In attendance via Zoom:

Michael P. Chair, R6 (Web & Pub Cte) and WS Rep

Rachel S. Vice Chair (acting chair for April 2022 mtg)

Sue M. Treasurer

Chloe Recording Secretary

Nancy G.P. Web coordinator, R6 Rep

Alan F. Rep Mon 7p Brookline men’s meeting

Blair P. Rep Tues 7:15p BBSS, R6 and WS Rep, Zoom, Diversity & Inclusion (D&I)

Connie Rep Wednesday 7:15a HOW meeting

Marge Rep Wed 12p Wellesley meeting

Hilary Rep Wed 7p Hudson meeting

Suzanne Rep Thurs 7:30a Newton meeting

Susan G. Rep Thurs 12p Gov’t Center meeting, D&I

Ronda Rep Fri 6:15p BBSS meeting

Beth K. Rep Sat 9:30a HOW meeting

Mark Member, Where Do I Start? Pamphlets

**SERENITY PRAYER** 9:00 a.m.

* Rachel asked if there were any new members. There were none; as such Orientation for new members was not done..
* [Readings](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Vu9sEZz3L5NAvcMkdUn7OfGyORMM0UH8rN7POBMe8uQ/edit?usp=sharing): Suzanne read the 12 Steps, Sue read the 12 Traditions, Chloe read the Concept of the Month (short version), Blair read MWI’s Strategic Goals.
* Susan G. and Sue M. volunteered to review the minutes.
* Connie joined the meeting at 9:14am, so Rachel asked Blair to set up a breakout room for Connie and Michael P. to conduct the new member orientation.

**OLD and/or ONGOING BUSINESS** 9:15 am

* **Sue** gave the treasurer’s report:
  + Monthly income for March **$1,815**
  + Expenses**: $242.48 (paypal fees, PO Box rental fee (increased from 2021))**
  + Last months’ bank balance**: $6,646.37**
  + Ending balance**: $8,949.54**
  + Expenses owed but not yet on bank statement: 3 months worth of Region 6 and WSO donations **$1,755.98**
  + Working balance (minus PR, and outstanding expenses): **$6,662.56**
    - * **Blair** asked if the working balance includes the 3K earmarked for the 2023 retreat, and **Sue** clarified that it does not, so Blair suggested we reflect the 3K in the working balance. **Rachel** suggested adding a line for next month that includes that retreat earmarked funds.
      * Sue also walked us through some amendments to February’s reports. Sue will post the amended report to our files. Amendments include adjusted paypal fees and donations.

* Strategic Goal Updates:
  + Website and Social Media: **Nancy** presented**.** Nancy noted that google’s privacy rules are changing so we have less info about demographics of those searching/clicking. Nancy noted that there were over 400 visitors (large bump) in March that is not explained yet (? bot). No slides this month on CRISP chat and not much traffic in March. We had 4-5 conversations this month. [Link to Website & Social Media Report](https://drive.google.com/file/d/12lA-EJJA9xHZ9dkegln5lo9vXpa8VGPz/view?usp=sharing)
    - **Rachel** mentioned that MWI was awarded $1,200 from the Region 6 (R6) PIPO blitz money to hire a social media company**. Blair** explained that last fall a notice went out to IGs to remind them that there is R6 PIPO Blitz money available and for IGs to request funds to carry the message. Often, the IG pays 50% and the R6 pays 50%. This year, 6 PIPO Blitz proposals were submitted. R6 created a scoring sheet, but decided not to use it. The committee will revise it and the PIPO blitz application form to make clear the completion instructions. MWI requested $1,800 from R6 (we would support $600); MWI was funded $1,200. Nancy will send the current proposals to the newly-formed ad hoc subcommittee (Blair, Nancy, Beth, and Susan G.).
* Hotline / Voicemail: **Blair reported for Steve M.** Steve received a call from someone thinking they were calling the World Service office. The person had been told that AA literature was not approved for use in OA meetings and the person wanted to know what if their AA literature from 1975 was approved. Steve found the answer on the OA website easily and provided this information to the person: AA conference approved literature with original copyright date of 2010 (or earlier) is approved.
  + Workshops:
    - Special Topics: **Michael reported for Emily B.**
      * The April workshop, **Unwrapping the Fourth Step Process**, had 25 attendees!
      * May Workshop, 5/1, Abstinence and Food Plan
    - Newcomers Workshop: **Beth**
      * Canceled at the last MWI meeting.
      * 2 Attendees at the last workshop in March.
      * We are now directing everyone to the Sun 7p newcomer meeting.
  + ‘Where Do I Start?’ pamphlet distribution: **Mark**. This month pamphlets were sent to Cheshire UK, Washington DC, Culter Bay, FL, Salt Lake City, UT, San Diego, CA.
  + There are 3 newcomers meetings listed on the MWI website: **Mark / Rachel**
    - MWI’s Sunday evening Framingham meeting
    - Western MA Intergroup has a Tuesday evening meeting
    - Central MA Intergroup has a Wednesday evening meeting
  + Meeting at Turning Point, Walpole treatment center: **Michael**. Two people have volunteered to speak at a meeting. Turning Point is a state-run recovery house. We need to find 2-3 folks who ideally live near Walpole to support this meeting for 3 months. Michael reached out to MBI. Put this in the announcements.
  + Diversity and Inclusion: **Blair, Jeff, Susan G.** First and second POC Meeting Recap 8-9 people 1st week, 5-6 people second week. Typo in the original flyer so folks had challenges getting into the first meeting. Great community and meeting. Very appreciative to have the space. Susan G. has been instrumental in organizing. The flyer has been corrected & Nancy posted it on the website. OA.org and website lists are correct. New flyer will be sent with announcements. Michael is so excited we have taken action. Team is doing a great job.
* Michael:
  + Jay is working on a procedural manual so folks will have guidelines on how to do positions.
  + Emily B. looking for onsite posting / electronic bulletin boards to post info about MWI & our website.
    - **Susan G.** mentioned community ad booklets, these are mailed to households every week in many communities. A few fellows have been regularly placing a list of seven Metro West meetings in four different community ad booklets that cover 11 communities in Metro-West. We can tell others who receive free ad booklets in the mail that public service announcements (PSAs) from non-profits like OA can be placed for free. Encourage others to do it.

**Initiatives:**

* MWI 2023 Retreat - La Salette Retreat Center has postponed our reservation until June 2-4, 2023: **Rachel**
* Speaker Bank: **Rachel**. We need a new coordinator to succeed Jen B. Someone will need to contact the 11 current speakers on the list to see if they would still like to speak.
  + Need for speakers with recovery from anorexia/bulimia.
  + Need YP speakers.
* Joint events with MBI: **Rachel**. The ad-hoc subcommittee did not meet this month. Hopefully they will meet in April to plan an event.

**NEW BUSINESS** 10:00 am

* Outreach to Healthcare Professionals: **Rachel**
  + Atrius Health, PO Square, 45 minute Zoom presentation happening in May. We have a POC speaker with recovery from Binge Eating Disorder. We need a speaker with recovery from anorexia / bulimia. Rhonda said they would put a person in touch with Rachel.
* Recap of R6 Spring Assembly: **Blair**. Budget approved for 2023. Discussion regarding Google Ad words and whether R6 will participate. Google Ad words can be used by nonprofits to obtain free ad time / space from Google. **Michael** mentioned that when R6 utilizes Google Ad words, R6 is the client. Ads bring people in. Traffic will go to R6 website and intergroup websites, R6’s PIPO committee suggested to the R6 board that the $2,900 excess in their budget could be used to support the R6’s Web and Publications Committee’s efforts for Google Ad words. The R6 board approved this. **Blair** mentioned that this $2,900 will need to be spent by the end of the summer.
* Can we think of ways to help the Wednesday Young People’s (YP) Meeting 7:30 - 8:30pm? **Blair**. Two newcomers contacted Blair (meeting contact), and 4 people total attended the Wednesday (4/13/2022) meeting. Both newcomers informed Blair that the host was not there. Only 1-2 people attend the meeting regularly. Before the pandemic, the meeting was an in-person meeting based in Harvard Square and often had ~15 people regularly attending. **Nancy** mentioned that a meeting had a flash mob, attendees weren’t abstinent, and it appeared that newcomers were confused. Perhaps we should be sending newcomers or young people to the Young People’s Intergroup? They have a strong WhatsApp message group. **Blair** mentioned that you don’t have to be young to go to the young people’s meetings; our MWI YP meetings are focused . **Blair** will ask if the young people’s Intergroup’s website lists the Wednesday evening meeting or if they could send folks to support the Wednesday night meeting.
* Zoom Bombing is still happening: **Blair**. Recently disruptors are getting bold; Blair mentioned that someone called the Tues BBSS meeting contact hours before the meeting to get the passcode. At the end of the call with the meeting contact, someone in the background yelled an obscenity. That person was admitted from the waiting room before the meeting contact could advise the person managing participants; they were removed before anything happened. Additionally, 5-6 other folks continued to get into the meeting and waited in the waiting room. A decision was made to change the meeting passcode. As a result, we may want to consider removing all passcodes from the MWI list of meetings, regardless of if the passcodes are listed on OA.org. **Michael** said that given the nature of our efforts to be available to strangers / newcomers, it is hard to solve this. Mark does a lot of vetting. He asks, '`can I have the phone number you are calling me from?’ if someone calls from a phone # that is ‘unavailable. An ad-hoc subcommittee has been created to discuss how to mitigate zoom disruptors, what MWI should / could do, and if any changes need to be made to our MWI meeting list (on the MWI website). Ad-hoc subcommittee members: Blair, Alan, Ronda, and Nancy.

**UPCOMING MWI EVENTS**

**Sunday MWI workshops**

When: First Sunday of the month, special topic workshop, 1:30-2:30p Eastern

Meeting ID: 705 658 2426, password 402153 -> see MWI website for call-in #s

* 5/1/2022: **Abstinence and Food Plan Workshop**
* <https://www.metrowestoa.org/news-and-events/>

Meeting ended at 10:32a with the Unity Prayer.

Respectively submitted,

Chloe, Ronda, and Blair