

MID HUDSON INTERGROUP NEWSLETTER - April/May, 2014

This constitutes the Mid Hudson Intergroup (MHIG) newsletter for the months of April and May, 2014. As such, it fulfills the MHIG bylaws requirement for prior notice of intergroup meetings and other communications. It is a substitute for *PACE* because there is no newsletter editor to prepare one. This text will be posted on the MHIG web site <www.midhudsonoa.org> in accordance with bylaw requirements.

Our spring minithon, “The First Compulsive Bite” will be held at New Paltz United Methodist Church at 1 Grove St. on April 26 from 10 to 2 (registration starts at 9:30 a.m.). Contact Julie, 845-233-8437, for information.

The next intergroup meeting is May 10, 2014, in the meeting room at the rear of Family of New Paltz, 51 N. Chestnut St. (NYS Rte 32). Please note! The intergroup meeting format has changed; reports on group status from the intergroup representatives precede the regular agenda. It is important that your group send your representative for these reports. (See minutes of last intergroup meeting on reverse.) Give your OA program and recovery a shot in the arm by stepping up for service at the intergroup level. Many groups are not represented at intergroup meetings by an Intergroup Representative, the first step for intergroup service.

We have a new webmaster, Mark S. Visit our new website <www.midhudsonoa.org> and let us know how you like it. We have a new Public Outreach/Public Information (PO/PI) chair, Misha F., and a new Alternate Region Representative, Cliff F.

A survey of intergroup members is being conducted to assess the level of interest in a week-long (5-day) retreat. Our March retreat generated the enthusiasm for a longer retreat.

The following donations have been received for this reporting period through February 28, 2014. Please alert the treasurer <treasurer@midhudsonoa.org> if any donations for this period are not shown here.

20140104 - New Paltz Mon pm #05442 7 th Trad	\$120.00	\$0.00
20140106 - Harris Hosp Sun am #01598	\$94.20	\$0.00
20140207 - Cornwall Tues/Sat 7 th Trad	\$100.00	\$0.00
20140118 - MHIG 7 th Tradition	\$9.00	\$0.00
20140222 - Mdletwn Sun 1:30 p.m. #24216 7 th Trad	\$50.00	\$0.00

The intergroup calendar for 2014 is as follows:

Intergroup meetings: May 10, July 12, September 13, and November 15.

Special Events April 26, August (Date TBA) and IDEA DAY, November 15.

The minutes of the March intergroup meeting are on the second page.

MINUTES-MID HUDSON INTERGROUP, MARCH 29, 2014

Meeting Location: Family of New Paltz, New Paltz, NY

The meeting opened at 1:04 with the Serenity Prayer, followed by reading the 12 Steps and Traditions 3 & 4 and Concepts of Service 3&4. Attendees were Stephanie, Barb, Dexter, Cat, Mary Ellen, Julie, Hilda, Misha, Lori, Cliff, Mark, and Patricia

Meeting reports were given for Florida Sunday, Red Hook Friday, Rhinebeck Wednesday, Gardiner Thursday, Cornwall Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, Stone Ridge Saturday, New Paltz Monday, Saugerties Tuesday and Woodstock Friday.

Agenda adopted as amended and minutes of February 1 intergroup meeting accepted.

Officer Reports:

Vice chair reported she had literature for intergroup.

Treasurer reported income for this reporting period was \$598.20, including Seventh Tradition donations for retreat expenses. Expenses were \$290.13, including \$25.00 2015 retreat expenses. Net increase in intergroup funds is \$108.07 plus \$200.00 retreat reserve for a present intergroup balance of \$3273.72 (Our prudent reserve is \$1860.00.) and an additional retreat reserve of \$1467.51. Donation of \$1000 to WSO credited all the groups which had contributed during 2013.

Corresponding Secretary requested that regular meetings which are not being held or are cancelled provide a member to meet newcomers who may be following the printed meeting list and would not be aware of scheduling changes. Region 6 Assembly is April 5 and WSBC starts April 28 (Barb will be covering both.).

Committee Reports:

Special Events: Julie reported on the Spring Minithon to be held on April 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. which is awaiting confirmation of a location. Theme is "That First Compulsive Bite". Mary Ellen reported on the retreat which had 18 participants, including 5 Day-Trippers. Response to the program and setting was positive. 2015 retreat is scheduled for May 15-17 at St. Lawrence Retreat House in Beacon. The topic is "The OA Promises" and cost is \$250 single, \$225 double and \$100 Day-Tripper. Groups are encouraged to announce this date so calendars can be set. Registrar is Mary Ellen.

PO/PI chair is vacant and Dexter volunteered to attend April 10 health fair in Kingston if someone would take responsibility for it. He reported that the Friday Woodstock group is planning to do their spring Adopt-A-Highway cleanup.

Speakers Bureau chair is vacant.

Newsletter chair is vacant.

Literature chair received the supply from the Vice Chair and distributed some to the new Gardiner meeting.

Seventh Tradition: Collection was \$20.00.

Old Business:

Cliff elected Alternate Region Representative. Misha elected PO/PI chair. Mark elected webmaster. New web site format including Google calendar for meetings with retention of current downloadable meeting list format was adopted. Mail Chimp was adopted as the intergroup mail client.

New Business:

Proposal to stream speakers from the Gardiner meeting from the web site was tabled pending resolution of anonymity issues. Barb will consult with the Region Trustee.

Motion adopted to authorize preparation of a bylaws amendment to reduce abstinence requirement for intergroup Region Representative from 1 year to 6 months.

Motion adopted to authorize survey of intergroup interest in a 5 day retreat. Survey forms were distributed.

(Note, in the middle of the meeting location was moved to the New Paltz library because of a conflict at Family of New Paltz.)

Closing at 3:10 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer

Minutes recorded by Patricia.