**Minutes of the MWI Business Meeting**

November 21, 2020 MWI Meeting

In attendance via Zoom:

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| Blair | Chair | Rachel | Treasurer |
| Nate | Vice-Chair | Sue M | Recording Secretary |
| Sue VA | Sunday Night Brookline | Jay | Tuesday Eliot Church BBSS |
| Nancy GP | Website Coordinator | Michael C | Member |
| Bob K | Sunday Morning JP | Damien | Mon Eve Cambridge Meditation |
| Kat L | Thursday Agnostics | Susan G | Thursday Noon Gov’t Center |
| Janet | Wednesday Newton | Megan L | Friday Night BBSS Cambridge |
| Suzanne | Monday Morning Meditation | Barbara J | Sunday Morning Framingham |
| Ronda | Sunday Framingham Newcomers | Shelley | Member |
| Jen B | Retreat report (joined at 10:05) | Mark SH | Member (joined at 10:15) |

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. Janet F read the 12 Steps, Susan G read the 12 Traditions, Michael C read the Concept of the Month, and Kat L read MWI’s Strategic Goals 2020.

Jay and Bob K volunteered to review the Minutes.

**Old and/or Ongoing Business**

1. Treasurer’s report—Rachel

October income was about $1200. $1300 will be sent back to Region 6 (returning WSBC 2020 scholarship money). MWI contributed a total of $1000 to Region 6 Convention and an additional $500 was sent to WSO. Working balance is about $5000 ($3700 excluding the $1300 going back to Region 6). Rachel asked Sue M to be the back-up treasurer during 2021. Nancy has proposals for spending some of the money on improving our social media presence and attracting newcomers (approximate cost of $800-$1000 per month). She will present proposals via email, to be discussed at the December meeting. Susan G reminded us we were going to possibly give money to support the Young Persons retreat, and we may need to support meetings when they resume in-person meetings. 2021 Budget meeting will be held after the January meeting. Susan G, Rachel, Blair, Jay, Bob K, and Sue M will be on that ad hoc meeting. Blair will check to see if she got credit for airfare for the trip to the WSBC she didn’t take, and whether she is likely to be able to use it; she’ll bring it back to the group as to how to handle it.

1. Website—Nancy GP

The Latest News page of the website has a survey; please encourage members to take it. There were 9000 users this month, due to Google AdWords providing $3000 worth of free ads. We are getting more young people (20s and 30s) coming to the site. Susan G, Kat L, Shelley, Nancy, and Michael P, with Nate as mentor, will serve on an ad hoc committee to look more deeply at the analytics to enhance our outreach.

1. Strategic Goal Updates:

Blair presented a proposed wording for a diversity goal to add to our strategic plan. Discussion ensued about also including body size as a diverse trait and shortening the wording. The existing Unity with Diversity statement was read. Blair formed an ad hoc committee to discuss the issue, consisting of Bob K, Kat L, Sue VA, Damien, Susan G, Suzanne, and Barbara.

1. MWI Survey—Nate

Encourage members to take it to help us make decisions about workshops and other ways to help members. The survey will be open for 2 to 3 more weeks. Url is: tinyurl.com/mwisurvey

1. Member Meeting Visits—Sue M, Blair, Ronda, Nancy GP, Susan G

Committee members visited most meetings. Some new IG reps attended this meeting due to these contacts.

1. Joint speaker bank with MBI

No meeting held but the committee will start to meet again.

1. Newcomer pamphlets: We are buying 50 more to send to Mark.
2. World Service Young People’s Retreat—Nate

March, 12 hours of programming. MWI is hosting. Volunteers in the following areas are needed to make it happen: registration, treasury, programming, panelists, speakers, moderators, tech chair. Contact [oaypretreat@gmail.com](mailto:oaypretreat@gmail.com) if interested.

**New Business:**

1. Voting for 2021 MWI Officers:

Nominations for Chair: Nate. He asked to be committed only through August.

Nominations for Vice Chair: Bob K.

Nominations for Recording Secretary: Blair..

Nominations for Corresponding Secretary: Michael P.

Nominations for Web Coordinator: Nancy G-P

Motion made by Janet and seconded by Barbara to accept this slate of officers, with an amendment for the chair position to exist from January 1 to August 31. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Retreat 2021—Jen B

The main question on whether retreat should be held in person or virtually will be addressed by Jen reported our deposit was left on account. Jen and Caroline, who were going to lead it in 2020, cannot lead it in 2021. If La Salette will be open for retreats, we need to consider if we are willing to host it. Considerations are the availability of a vaccine is available and ability to include all who would like to attend, including the medically vulnerable. If we hold it in person we must commit by February 28 if to keep the June date. A subcommittee of Mark SH and Barbara J will meet to make a recommendation.

**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: Newcomers workshop
* First Sunday of the month, various topics

**Summary of Announcements for IG Reps**

* Newcomer packets available by contacting Mark
* MWI workshops
* Member Survey
* Young Peoples retreat

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

Respectfully submitted by Sue Mascioli, Recording Secretary