**Minutes of the MWI Business Meeting**

October 17, 2020 MWI Meeting

In attendance via Zoom: Blair, Chair; Rachel, Treasurer; Nate, Vice-Chair; Sue M, Recording Secretary; Sue A, Sunday night Brookline; Jay, Tuesday Eliot Church BBSS; Damien, Monday evening Cambridge Writing/Meditation; Nancy GP, Website Coordinator; Bob K, Brookline Monday Men’s; Rhonda, Sunday Framingham; Michael P, Corresponding Secretary; Susan G, Wednesday night Hudson, joined at 9:20am.

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. Michael P read the 12 Steps, Jay read the 12 Traditions, Sue M read the Concept of the Month, and Bob K read MWI’s Strategic Goals 2020.

Michael P and Damien volunteered to review the Minutes.

**Old and/or Ongoing Business**

1. Vote on bylaw amendment proposal: add Website Coordinator to MWI Board: Blair

The amendment was discussed last month, and a small change was made. Discussion: can the Website Coordinator get assistance from OA members as necessary? Answer is yes. There is always a paid professional keeping the website up, handling technical issues, working with the Coordinator. Bob K made motion to accept this amendment, seconded by Jay. Motion passed 11-0.

1. Nominations for 2021 MWI Officers:

Chair, Vice Chair, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary. Election will take place in November 2020.

Nominations for Chair: TBD.

Nominations for Vice Chair: Bob K.

Nominations for Recording Secretary: Sue M..

Nominations for Corresponding Secretary: Michael P.

1. Treasurer’s Report: Rachel.

We had excellent month for contributions. $2750 donation made to WSO. Website fee renewed. $500 donation to R6 for raffle at the convention. Also some website expenses paid. Working balance of $6200. Nate will come back later with amount to request for Young People’s work. Nancy suggested possibly making the Social Media coordinator a paid position. Nate wondered if other groups had hired a social media person; Michael will check with Beth B, R6 Trustee, about suggestions on finding such a person. Discussion of making another donation to WSO. Some concern if groups may need assistance when returning to in-person meetings. Nate moved to donate $1000 to either WSO or R6. Seconded by Susan G. Michael proposed sponsoring a “room” for R6 convention. Nate made amendment to send $500 to R6 Convention to sponsor a room and $500 to WSO. Seconded by Susan G. Motion passed 9 to 0.

1. Website: Nancy G-P.

Nancy sent out the analytics before the meeting. Overall we are getting a lot of new traffic on the site, thanks to Google Ads. There is some traffic of people going to Brookline newcomers meeting. A lot of people go to “Is OA For You” and then go to OA.org to find a meeting. Framingham meeting has been averaging about 4 newcomers a meeting. We are getting hits of people looking for sponsors. There is more engagement on the site than previously.

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, Blair, Michael. No updates. Sue M will send out email to all who want to participate, including Rhonda and Susan G, in expectation that visits will be paid by the November IG meeting.
1. Newcomer pamphlets: Mark has sent out 6, and we will send him more.
2. Joint speaker bank with MBI. We need to answer the MBI chair. Susan, Sue M, and Michael were to be an adhoc committee. Blair will talk to Beth from OAMBI about how they see it working. It may just be a matter of telling them MBI members can sign up on our speaker list, and include a link to the MWI site on the MBI site or info to that effect.

**New Business:**

1. MWI Survey: Nate.

Nate proposes sending out a new survey to get an idea of what member needs are. Nate will send out proposed draft of the survey to IG reps to seek comments and edits, within a week.

1. Discuss WS Young Peoples’ Retreat (March 2021), MWI to co-host?: Nate

There will be a Zoom retreat focused on young people, but WSO says the retreat needs an IG to sponsor it as the WSO Young Peoples Committee does not have the funds. Michael P made motion to sponsor it, Sue M seconded. Passed 7-0, 1 abstention.

1. R6 Assembly Summary: Nancy, Sue, Lisa Dee (not present)

Brief report that new officers were elected and bylaws changes voted on.

**Upcoming MWI events:**

Sunday MWI Workshops

When: Sundays, 1:30-2:30p Eastern time unless otherwise specified below.

Meeting ID: 705 658 2426, password 402152. See MWI website for call-in #s

* Last Sunday of the month, starting Oct 25: Newcomers workshop
* First Sunday of the month, starting Nov 1: special topic workshops
* 11/1: Exploring Turnarounds—examine different ways to employ 4th and 10th step turnarounds

**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/>.

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

**Summary of Announcements for IG Reps**

* Survey coming to gather information on members’ and groups’ needs during COVID
* Newcomer packets available by contacting Mark

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 am with Rozanne’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Mascioli, Recording Secretary