

Minutes: Mid Hudson Intergroup Meeting, Family of New Paltz New Paltz, New York, May 17,2008

Opening: The meeting was opened by Mary Ellen, chairperson @ 1:00 p.m. with the serenity prayer, 12 steps, traditions and service concepts 5&6. Mary Ellen reviewed the definition of OA Intergroup.

Attendees: Mary Ellen –Chairperson Hilda-Vice chairperson Rica-Treasurer  
Evangelyn –Recording Sec. June-Beacon Itrgr Rep Carol-Poughkeepsie Sat. a.m. Rep

Sign In Sheet was circulated for attendance and contact information

Agenda was reviewed and approved

Minutes of March meeting was read and approved

#### OFFICER REPORTS:

Chairperson: Mary Ellen reported she has been in touch with Robin and JoAnn from Sullivan county regarding August's minithon. They are having a business meeting soon and they will get back to her. The minithon in Beacon in April was a huge success. Well planned and well attended. A flier advertising a summer retreat, 'Tranquility Through the Tools' was circulated. The retreat will be held June 20th to the 22nd 2008, in Ivoryton, Conn.

Pace needs articles.

Corresponding Secretary: Madeline gave her report to Mary Ellen. All changes in meeting list have been forwarded to Dexter and have been changed on the website.

Treasurer's Report: Rica gave a written and detailed account of all disbursements and incoming donations from Jan.19, 2008 to present. At present the balance on hand is \$809.95. Rica also reviewed how groups should decide what monies go towards contributions after group expenses. There is the 60/30/10 rule.

60% to Intergroup; 30%to WSO; 10% to Region

Contribution forms can be found on the website.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Special Events: August minithon JoAnn/Robin to get back to Mary Ellen

IDEA day in November: having the meeting in Poughkeepsie at St. Andrews church again this year was discussed.

Sept. Assembly: We have 3 delegates to the assembly and one alternate at present. We need

another alternate.

## Public Information/Public Outreach

Hilda went to the Roundout High School Health Fair this year. She passed around a sample diner placemat with an ad for OA that has been used in Westchester County very effectively in bringing new OA members to that area.

12th Step Within: June reported this meeting is doing very well. They meet Fridays in Beacon

Old Business: June reported on the 12th Step within meeting at Region 6 Assembly. Welcome back packets are now available from WSO. It was also suggested that old sign in sheets not be discarded and that members of groups call people on the 12th of the month just to say HI! This may bring some former members back to OA. There was a lot of discussion at Assembly re: past difficulties with the past treasurer. Things are back on track, and measures instituted to avoid any further problems with accountability for finances.

## WSBC:

Hilda gave a detailed report of proceedings at WSBC. There is a 5-year strategic plan and a marketing group working with OA to increase Public Awareness of OA. Hilda handed out printed materials detailing 20 strategic proposals that OA members, regional groups and committees can facilitate to promote Public and Professional Awareness, Strong Meetings, Committed Service Bodies and Financial Health.

All OA literature should be translated into French and Spanish by 2013.

There is a new booklet "Is Food a Problem for You" that combines some other pamphlets into one. Also packets for Health Care Professionals can now be ordered from the catalog.

Hilda will be working on the Public Information Awareness Committee. They will be having their first telephone conference July 12, 2008.

There was also discussion re: virtual meetings. These meetings have been very useful for persons who need an on-line meeting. These meetings belong to an Intergroup of their choice, send contributions and will also have representation @ WSO. Also, it was decided at WSBC that there will be no exclusion of any persons from special focus groups.

Hilda purchased CD's from WSBC for \$74.00. We will purchase these CDs to be used as part of our lending library.

Seventh Tradition \$13.00

Meeting closed @2:50p.m with the 7th Step Prayer

Minutes recorded by Evangelyn and subject to approval at the next meeting.