**MWI Meeting Minutes**

May 20, 2023

**Our Primary Purpose is Tradition 5:  . . .*“to carry the message to the compulsive overeater who still suffers.”***

**Zoom details**: MWI Zoom Account #2

[https://zoom.us/j/7056582424](https://zoom.us/j/7056582424?pwd=SFJlZUR3UmFqcmFoMlZoMzRzZTdYUT09), **Meeting ID**: 705 658 2424, **Passcode**: 402153

**Blair stepping in as chair today**

**Present:**

* Sue: Treasurer
* Rachel: IG rep for Sat Cambridge HOW meeting
* Marge: IG rep for Wellesley Noontime meeting
* Chloe: Recording Secretary, alt Region 6 rep
* Jean: Corresponding Secretary for the IG
* Nancy: Region 6 rep and paid professional on web
* Michael P: Region 6 rep, WSBC Delegate
* Blair: Vice Chair, WSB delegate, POC meeting IG rep (passing it off soon)
* Susan G: Rep for thursday noon gov’t center rep

**Serenity Prayer: 9:00 am**

* Introductions: Everyone present introduces themselves and their role in MWI.  Each attendee shares one thing they are grateful for.
* Reminder: An intergroup representative’s (intergroup rep’s) role is to:

(1) Report what is going on in the intergroup to their meeting

(2) Support MWI’s strategic goals through work on related projects.

(3) MWI is available to support reps. There will be a time in the meeting for reps to bring up issues or ask questions on behalf of their groups.

* Other information: If voting occurs, intergroup reps can cast one vote for the meeting they represent. Questions & cross-talk are encouraged. The chair will move the meeting along if too much time is given to one agenda item. Orientation for new members will be done in a breakout room, if needed.
* Readings (need 4 volunteers): Chloe read the 12 Steps, Nancy read the 12 Traditions, Marge read the Concept of the Month (short version), Sue read MWI’s Strategic Goals.
* Review of minutes (need 2 volunteers): Two people will serve as this month’s ad-hoc subcommittee for minutes approval. Procedure: Notify Recording Secretary (Chloe G.) of edits or approval of minutes within ~3 days of receiving draft minutes. Once edits are made by the Recording Secretary, the minutes are considered approved.
* Michael P and Susan G. volunteered to help revise.

**Ongoing Business: 9:20 am**

☐ Treasurer’s report: Sue M.

Sue noted a correction live on the dates listed:

* Group donations in May to date, not April
* Paypal fees in May to date, not April

Working Balance $3,034.54- down ~3K from last month because we’re trying to get it down.

☐ Website & Social Media: Nancy G. P.

Nancy GP reviewed report. This month, we were under 1k users which is unusual for us, so Nancy will reach out to Google to see if there’s something going on with our ads. Looks like clicks have gone down. Demographics are a little younger than usual. Thank you to Michael and Margaret Ann for helping with the chats. Thank you again to our Social Media volunteer, Sarah from Las Vegas. We’re getting more followers and more engagement since she started.

☐ Hotline / Voicemail: No report to share this month.

☐ Workshops: Flag that we need to make sure that Emily B. and Chloe G. are on the newsletter, and clear up that the June workshop is 6.11 not 6.4? Chloe to follow up with Emily B and JB about this.

☐ Sponsor Bank: If received, Blair to share emailed report from Shelley

☐ ‘Where Do I Start?’ (WDIS) pamphlet: Jean E. explained that no one asked for a pamphlet this month!

**Region and WSO:**

☐WSO Assembly Report: *Michael P and others:*

Michael reported that the most controversial effort was to remove conference approval from all AA literature except the big book, later it was revised to all but the AA big book, 12&12, but it was voted down ultimately. It may come back.

Blair also explained that what did pass was the policy 2010A - asked that OA only *sell or distribute or promote* OA conference approved literature at their meetings, which includes AA lit *with 2010 copyrite or earlier/prior to 2010*.

Michael explained that two other really prevalent threads for the conference were:

One is the urgent need for two constituencies — members of oppressed groups and non-English speakers — to be better represented and included in leadership, literature, stories, policies. Members from both constituencies expressed frustration at feeling less valued, less included. The conference did approve a new book, “Diverse Voices, A Common Solution,” though not without opposition from what some might call traditional, less inclusive thinking.

Even after the election held at WSBC, the board of trustees has four open spots, and the new board issued a call for potential appointees to come forward. Region 6 just approved one applicant to go forward for this coming year. As a reminder we no longer have Region trustees, we have region trustee liaisons — the difference is that trustees need not live in the region they are liaisons for, and could potentially be moved to a different region the next year. Board diversity is an issue; demographically, it is older and whiter than the fellowship. It’s important to represent the diversity of the fellowship, and there is an opportunity in these positions.

There is also a need for the translation of materials. The way OA is organized into regions, there are 7 regions that are in the US, while 3 regions represent the rest of the world- disproportionate representation.

Nancy posted a link to Michael’s dispatches from WSBC: <https://www.metrowestoa.org/news-and-events/> .

Another motion that failed was around approving some sponsorship literature.

Susan G. asked what kind-of local bylaws are needed to be amended to update in accordance with the opportunities and changes to the trustees process. Blair said no updates needed.

Nancy GP mentioned that we have a 7:30 Sunday night Newcomer meeting, and the predominant group of newcomers coming are young women of color. Are there ways to get into the service pipeline in more manageable ways for non-retired folks who are young and busy? Let’s discuss this going forward.

☐ R6 Questions about our Assembly participation:  Blair

Blair mentioned that we got an email from the Intergroup Outreach committee that said we didn’t send anyone to R6, but we did! Blair expressed wanting to make sure the data is recorded correctly.

**Ad hoc Committees:**

☐2023 Retreat: Rachel S, Susan G

The committee reported that plans were all set, close to 40 folks registered, and they are excited for the retreat coming up!

☐Report on Sponsorship workshop and overall sponsorship project: Chloe G
Next step is to pull up with the committee and see if there’s anything else we need or want to do as a subcommittee. We have accomplished our 3 goals: update the sponsorship list, hold a workshop, and run a survey.

**New Business: 10:15**

☐Request to think about new initiative for next month after retreat is complete. Possibly social event in August with OAMBI

At this point, we don’t think we’re going to be combining the two intergroups, but we would like to do a fun social picnic. Rachel asked for a pulse on the group- anyone opposed? No one voiced objection to an outdoor social event in August

Barbara and Blair received an outreach email from the Friday noon Acton zoom meeting as to whether they should close the meeting, because there has been fewer than 2-3 people attending for the last several weeks. Blair asked the group if we had questions.

Nancy suggested that if we publicize that this meeting is dying, then it will continue to die. Sue suggested that instead of the flashmob, we could blast a “highlight” about a meeting that describes the nature of the meeting. This could be a monthly featurette. “Meeting Spotlight”

Blair committed to going to the Friday meeting, and Nancy did too.

**Questions/comments/meeting concerns from meeting reps**

Sue brought up that her 2-year term is ending this year and if anyone is considering it, Sue’s available to take questions about it.

Blair noted that there are a number of terms that are coming up to be done. Chloe suggested that we add to the agenda in June that we devise our IG recruitment strategy.

Rachel shared that we’re successfully moving forward with the Saturday am HOW meeting as a HYBRID meeting.

**Other/Closing: 10:15a**

☐Recording Secretary review with group the possible announcements for April 2023

Jun 11th workshop on Body Image- **Actually, it’s June 4th**. Chloe confirmed with JB and Emily B.

Jun 3-4 Retreat – double check with Susan G.

WSBC dispatches link - the full reports issued by WSBC can be found on this url: <https://www.metrowestoa.org/news-and-events/> .

**We closed with the unity Prayer at 10:20**