**Minutes of the MWI Business Meeting**

August 15 2020 MWI Meeting

In attendance via Zoom: Blair, Chair; Sue, Recording Secretary; Nancy G-P, Web and Social Media; Bob K, Newton Noon Friday; Jay, Tuesday Eliot Church BBSS; Howard, Brookline Men’s Monday; Ellen C. Sunday Night Brookline; Mark, member; Michael P, Corresponding Secretary; Ronda, Sunday 7pm Framingham.

Blair opened the meeting at 9:05 am with the Serenity Prayer, an introduction of those present, a statement of the purpose of our meeting, and its etiquette. Sue read the 12 Steps, Ronda read the 12 Traditions, Howard read the Concept of the Month, and Ellen read MWI’s Strategic Goals 2020.

Bob K and Howard volunteered to review the Minutes.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Rachel was unable to attend. Michael P had a question about sending a donation to WSO. Discussion ensued about what to do with funds. Bob suggested $1000 to WSO and $500 to Region 6. Nancy GP suggested that there are a lot of things to spend money on, for public outreach. Discussion tabled to next month.

**Old and/or Ongoing Business**

1. Social Media update: Nancy G-P

* Metrics are pretty steady from June. Google helped us optimize our Google Adwords campaign. They also helped us target newcomers.
* Some money was spent on making the site faster, and other small site optimizations.
* Meetings and events are now added to the website calendar.
* We need someone to work on expanding our presence on social media, which leads to more newcomers, to work with Nancy and Michael..
* The mandatory note field in the donation form has been added.
* Scope of website discussion - Michael P. He wants to take advantage of being able to reach beyond our physical geography to help others wherever they live. As an example, we could share our sponsor bank email beyond Metrowest. Possibly add another section on the meeting list page of “Meetings we like” and the meetings could be anywhere in the world. It’s a chance to enrich recovery for everyone in Metrowest.

1. Updates on the action items for our Strategic Goals:

* Diversity: Groups and IGs: how do they support diversity - Lisa Dee. Tabled to next month.
* Visiting our groups (via Zoom): to raise awareness of IG’s value and get them to send a rep Sue & Nancy. No progress. Michael and Blair volunteered to visit, also.
* [Nothing new to report on the sponsorship training (e.g. series of workshops; Nate)]
* Opportunity for service:
* Leader(s) needed to lead a 15-week step study.
* Dashboard monitor 30 Aug 2020 2-4pm during MWI workshop. Bob volunteered.
* Workshop coordinator Sept 2020+. Michael will take the last Sunday of September to lead a workshop on “Be Selfish. Do Service.”

1. Meetings: how is sharing password working out? Blair & Susan G. (Susan G. not able to attend). Susan G suggested to Blair to supply the host key to groups, rather than the login credentials for the MWI Zoom account. Michael made the motion, seconded by Ronda, to supply the host key, rather than the login info, to meetings. Passed unanimously.
2. ‘Where Do I Start?’ pamphlet distribution to MWI meeting attendees – Mark

Mark sent out seven newcomer kits this month, including outside the state

**New Business:**

1. New business proposal: Unity with Diversity - Mark

Mark has a proposal to recommend to groups that they read the Unity with Diversity Policy in their meeting introductions. Seconded by Bob. Suggestions to add this to the announcements, the web site, and emails. Passed with 6 in favor, one abstention.

1. New bylaw amendment proposal: add Website & Social Media Coordinator to MWI Board - Blair. Discussion that the description is a lot for one person to take on. Blair will bring actual wording to Nancy and bring the motion up next month.
   * Discuss during Sep 2020 mtg
   * Vote during Oct 2020 mtg; need ⅔ majority of eligible voters present to adopt

**Upcoming MWI events:**

Sunday MWI workshops [unless otherwise noted, meeting ID: 705 658 2426, password 402152]:

8/30/2020 2-4pm EDT: Traditionally Speaking: How to Stay Sane While Sweltering in Place [host: Lisa Dee]

9/27/2020: Michael will coordinate, “Be Selfish. Do Service”. Time TBD.

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

**Region 6 Virtual Convention: Oct 23-25, 2020**

The convention is virtual this year, with lots of good speakers and chances to share. For more info and to register, go to <https://oaregion6.org/2020/>.

**Summary of Announcements for IG Reps**

* Service opportunities: workshop coordinator for September and beyond, leader for 15-week step study.
* Recommendation to include OA’s Unity with Diversity policy in meeting readings.
* Region 6 convention
* Workshops and retreats as shown above

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am with Rozanne’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Mascioli, Recording Secretary