

MIDDLE TENNESSEE INTERGROUP MINUTES
Nashville, Tennessee
August 18, 2018, 10:10 A.M.

Present:

Board Members – Jenny, chair; Heidi, secretary; Janis, treasurer; Pat, WSO rep

Committee Chairs – Danny, Literature; Dianne, 12th Step Within; Phyllis, Phone

Meeting Reps – Jim, Mary K., Patrick, Sarah

Standing Members – Susan, Becky, Marilyn

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 – Read by Patrick

Tradition of the month – Read by Susan

Approval of July Minutes – Marilyn, motion; Janis, second. Unanimous.

Treasurer's Reports –

PROFIT AND LOSS: As of JULY 31, 2018.

- Last month's income: \$1,478.40
- Last Month expenses: \$1,458.02
- Profit/Loss: \$20.38

CASH BALANCE: As of JULY 31, 2018.

- Total Cash Balance: \$5,947.00
- Available Cash: \$0
- Prudent Reserve: \$4,918.91
- Rent Prudent Reserve: \$1,000.00
- Spirit of Scholarship: \$28.09

OUT OF THE ORDINARY TRANSACTIONS JULY: N/A

Motion to approve JULY Treasurer's reports – Dip in prudent reserve has been due to not putting retreat income into the MTI account while the retreat account has been getting settled. Next month, it should be settled. Heidi, motion, Patrick, second. Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Literature Chair, Danny, explained the transition process from Ilene, the former literature chair, to him and received information about tax exemption (we are not), literature budget and communications process about purchases.
2. The Spring Retreat bank account remains open.
 - a. Jenny pointed out it does not cost us money to keep the account open. If we close it, it does not cost us money to open another one for the next retreat. Do we want to keep it open to save time in opening another account for the next Spring Retreat April 2019? Becky suggested perhaps the audit committee could look into this. Sarah suggested a waiting period until people decide whether they are going to work on the retreat next year. Janis will find out what the minimum balance is for no service charge at SunTrust, since that is where MTI's accounts are. (The retreat account is at Regions.) Jim, motion to close Regions account. Danny second. Unanimous. Sarah will go to Regions and close the account and give the balance to Janis for MTI.
3. Member is asking to share artwork of Twelve Steps on display at the MTI office. This would be set up on a temporary basis. Heidi motion that we allow this display for the month of September. Patrick second. Unanimous.
4. Member has asked to donate storage shelving for the Literature closet. Becky, motion. Janis, second. Unanimous.
5. Jenny shared this information: The MTI Survey asked for the following; see MTI's responses:
 - a. Step Study:
 - i. MTI is seeking member(s) to lead step study during the remainder of 2018. Sarah G. will mentor person(s) interested in organizing a step study. Contact Sarah or Jenny with questions. Sarah text 615-424-3889; Jenny text 615-476-3404. Jenny will send emails on OA Google. Please announce at your meetings.
 - b. Sponsor training:
 - i. A workshop will be given on Saturday, 8/18th on Sponsorship at MTI 130-3pm.
 - ii. MTI has a board at IG office dedicated to "All Things Sponsorship". Look here for information on how to Be a Sponsor, Find a Sponsor, Information on anything to do with Sponsorship.
 - iii. We are looking for someone that is willing to keep up with listing MTI members available to sponsor and posting to the Sponsorship Board at MTI, and possibly communicate via the OA Google email to be the contact for those that do not attend OA meetings at MTI – serving as a Sponsor Liaison putting members looking for sponsors/sponsees in touch with one another. Take back to your meetings to solicit someone to do this service.

- c. Host special events aimed at newcomers:
 - i. All members of MTI are encouraged to announce at their meetings any gatherings of OAers outside the meetings whether it be for coffee, meals, etc. in an effort to build camaraderie and support for one another – especially in making newcomers feel welcome.
 - ii. Do we have a volunteer to call meeting contacts on the MTI Meeting List and ask them to announce this at their meetings? Perhaps if a meeting doesn't have anything currently, if they are interested in having something periodically, encourage them to start.
- d. Organize more activities-Sarah has offered to organize a Game Night. More information to come. Removing from Agenda until a date is scheduled.
- e. Provide training for service positions- Jenny has offered to work with the Twelfth Step Within Committee to present a workshop for service positions. Removing from Agenda until a date is scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Office Scheduling Work Group Report- Heidi- Update. Heidi agreed to loop in Gwen and Peter to see about interactive Google calendar to book space. Heidi will make the calendar whether we use it or not.
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); PI/PO Chair (open now).
 - b. 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. Audit Committee to report back in December 2018. Removing from Agenda until December.
4. Research and develop a proposal to revamp web – Peter–Peter asked if we can postpone this project to a later time when everyone is not so busy. Removing from Agenda until a later date. Will follow up with Peter in a few months.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Twelfth Step Within (Chair – Dianne) – Workshop committee met on 8/11 to plan future workshops. See Upcoming Events section.

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

Public Information/Professional Outreach (Chair- Trevor) Trevor is stepping down as Chair of PI/PO.

Tech/Web (Chair – Peter) – Project to revamp the OANashville website has been put on hold. Will revisit at a future date.

Literature (Chair – Danny) – Transitioned this month from Ilene to Danny as Lit Chair.

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

Region 8 (Chair – Open)

UPCOMING EVENTS: Workshops: All Things Sponsorship on Saturday 8/18, 130-3pm at MTI office location.

Close: Serenity Prayer

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, September 15, 2018 at MTI on Harding Place 10:10-10:50 AM.