

September 18, 2023

LMI Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened via Zoom at 7:00 pm

Opening Script (Amy)

Roll Call: Amy A., Traci B., Brooke S., Kathy C., Alex R., Barbara H., Sharon B., Mary Ellen, Debbie SP, Lori, Suzy R., Catherine, Laya S., Tiffany

Meetings needing support:

- **In Person:** Tuesday 6p Serenity House, Fri 6:30p Sanctuary
- **Zoom:** Fri 6:30p (needing chairs), Sun 2p (needing chairs)
- **Phone:** needing chairs and coordinators

Step 12 Reading (Amy)

9th Concept Reading (Amy)

1. Reports from elected officers (Amy)

- a. Minutes from August meeting (Brooke)
 - i. Moved to Approve (Traci), Second (Lori). Approved unanimously.
- b. Treasurer's Report (July & August) (Lori)
 - i. Moved to Approve (Kathy), Second (Sharon). Approved unanimously.
- c. Region 5 (Kathy/Barbara):
 - i. Barb attended convention and the topic was the promises of the 12 steps.
 - ii. Barb is on Intergroup-to-Intergroup committee inspecting how other intergroups handle online Seventh Traditions. Developing guidelines for other intergroups.
 - iii. Assembly will be held in Edinburgh, IN at the end of October.
- d. WSO (Debbie): Committee developing pamphlet for mental health and recovery. Sharon will post questionnaire to website. Fellows can submit 800-word written pieces about their experience with OA and mental health challenges. The deadline for submissions is November 30th.

2. Reports from volunteer service positions (Amy)

- a. Communication and Website Administrator (Sharon):
 - i. Website is currently down. Sharon is working on resolution.
 - ii. During past month, Sharon has kept website current with the following: updating meeting list, calendar events, welcome book, event & WSO announcements, WSO meeting format, etc.
- b. Meeting List Coordinator/Zoom Captain (Kathy)

- i. No new information
- ii. Announce in groups if someone would like to replace service position in January 2024.
- c. Newcomer Advocate (Alex): Harriet is maintaining position.
- d. Retreat Chair (Traci)
 - i. September 23rd is the last day for registration.
- e. Outreach Advocate (Suzy)
 - i. Individuals wanting professional literature can reach out to Suzy.
 - ii. Suzy is developing travel kit with professional literature.

3. Ongoing Business (Alex)

- a. Develop Guidelines for Intergroup Workshops (Sherrie, Barbara, Alex, Amy, Laya, Sharon)
- b. Phone and Zoom Token Coordinator: Voted to use this name for service position and change bylaws in the policies and procedures to include.
 - i. Moved to Approve (Barbara), Second (Mary Ellen). Approved unanimously.

4. New Business (Alex)

- a. Policies and Procedures Change:
 - i. Delete--H. 1 and 2 on page 13 Phonenumber 1. LMI maintains an answering service with a recorded message detaining general information about OA and directing callers to the OA website and the Newcomer Advocate. (502) 569-1755 2. A volunteer regularly monitors the answering service and responds to any messages left by callers (when a caller leaves a message, an email is sent to Newcomer Advocate)
 - ii. Will vote on this change at October 2023 meeting.
- b. Reviewed September/October 23 calendar
- c. Develop Calendar for 2024
 - i. A Workshop Planning Committee will meet in January 2024 (Barbara, Debbie, Mary Ellen, Kathy).
- d. Developing Goals & Priorities for 2024:
 - i. Proposed participating in local health fairs to educate on OA.
 - 1. Traci is open to assisting with this.
 - ii. Alex asked Debbie to report on WSO newsletters
 - iii. Interest in starting new meetings in Prospect, West Louisville, South Louisville
 - 1. Needing core group of participants to start new meetings.
 - 2. Possibly build relationships with local organizations to use as meetings sites.
 - iv. Support individual meetings attempting to get more members to step into service positions
 - 1. Keep a running "leaders" list on website
 - 2. Sponsors can encourage sponsees to assist with this service.

3. Potentially have a “leaders” training
4. Workshop on service/leading/etc.
- v. Work with Region 5 to learn about their work with other intergroups.
- vi. Reading of Annual Appeal Letter-educate IG Reps on how and when to disperse to intergroups.
 1. Could advertise on social media or website.
- vii. Increase our social media presence.
- viii. Create Committee to develop a Lit Club.
- e. Other new business tabled from last month:
 - i. If and how we might support individual meetings attempting to get more members to step into service positions
 1. Will make a goal for 2024
 - ii. What other OA intergroups are in our area? What meetings are without intergroup affiliation?
 1. Region 5 is working on this.
 2. Barbara will investigate Region 5’s work on this and see if we can be of assistance.
 - iii. Put WSO script on our website.
 1. Completed by Sharon.

Information to be shared by Intergroup Reps in their individual, OA meetings (Amy):

- Meetings needing support: Tues 6p Serenity House (needs support), Fri 6:30p Sanctuary, Fri 6:30p Zoom (needing chairs), Sun 2p Zoom (needing chairs), Phone meetings (coordinators and chairs)
- If a group is donating online, email togetherwgb@gmail.com to make Lori aware of donation. No way to designate online.
- WSO is developing a pamphlet regarding mental health and recovery. Fellowship can send submissions (800 words or less) to info@oa.org by November 30th.
- Saturday 9/23 is the final day for retreat registration.
- *Meeting List Coordinator/Zoom Captain* service position will be open in January 2024. Talk to Kathy C if you are interested in position.

Closing (Amy)

Submitted by Brooke Schreiner on 09/18/23.