

## Madison Area OA Intergroup Meeting January 8, 2009

**Attending:** Larry, Cassidy, Jan, Don, Rhonda, and Jane

After Don welcomed everyone, we said the Serenity Prayer, and read the 12 traditions and 12 concepts.

Last month's Meeting Summary was approved.

**Going Green with EDI:** The group discussed the new 'green practice' of sending out EDIs only electronically. Meeting representatives are encouraged to ask members to put their email addresses on the WE CARE List via Deb ([debbrick@aol.com](mailto:debbrick@aol.com)) or members can just get on the email group for getting the monthly EDI by contacting Rhonda ([rhondas@merr.com](mailto:rhondas@merr.com)). She will blind copy always so that no one's email is seen. For those who don't have email or prefer to get a paper copy, members are encouraged to make copies for distribution as a service opportunity. Members are encouraged to use a personal email as work-related emails are not private, and can be scrutinized by employers. Rhonda thanked Cassidy for producing the EDI so promptly.

Cassidy brought a BEAUTIFUL set of framed photos (from her personal collection) with OA sayings embossed on them, a new idea for 'bling' to be sold at OA events. The cost of supplies for each is \$1.25 each, so it was agreed charging \$3.00 was reasonable charge for these items that are sure to be highly popular. She agreed to make a few more of a few of her favorites to be sold at the next OA function. Jan, lead on **Fundraising**, is really excited about these.

Hatheway, **Treasurer**, could not attend tonight. Rhonda reported that they are working on modifying the Home Savings account established long ago and attached to an unknown person's social security #. The idea is to attach it to an Employee ID # instead. We can look at it through EBank.

Several changes are needed for the **Meeting List** and since it hasn't been updated since October, Jane will do this, beginning with looking at the last three EDIs for the changes mentioned there. She will also confirm that the contacts for the meetings are still accurate. When the Meeting List is changed, Jane will forward it electronically to Larry for the website.

The **Public Information** role is still open it. Rhonda is willing to carry it until work on the next Big Book Study begins to get more intense. She has been updating the Isthmus on meeting changes. OA member was interviewed by Channel 3000 late last year. Person's face was shadowed, the interview was about two minutes and Rhonda will burn a CD of it which Larry will then work on putting website link to it.

Larry is experiencing technical challenges with the **MAI Website**. We all hope that once he loads Dream Weaver 3 which has been ordered (we all unanimously approved that expenditure spontaneously), hopefully the 'glitches' will disappear. The bill for this purchase has been sent to Hatheway. Rhonda suggested that when a big event is coming up, that information about it have front page placement.

**Region V:** Don is willing to go to the March 6-7 meeting in Ft. Wayne, and was encouraged to submit receipts from this one and the last one as well.

**Marathons:** This position is still open but the next event, IDEA Day is next November so we have time to identify a volunteer.

**Fundraising:** Jan asked if anyone knew where the old 'bling' is and Rhonda believes she has them and will bring them to the next MAI meeting.

**Old Business:** OA meetings can continue to be held at Mt. Olive Church on Mineral Point Rd. until June when the church makes its final move to a new building on Whitney Way. After that there is a good possibility we will be able to have meetings there.

A possible speaker for the **Summer 2010 Big Book Study** has been recommended, Charles Aloisio, a Region V Trustee. The question remains whether that event will be structured similarly to the previous Big Book Studies, or whether it will be a workshop format, similar to the one sponsored by MAI last spring but weekend long.

Rhonda passed out a flyer about the Unity Day meeting in Appleton on February 28. Deb is the Madison contact

The next Madison Area OA Intergoup meeting will be Thursday, February 5, 6:15pm at Mt. Olive.

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