive Body Image. Co-sponsored by MWI, Nassau County IG, and Suffolk County IG.

8/30/2020 Time is TBD: TBD topic and host [if 1:30-3pm, meeting ID: 705 658 2426, password 402152]. The Workshop coordinator until the end of August is Lisa Dee. We need a coordinator for September and beyond.

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

**Summary of Announcements for IG Reps**

* Email Blair to get info about using MWI zoom account login info.
* Contact Mark to send “Where Do I Start” pamphlets.
* Suggestion to read strategic goals at meetings.
* Reminder to not change any words when reading anything from literature.
* Workshop information
* Region 6 convention
* Service opportunities: Need a coordinator for online workshops starting in September.

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 am with Rozanne’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Mascioli, Recording Secretary