

Minutes of Southern Maine Intergroup Meeting
4:30-6:00pm, Sunday, April 2, 2017
Mercy Hospital, 100 State Street B-2, Portland

Present

Cheryl Y.: Chair, Region 6 Rep, Thursday Bath Rep
Trish V.: Vice-Chair, Monday Scarborough Rep
Debbie P.: Treasurer, Saturday Portland Rep
Robin S.: Secretary, Thursday Scarborough Rep
Beth C.: Sunday Portland Rep
Quinn B.: Bath Thursday Rep

A. Opening and Introductions

1. Serenity Prayer was said and OA 12 Steps, OA 12 Tradition and OA 12 Concepts were read.
2. Personal introductions and affiliations were shared.

B. Reports

1. Secretary – Minutes from 02/15/17 were approved.
2. Treasurer – The revised ending balance for 2/5/17 was \$6,434.10 and the ending balance for 4/2/17 is \$6,780.29. See attached report for details.
3. Retreat Committee – Nothing to report.
4. Region 6 – Nothing to report.

C. Old Business

1. Reading all 12 Traditions and Concepts at each meeting – all 12 Traditions and Concepts rather than those of the 2 month period covered by the meeting were read. Since this took less than 10 minutes, it was agreed that this practice will be continued at each meeting.
2. Tools Workshop – the Workshop was held as planned on Sunday, March 26 from 2-5pm at Mercy Hospital B-1. The critiques indicated positive feedback and suggestions for future workshops. We agreed that we would make a \$50 donation to Mercy for use of the conference room.

D. New Business

1. Membership Survey – we reviewed the questions Cheryl selected from the WSO Membership Survey. Cheryl will incorporate the suggested changes and send a revised survey to all Intergroup members for review prior to our next meeting in June.
2. Sponsorship Workshop August 19 – we discussed at length various options for Portland groups to host a sponsorship workshop on August 19 (note: voting for the designation of an official WSO Sponsorship Day on this date will take place at WSBC in May). It was ultimately decided that everyone will

listen to the podcast of the 3/12/17 podcast of the WSO “Sponsorship Success” Marathon and review the Planning a Sponsorship Workshop document (both on oa.org) and discuss further the next meeting.

3. IDEA Day 2017 and Unity Day 2018 – Cheryl reported that the Augusta group will host IDEA Day in August using the same Creativity in Recovery format as last year and that the Lewiston group is looking into hosting Unity Day in 2018.
4. OA Promotional Ideas – the following ideas were suggested and discussed and it was agreed that pricing and other information would be gathered for each and discussed at the next meeting.
 - a. Forecaster and Coastal Journal ads.
 - b. Pamphlets – 15 Questions would be best, in plastic stands, and could be distributed at local Y’s, libraries and medical offices.
 - c. Outreach to health care professionals - Trish will bring a template for an introductory letter to health care professionals to the next meeting.
 - d. Flyers to gyms and bridal boutiques (since brides want to lose weight)
 - e. Social media – Facebook and Meetup.com are possible options pending upcoming discussion at WSBC of social media and anonymity.
 - f. Grocery cart advertising.
 - g. Radio and television PSA’s.

E. Closing – The meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm after saying the OA Promise. The next meeting is Sunday, June 4, 4:30 – 6:00 pm at Mercy Hospital, 100 State Street, B-2, Portland. If you can’t attend in person, you can join the meeting remotely.

	Withdrawals	Deposits	Balance
Balance 2/5/17			\$6,434.10
Receipts			
7th Tradition		\$299.19	
Unity Day		\$28.84	
Dep for leadership conf not used		\$50.00	
Disbursements			
Unity Day 1/2 to Seacoast	\$14.42		
Beth C. (Staples)	\$17.42		
TOTALS	\$31.84	\$378.03	\$6,780.29
Ending Balance			\$6,780.29
7th Tradition			
Portland Sat AM		\$75.31	
Scarborough Mon AM		\$20.83	
Portland Sun PM		\$203.05	
Total		\$299.19	