

MTI Intergroup August Meeting
August 17, 2009
OA Middle Tennessee Intergroup

1. Angie welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.
2. Angie led us in the Serenity Prayer.
3. Introductions:

Angie B	Chair
Barbara B	Vice Chair
Sarah G.	Treasurer
Bonnie R	Secretary
Barbara Z	Lifeline Representative
Bob B.	
Cindy	Friday 6:00 p.m.
Dottie	Saturday 9:00 a.m.
Holly	AA Literature Chair
Jennie	Media Chair
Jenny	Media Chair
Lara Lee	
Lee	Thursday 6:30 Saturday 11:00 &
Linda	Literature
Nila J.	Notes of Hope
Sharon	Workshop co-chair
Stephanie	Region 8 Rep

4. Angie read The Preamble:

We are Intergroup---dedicated to serving the needs of Overeaters Anonymous. Electing to attend, we strive to put aside our illness. Our purpose is to conduct business. We understand the necessity of doing so in an orderly fashion. We leave our feelings at the door when we gather to serve OA as a whole. To maintain OA unity, we place principles before personalities. The quality of our service depends upon our willingness to commit to OA goals.

5. Barbara B. read the 8th Tradition.
6. Sarah read the 8th Concept.
7. The minutes from July were accepted with changes as distributed.
8. Sarah gave the Treasurer's report:
 - a) Available funds were \$2587.22
 - b) With \$6,000 in prudent reserve
 - c) And \$200 prudent rent reserve.
 - d) Highlights from the report:
 - The net from the spring retreat is a credit of \$1401.14 plus another \$112 from the special collection.
 - Paid the annual premium for rental insurance
 - Beverage sales at MTI yielded \$96

9. OLD BUSINESS

MTI is in the process of researching tax filings, federal ID numbers and all generally IRS related issues. Filing for a tax-exemption status as a 501(c)(3) has been researched. The consensus is this will not be feasible.

- Doing so is a significant effort.
- We do not have an employee who is paid and works a specific number of hours per week

We are a non taxable entity according to the IRS, but donations are not tax-deductible.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The Used Clothing sale Saturday yielded \$28. Leftovers were donated to Goodwill, but a box was reserved for the retreat
 - Someone raised the idea of starting a permanent "closet" at MTI with clothing available between meetings. Discussion revealed that this has been tried at MTI, and it created discord.
 - Holly suggested a quarterly boutique
 - Another idea was Saturday a.m. from 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. but closing it during meetings.
 - Discussion was inconclusive as to the future of the boutique.
- b. A suggestion was made by the Saturday 9 a.m. meeting to create a sign-up sheet for people who can sponsor, have it posted on the bulletin board, so that those looking for sponsors will have an additional resource.
 - It was moved to adopt this idea, the motion was seconded, and the sheet will be added to the bulletin board.
- c. Sarah shared that her two years as Treasurer end this October. Please **announce in meetings and begin discussing this important opening for service in our meetings.**
- d. Secretary of State of Tennessee acknowledged on July 22 the change of address in our Charter.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Meeting List - Brian G.
 - It is the responsibility of each group to have a contact person listed on the meeting list. Discussion ensued about meetings that do not have someone listed as the contact and whether they should be in the directory.
 - E.g., when a meeting rep comes to Brian and asks to be removed without also providing the replacement name, he's in an awkward position. Let it go? Track down the meeting?
 - This should not fall into Brian's job; rather, each group is responsible to take care of this.

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- **Meetings:** Please look at the meeting directory, and confirm your meeting's contact name. Please contact Brian G with any changes.
 - Bonnie suggested this is an order of business of the meeting.
 - Stephanie suggested the Group Outreach chair contact the groups:
 - Dottie added that groups often lose track of the roles they're to fill. **Each meeting should have an IG rep, secretary, contact for meeting, treasurer**
 - Angie highlighted a pamphlet called **OA Handbook for Members, Groups, and Service Bodies**. Order them and notify of availability on the Google group.
 - Sharon D. volunteered to call all intergroup representatives, match that to the meeting list, and do an inventory of officers.
 - Lee volunteered to be the contact and rep for the Thursday 6 meeting
- b. Communication – Alicia
- Will post the recurring events on the Google Group.
 - It was suggested that they be listed in one message.
- c. Media Library – Jenny B
- We have some new cd's of speakers burned
 - **Need donations of writable cd's and cd cases –** Please bring them to MTI office, or call Jenny at 615.476.3404 and she'll pick up if you don't live near IG.
- d. Region 8 / WSO delegate - Stephanie W.
- Chattanooga group is struggling and they're very tentative about hosting the fall retreat. We've offered to take workshops to them to help, and they're discussing and will get back to us.
 - **OA's 50th Anniversary at the 2010 World Service Convention**
"Return Again in 2010: We Are Family"
Hilton Los Angeles Airport Hotel, Los Angeles, California USA
August 26-29, 2010
 - **Region 8 Retreat on November 6 – 8, 2009 in Florida.**
Registration forms available through Stephanie.
 - Estimated cost is \$1,000 for two people to attend.
 - We budgeted for two attendees, since we are large enough to warrant two representatives and two votes.
- e. Phone - Carol K.
- Auto bill pay is set up and running
- f. Lifeline - Barbara Z.
- Subscriptions are going well

- g. Group Outreach - Nancy C.
- If they call her she will go
- h. **Twelve Step Within – Open Chair**
- Entails reaching within the membership – encouraging, making calls, raising consciousness about carrying the message within the meetings.
 - Looking for people who are not at the meetings, reaching out, take a risk, make calls
 - This behavior is all our responsibilities – and it's a practice that strong Intergroups follow.
- i. Public Information – Doug
- We have recruited a committee of five members, including the chair, to brainstorm and track down speaking opportunities for members of our Speakers Bureau which has eight members with many years in the program. Before the next meeting we will have held our first meeting and will have more to report at that time.
- Respectfully submitted, Doug G.
- j. OA Literature - Linda B
- Need some more of the tan books -- a lot of literature was sold this month
- k. AA Literature - Holly M.
- AA literature is well stocked; will order when needed.
- l. IG Office Manager Chair – Peggy N.
- 1) According to our property manager, there is no automatic defibrillator on the premises. checked into the cost of buying one, and it would be cost prohibitive (\$1,200-2,500).
 - 2) I also asked our property manager to have their A/C people give us an estimate for installing a thermostat in our suite (the next time they are doing service in the building). In the meantime, Sandy Birge said they are trying to remember to adjust the thermostat for us when they know we are having meetings.
 - 3) Dottie and I unpacked all boxes from the move that were in the kitchen and small office. I'm still waiting on a used light gray storage cabinet to store the retreat supplies.
 - 4) The OA slogans were printed and are now hanging next to our banners. Next, I will order a large photo to go above the sofa and design a "principles poster" that will hang to the right of the kitchen door. Dottie and I moved the

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shelves in the kitchen, so there is now room to hang the "Serenity" painting to the left of the counter. (I will do that next week).

- 5) Drinks are re-stocked in the fridge and include: water, diet coke, diet mountain dew, diet dr. pepper.
 - 6) There is now a green basket on the shelf in the small office that is labeled: "Bank Statements for Group Treasurers". All statements that come to our office for group treasurers should be put here.
- m. Notes of Hope –Nila B.
Shared a draft of this months at the meeting; did receive a donation; Nila will send out a topics / theme
- n. Workshops – Sharon D and Rick S have volunteered to co-chair this committee.
- Working with a Margaret P. in the fellowship who's developed an approach to the steps experientially – exploring something on the first three steps... perhaps will do a mini-retreat.
 - Barbara B volunteered to chair the 7th step workshop on August 22nd from 1:30 – 3 pm
- o. Professional Outreach - Edith C.
- No Report Filed
- p. Designated Downloader (New Chair needed)
- Anyone with Internet Access and a printer can do this monthly in a few minutes downloading any announcements from oanashville.org, oaregion8.org and oa.org that we don't already have posted on the Bulletin Board or Announcements binder.
- q. By-laws Committee / Becky M.
- Need better job descriptions
- r. Retreat Committee - Teresa T.-
- s. Webmaster – Tina R.
- Has started on a new site.

*****Next meeting: Monday, September 21 at 6:30 PM*****

From August MTI Meeting:

**For the Good of the Fellowship
(Excerpts from the minutes -- Announcements to meetings)**

1. Service Opportunities:
 - a. Treasurer position on the MTI board is open as of October. Please express your thanks to Sarah for her two years' service, and please announce in meetings that we're seeking a new Treasurer, and that Sarah is available to discuss the position.
 - b. 12 step within chair (see above)
 - c. Designated Downloader – chair needed
2. Meetings:
 - a. Please consult your listing in the meeting directory, and confirm the person and contact information.
 - b. Each meeting should have an IG rep, secretary, contact for meeting, treasurer
 - c. Pamphlet OA Handbook for Members is the meeting's guideline
3. Donations needed: cd's for OA speakers