

Suburban North Intergroup Meeting  
Held at the Buffalo Grove Youth Center  
May 1st, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Finance Chair Anne O'B. at 10:00 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

14 Members Present: Anne O'B., Bob C., June Z., Paul A., Marlene I., Peter P., Dan L., Susan S., Ruth W., Pat D., Rosemary E., Beth, Eric B., and Judy W.

Dan L. read the 12 Steps, Peter P. read the 12 Traditions, Peter P. reflected on Tradition 5. Pat D., read the long version of Concept 5.

No changes were required to the Agenda.

Minutes of the April 3rd, 2010 meeting were approved.

Dan L. noted that the information on the Suburban North Intergroup Website is outdated.

### **OA Announcements:**

- Keep It Simple, Spring Retreat, May 21 - 23, 2010. See flyer for Details.
- Western Michigan Spring Retreat, Tustin, MI, May 14 – 16, 2010. See flyer for Details.
- Turning Point Intergroup, Holiday Marathon Events, Swedish Covenant Hospital, Chicago, IL., 5/31, 7/4, 9/6, 11/25, 12/25/2010, See Flyer for Details.
- A Gathering of Men in Recovery, Turning Point Intergroup, June 19, 2010. See flyer for Details.
- Region V OA Business Assemblies, July 9-10, November 12-13, 2010. See flyer for Details.
- Madison Area Intergroup Big book Study – Madison WI, July 23 – 25, 2010. See flyer for Details.
- A Summer Recovery Retreat: A Big Book Study & Workshop for Overeaters Anonymous in Madison, Wisconsin, July 23-25, 2010. See flyer for details.
- Region 5 Convention, Bridge to Recovery, Detroit MI., October 15 – 17, 2010, See flyer for details.
- OA World Service Convention August 26-29<sup>th</sup> 2010 at the Hilton LAX, see OA.org website for details.

All Region 5 flyers are available on the Region 5 website under Events, <http://www.region5oa.org/events/index.html>. OA Events are listed in the OA.org website.

### **Officer Reports:**

Chair – Linda J., excused absence, no report

Vice-Chair June L., excused absence. Report from Vice Chair June L. given by Anne O'B. OA website has other language links, virtual meeting and online meetings and phone meetings are all on the OA website. There is no rep running for office. World service appoints someone if no one is running. We are trying to find someone. Increase request for packs for professionals. Graysheeters Anonymous uses the old OA low carb plan of eating sheet. Report at world services, GA needs to have the rights to use the plan from OA. OA Dr. Learner appreciation award will be presented in August at the OA conference.

Treasurer – Anne O'B., reported that when Linda J. went to the Region 5 meeting that SNI has no record of donations to world services. We need to look at the 7th tradition 60% to intergroup, 30% to world service, 10% to the region. We need to talk about this at our meetings that this is something

that is done. Discussion followed was about groups sending money and practicing the 7th tradition by using the 60, 30, 10 plan. We at SNI are a separate group from the meetings. SNI needs to follow the traditions and pay rent, practice the 60, 30, 10 split. Bylaws need to be updated with this subject. Talk to groups about this to see how groups feel. Anne O'B., is willing to go talk to groups and let groups know what SNI income and expenses are.

Corresponding Secretary –Bob C. reviewed the flyers from the Region 5 website.

**Other emergency business:** None

**Committee Reports:**

Marathon - Flyers are available for the June 5th marathon. Donations for the auction are along the garden theme. Call Lynne K. for information.

Newsletter Committee – June Z. reported that the newsletter will be available at the marathon. June Z., still wants to interview the speakers that we are having at the marathon.

Outreach Committee – None

Bylaws – Voting concerns members at large, visitors and reps. Should everyone have a vote or just group reps. Discussion followed. Ruth will have a motion in June to take back to the groups. Should there be an abstinence requirement for committee chairs. For officers it is one year of abstinence. Abstinence is what the person decides. A discussion followed about abstinence. There should be a bylaw written for funding which would be for officers to be reimbursed for the ink and paper they use.

Finance - Anne O'B. reported that the committee is reviewing the prudent reserve (6 months of expenses; 6 people to Region 3 times a year and 2 people to WSBC once a year, insurance, phone, rent, marathon, newsletter...) and preparing a presentation to report to the IG for an annual finance review in June. There are five categories for income; Convention, marathon, donations from groups, transfer from prudent reserve and misc. Expenses are; Rent \$200 per year, postage \$20, rent for PO box \$44 per year which goes up 10% a year, marathon rent, refreshments, copies, decorations which comes to \$1500 per year, insurance \$500 per year, telephone \$240 per year, newsletter \$400 per year, world service and region 5 donations no money budgeted at this time, lifeline \$40 for three years, traveling expenses \$258 per person to send 6 people to Region 5 or \$4600 per year, send 2 people per year to world service conference \$1200 per year, donation to conference \$100. Income would be the lowest that it ever has been in six years if not for \$1400 from the convention. There are a lot of expenses on the executive committee, printing for minutes, agenda. The Budget should also include \$20 for three people for printing and ink.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Dan L. volunteered to get the key for the next meeting on Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Buffalo Grove Youth Center from 10:00 to 12:00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Paul A and Tim B. Recording Secretary