

**OA Middle Tennessee Intergroup
Business Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2008**

1. Barbara B., vice chair, chaired the meeting in the absence of Angie B., the chair. Barbara welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m.
2. She led us in the Serenity Prayer.
3. Introductions were made: Barbara B., vice chair; Becky M., secretary; Sarah G., treasurer; Peggy N., Nancy C., Pat, Brian G., Kathy B., Tina, Doug, Dottie G. Stephanie W., and Janet.
4. Barbara B. read the Preamble to the Bylaws.
5. Becky M. read the 9th Tradition.
6. Sarah G. read the 9th Concept.
7. The minutes from the August 18, 2008 meeting were approved.
8. Sarah G. gave the treasurer's report. She stated that she did not have copies to hand out of the report but would provide copies to anyone who wished to receive one and would post the report on the bulletin board. Sarah noted she is starting to put the deposit date on the report so we can better track whether the report reflects all the contributions in a given month. She noted that August deposits were approximately \$100 over August expenses. She further noted that there was approximately \$850 in the account over and above the prudent reserve and the Barbara Lamb scholarship fund.
9. Meeting List Report. Brian stated that he had brought 100 copies of the meeting list to the office for distribution. He stated that the only update on the list was the addition of the Monday noon meeting at IG. This led to a discussion of various meetings. Sarah G. noted that the Friday 6:00 p.m. at Blakemore UMC has been declining and in recent weeks she has been the only one in attendance. Therefore, Sarah announced that the Friday 6:00 p.m. meeting is closed. Peggy noted that she had been contacted by someone in Madison who was interested in starting a meeting on Monday nights. She was going to put that person in touch with the contact person for the Thursday 12:30 p.m. East YMCA meeting. Janet announced that the Sunday 4:30 p.m. meeting at Summitt Hospital needed support.
10. Committee Reports:
 - a. Webmaster. Peggy stated that Elisha is doing a great job.
 - b. Cleaning. Doug reported that the carpets were going to be re-cleaned on Thursday, September 18. He stated that if this second cleaning was not successful there was not much else that could be done to attempt to remove the pervasive and persistent stains.
 - c. Media Library. No report.
Region 8/WSO Delegate. No report.
 - d. Phone. No report.
 - e. Lifeline. It was announced that Barbara Z. has been congratulated by WSO for having had ten subscriptions purchased by our members. Sarah stated that Barbara is doing a great job.
 - f. Group Outreach. Nancy C. reported that Group Outreach has not received any requests for assistance.
 - g. 12th Step Within. We need a chair for this committee.

- h. Public Information. Doug reported that Angie B. has asked he and Kristin to devise a campaign for members to inform our healthcare providers about OA. He stated there is information from the WSO publication, "The Courier" which they will be using. He will provide more information on this in the future.
- i. OA Literature. Peggy reported that she ordered some pamphlets and OA 12 & 12. She will check into the price for the OA pamphlet that is available to distribute to healthcare providers.
- j. AA Literature. Peggy will let Jamie know that we need some AA literature.
- k. Intergroup Building. Dottie reported for Lee that he was not aware of any problems other than our periodic on-going bathroom problems. Becky M. stated that she was going to draft a letter to be sent to the landlord so that we have documentation of our efforts to have a myriad of problems with the building dealt with. Once the letter was drafted it would be determined who was authorized to sign the letter on behalf of IG.
- l. Notes of Hope. Tina reported she is going to serve as co-chair with Nila. She and Nila will edit the newsletter in alternate months. Tina said she has been reading numerous newsletters and would be re-designing Notes of Hope. She has already talked with Angie about adding a "From the Chair" column. She stated that she would be sending out an e-mail with a topic soon and hopes to have an issue out in October.
- m. Workshops. Peggy will follow-up with the Saturday 9:00 a.m. group to determine whether the group will be able to sponsor an abstinence workshop on I.D.E.A. day in November. We still need a chair for this committee.
- n. Professional Outreach. No report.
- o. Designated Downloader. No report.
- p. Office Organizer. No report.
- q. Retreats Committee. No report.

11. Old Business

- a) IG Office Lease Committee – It was announced that Angie will try to have a meeting of this committee on October 20, 2008 prior to the IG meeting.
- b) The IG roster has now been removed from the website.
- c) The Saturday Step Study being held at IG has approximately 26-30 people participating and the Spring Hill Step Study has approximately 10-12 people participating.
- d) OA Dance. This matter was deferred until next month so more input could be solicited.

12. New Business

- a) Region 8 Issues – Stephanie W. is willing to serve as the Region 8 Representative but a question has arisen regarding the service qualifications for the position as set out in the MTI Bylaws. It was determined that the appointment decision should be deferred until the Bylaws Committee could review the provision in question. It was also announced that if we were able to provide funds to send an attendee to the November 2008 meeting in Florida that IGOR would provide some funds (hotel, meals) for Angie to also attend the meeting since she was willing to be personally responsible for her air travel. Stephanie stated that if it was determined that she met the requirements to attend a Region 8 meeting she was willing to represent us in Florida. After discussion, it was voted to allocate \$800 to pay for Stephanie's expenses to attend the Region 8 meeting in Cocoa Beach in November 2008 if it was determined that she met the requirements.

- b) Policy Issues – It was discussed that issues have come up regarding fundraising and the use of the IG office. It was determined that it would be helpful for a committee to study these issues and bring back proposals for consideration to the IG. It was further discussed that it may be most efficient if the Bylaws Committee’s mandate was expanded to include these policy issues. Thereafter, it was voted to re-designate the Bylaws Committee as the Bylaws and Policy Committee. The Committee’s charge was clarified to include: reviewing the bylaws for potential amendments, preparing a proposal regarding fundraising guidelines for IG’s consideration, and preparing an office usage policy for IG’s consideration. Nancy C. noted that one of the suggestions made in the WSO fundraising publication that was distributed at the meeting was to have someone attend meetings to explain the OA tradition of being self-supporting. Nancy offered to undertake that responsibility under the purview of her responsibilities as Group Outreach chair, and her offer was enthusiastically accepted.
 - c) Request to Use Office – A small group has requested to use the office on Tuesday night for a step study but will be unable to pay the typical rent of \$15 per week. It was the consensus of IG that being that we do not have an established policy on office usage at this time, for this specific request, it would be appropriate to permit the use of the building and ask for a suggested contribution of \$1.00 per attendee. This approval to use the building was conditioned on the understanding that the step study being held on Tuesday nights would be open to all members.
 - d) Elections – The positions of vice chair and treasurer are up for election in November. Barbara B. and Sarah G. are willing to remain in their positions as vice chair and treasurer, respectively. IG voted by acclamation to re-elect Barbara B. and Sarah G. as vice chair and treasurer, respectively, effective November 2008.
 - e) The Region 8 Chair has offered to come to Nashville and conduct a Service and Traditions workshop. Region 8 would contribute \$250 toward her expenses and MTI would be responsible for the remainder. She is available the weekend of December 12-14, 2008. It was discussed that this was a very busy time of year due to the holidays. Also, we already are planning a workshop for November. It was the consensus of the group that while we would like to take advantage of this opportunity that it would be best if the workshop could be held after the first of the year.
- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.

*** The Bylaws and Policy Committee will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 12, 2008. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend. ***

*** The next Intergroup Business Meeting is Monday, October 20, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. ***

Respectfully submitted,
Becky M., Secretary
September 22, 2008