

NH INTERGROUP MINUTES –April 6, 2014

ATTENDEES (in alphabetical order by first name – Officers are listed with their first and last names)

Barbara G. – Retreat Chair
Bill G. – Multi-media chair
Bill Partridge – Region 6 rep, WSBC delegate, Thurs Bow rep.
Ways & Means
Debi Granfield – Secretary
Dorothy Martin – Monday Hillsboro rep, Region 6 rep
Effie – Monday Nashua noon rep
Elaine Tostevin – Treasurer, Saturday morning Amherst rep

Jean & Allan W. – Tuesday Lebanon rep
Jill Meier – Chair, R6 rep, WSBC delegate, Webmaster
Nancy S. – Alt rep Tuesday Derry
Peter L. – Monday and Tuesday Nashua rep
Ron – Monday Manchester rep and Wednesday Bedford alternate

OPENING Debi opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Nancy read The Twelve Steps and Effie read The Twelve Traditions. Dorothy read Concept 11. Then each person introduced themselves by giving their name, service position, and what group they represent. Jill continued the agenda.

Secretary: The March minutes were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer: The March amended treasurer's report was available at the meeting. There was also a summary of information from the treasurer. Highlights: we received our Unity Day share of \$41.25, donations from groups seem to be on track for the year according to the budgeted amount, updated insurance binders are available for meetings that need them and there will be a meeting today after the NHI meeting to discuss the retreat fund. Elaine had binders available at the meeting for two Littleton locations, two Lebanon locations, Derry, Catholic churches associated with NHI, St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Bedford, and Brookside Congregational in Manchester. If you need an insurance binder for your meeting, contact Elaine.

Nancy reported that we are all set with the IRS for 2013 and our non-profit status is reinstated. Deadline to file the 2012 paper submission is May 15th and Barbara will help Nancy to complete that. It was mentioned that we need an answer to the question of whether we have to file yearly with the state of NH.

The March treasurer's report was accepted as distributed.

Open: Two officer positions are open:

Vice Chair
Parliamentarian

Also, two chair positions are open: Answering Service and Back to Basics.

In May nominations will be made, you can nominate yourself or others for positions. Elections will be held in June. Consider this question, "What is the next step for you in Intergroup"?

1. Region 6 sharing:

- Eileen: This was her 1st experience at Assembly. There were two highlights for her, working with the PI Committee which did great work in a short time (NHI's blitz proposal was approved) and the workshop on strong abstinence.
- Bill P: This year some younger folks were involved in the Youth in OA group which Bill chaired last year. He found the day at Assembly long. (That is not a direct quote!) Ways and Means brought in \$34.

- Jill: Assembly was a great reminder of how much she loves OA and the chance to do service, focusing on goals, the strategic plan, and ways to increase attendance at meetings. She finds it exciting to bring back ideas to Intergroup. Jill served as chair of the Newsletter committee and presented a motion to make the Messenger totally electronic to cut cost and waste. The motion passed but there was not substantial unanimity so she feels there's more work to do. One possibility might be to allow Intergroups to request a specific number of copies of the newsletter. Doing so would decrease waste. (Bill P. mentioned that people can print copies from the web). Jill mentioned that she discussed with folks at Assembly about choosing the site for Convention 2015.

Check out OAhelps.org which was put together by Westchester United Intergroup to help newcomers and others share the message.

2. Retreat: Barbara reported that the cost of the retreat has increased but the prices we charge have remained the same. There are additional costs of room for the Retreat committee chair, speaker and the fee for special menu. The question is should the retreat be self supporting? There is a meeting today after the Intergroup meeting to discuss the Retreat Fund. The question will be discussed further next month. Also, we need to research if a scholarship could be applied to part of the single room rate.
3. Calendar of meetings: Should we move the Intergroup meeting to another week of the month, possibly the second? Jill said that we will vote next month, probably on specific dates. Questions that need to be looked at for that vote: When is NHTI available? What other meetings (such as WSBC or Assembly) conflict if we put Intergroup on the second Sunday of the month? What is on everyone's personal calendars?
4. Distribution list: Friends of OA will be in the oanhi@oanewhampshire.org list while reps (needed for business for the Intergroup meeting) would be in the oanhireps@oanewhampshire.org list.
5. May meeting: Elaine will lead the meeting because Jill will be at World Service Business Conference.
6. Future initiatives: Policies and Procedures, Strategic Plan and workshops. If you know of venue for a workshop, let Jill know. The following were mentioned: NHTI, Bethany Covenant church in Bedford and Camp Allen.
7. Workshop opportunity: Seacoast IG is having a workshop, "Living in the Solution" presented by the Region 6 Trustee on June 1st. The information is available on seacoastoa.wordpress.com This workshop is also being presented on May 31 in Arlington, MA.

Motion: Jean made a motion to close the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ron.

CLOSING Jill closed the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Debi Granfield, Secretary