

MIDDLE TENNESSEE INTERGROUP MINUTES

Nashville, Tennessee

July 21, 2018, 10:10 A.M.

Present:

Board Members – Janis (treasurer), Heidi (secretary), Jenny (chair)

Committee Chairs – Trevor (PO/PI)

Meeting Reps – Patrick, Sarah, Lois

Standing Members – Susan, Angela, Nancy, Lori Beth

Welcome by Chair – Jenny

Serenity prayer – All

Preamble read by Chair:

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.

Concept of the month – Patrick

Tradition of the month – Lois

Approval of June Minutes – Motion, Janis. Second, Patrick. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Reports –

PROFIT AND LOSS: As of JUNE 30, 2018,

- Last month's income: \$898.75
- Last Month expenses: \$1,516.34
- Profit/Loss: **\$-617.59**

CASH BALANCE: As of JUNE 30, 2018,

- Total Cash Balance: \$7,024.62
- Available Cash: \$-503.47
- Prudent Reserve: \$5496.53
- Rent Prudent Reserve: \$1,000.00
- Spirit of Scholarship: \$28.09

OUT OF THE ORDINARY TRANSACTIONS JUNE:

Motion to approve JUNE Treasurer's reports – Janis said we have had a couple out-of-the-ordinary expenses this month. Melissa's receipts for the Region 8 convention were turned in. We're also lacking 7th Tradition from two meetings at the MTI office and other, remote meetings. This time of year have less attendance. Take back to groups to increase donations to keep MTI office running. Lois motion, Patrick second. Approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Appoint Audit Committee to report back in December 2018.

The team would consist of Treasurer, Former Treasurer, and another OA member with accounting experience. The scope of the audit should consist of a list of all transactions and corresponding bank statements. Susan is third member of audit committee. Sarah motion. Janis second. Approved.

2. Member Survey Report/Recommendations – Sarah/Heidi – Review and take group consciences on areas of focus to support MTI meetings and members. Here is a snapshot of the Survey response:

“These are services you would like Intergroup to provide. Mark your top 5 with 1 being the most important.” NOTE: Some did not fill out or rank all items given in the list. These are the results listed in order of priority.

- 1) Organize step studies
- 2) Sponsor training
- 3) List available sponsors AND host special events aimed at newcomers
- 4) Organize more activities
- 5) Provide training for service positions
- 6) Organize retreats
- 7) List speakers
- 8) Assist meetings with publicity
- 9) Assist meetings with inventory AND Newsletter

- Sarah said appeared those surveyed were most interested in step studies and helping newcomers. She likes 5th one – service training -- because we struggle to fill service positions. People really enjoy step studies. We have a master list of available sponsors but people aren't signing up. Lois suggested that this starts with every meeting having a group rep. With permission, the rep from each group could jot down sponsors from groups and put on master list at IG.
- Lori Beth suggested organizing coffee or lunch before or after meetings near where meeting are. Angela added that newcomers should be told this information.
- Sponsor workshop in August 18, 1:30-3 p.m. at MTI office will cover everything to do with sponsorship.
- Jenny suggested this also could be a special meeting topic based on sponsorship pamphlets.
- Sarah will ask trustee what they have to offer in terms of sponsorship. She is also willing to coach others to take on step studies as she has done and wants to put together a game day.
- Patrick volunteered to make more visual place for sponsor list.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Office Scheduling Work Group Report- Heidi- TABLED
2. Service Position Opportunities:
 - a. Region 8 Representative (open now); Vice Chair (open now); WSO Representative (open 10/1/18); Treasurer (open 10/1/18)
 - b. Here is an opportunity to encourage sponsorees for service and to renew commitment to abstinence in order that they can offer their talents for service to the Fellowship.
 - c. Qualifications: Each position requires minimum current 6-month abstinence requirement. Regional Representative must have six months of IG experience. Have some prior service requirements. See Bylaws, Art. IV, Sections 3 and 4.
3. MTI did not have a Region 8 Representative at Region 8 in Alabama this past April. Attached is Melissa's report-out as Region 8 Rep. for her Intergroup. Thank you Melissa!
4. Research and develop a proposal to revamp web – Peter–Peter will seek volunteers to research and make improvements to the existing OA Nashville website and come back with a report on the updates. Removing from Agenda until the committee has something to report.
5. Retreat wrap up – Retreat committee report-out is attached. Tammy (past-chair) and Angela (2019 retreat chair) have been in communication. Removing Spring Retreat from Agenda until time to begin preparing for 2019.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

12-Step Within (Chair – Dianne) – Nothing new to report for July.

Phone chair (Chair – Phyllis) – Nothing new to report for July.

Public Information/Professional Outreach (Chair- Trevor) Nothing to report for July.

Tech/Web (Chair – Peter) – Nothing new to report for July.

Literature (Chair – Ilene)– Nothing new to report for July.

WSBC (Chair – Pat) – Nothing new to report for July.

Region 8 (Chair – Open)

UPCOMING EVENTS: Workshop in August. More details to follow on MTI board, and Email to the OA Google Group.

Close: Serenity Prayer

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, August 18, 2018 at MTI on Harding Place 10:10-10:50 AM.

