

WCO Meeting Minutes 1/3/2022

Open 7pm with serenity prayer

- Attendees: Scott (WSO CPC Chair), Mark L (Finance chair, IT chair, President WCO), Andrew (WCO PI Chair), Joe (WCO Chair), Tom F, Mark M, Carla, Jeff M, Mark L, Jeff D, Dylan
- Minutes from 12/6/21
 - Motion by —, Second by ----. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report, (Mark L):
 - Beg Balance: \$----
 - Monthly Deposits: \$-----
 - \$912 in literature sales
 - Monthly Withdrawals: \$----
 - Ending Balance: \$7622
 - Motion to accept by Jeff, Second by Carla. Passed.
- Chair Report, (Joe)
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- Board Report, (Mark L):
 - We came close to breaking even in 2021, which is something we always want to do. We were able to do this in part because we purchased some additional literature at the end of the year.
 - We are now well stocked in Big Books and other items.
 - Many thanks to the Groups that have responded to our calls for help with funding our services, including literature for the AA Support Call Committee.
 - We also received some generous donations from Groups after the New Year, so we are starting off the year on a good note.
 - Please let your Groups know that we can really use help with our open Service Positions. In particular, the 12 th Step Call Chair and Hotline Chair. We generally see an uptick in `12 th Step requests and Hotline calls this time of year. So, having these chair positions filled helps.
- IT Report, (Mark L):
 - Our Hotline received 27 calls and used 86/300 prepaid minutes during the November 16 th through December 15th billing cycle. It's not surprising that the hotline had little traffic during the last billing cycle. Most alcoholics want to wait until after the New Year's before quitting. Now that we're into the New Year, calls will probably pick up again.
 - For all of 2021, we received 516 calls and used 954 minutes. That's 43 calls per month on average and 80 minutes per month on average.
 - Our website in December have 2,027 visitors who viewed 8,231 web pages or 266 views per day on average. For all of 2021, we had 26,382 visitors, 114,345 views or 313 views per day on average.
- Finance Report, (Mark L):
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- CPC, (Scott):

- The Oregon Area 58 Hospitals committee purchased a case of Spanish and a case of English Big Books for Portland Providence for the 12 Step Volunteers program and have been delivered. A lesson in Tradition 10: "Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence, the AA name out never be brought into public controversy." I delivered the Big Books to Providence Portland BHU and in passing conversation, shared with the social worker accepting the Big Books, my experience with catching the coronavirus. This was completely in "passing conversation" with no intent to give opinion, or involving in any manner concerning A.A.; however, the conversation made this person uncomfortable and shared this with the 12 Step Volunteer Program head for the hospital side, who then called Joe S., WCO Chair and my co-admin and trainer of the 12 Step Volunteer Program, who then called me. I had no idea this upset the social worker, she showed no sign of the conversation upsetting her, I had absolutely no intent of this conversation being associated with A.A., and it blew up on me. I explained the conversation to Joe. Called the hospitals head, he kindly gave forgiveness and understood the conversation was in passing, not directed toward influencing anyone. He would talk to this person and if I needed to clean anything up there, he would let me know. I am reminded, and I knew better, that A.A. has, "no opinion on outside issues."
 - I am the Oregon Area 58 Hospitals Co-Chair, WCO CPC Chair, co-admin and trainer of the 12 Step Volunteers, former; District 36 DCM, Happy Destiny GSR, District 23 CPC Chair, 8-years sober, and know better. I was easily influenced into conversation that just started out as, "when do you think we'll get back to meeting in the hospital?" turning into a conversation causing someone enough discomfort to generate a flurry of phone calls questioning my, and unintentionally, A.A.'s intent. Not good. It is embarrassing to tell you this story and I am amazed at my lack of awareness of how the temperature of the social and political issues of the day are so loud in my forethought. I must be aware of the responsibility I have, as a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, to keep these outside issues out of any conversation when representing A.A. in any manner, and perhaps, at all. It is so easy to get outside of this Tradition in times like these. Fortunately, I did not jeopardize the 12 Step Volunteers. That would have been devastating for all of us and a guilt and shame I don't know what I would do with. Tradition 10: "Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence, the AA name out never be brought into public controversy."
 - Reminder about 10th Tradition. Keep it to alcoholism, not other issues or opinions.
 - PI, (Andrew):
 - This past month has been filled with mostly personal events so my time spent on PI stuff has been minimal. Our program with Providence St Vincent is still running smoothly, as we had 9 requests for calls to patients, and all were filled by volunteers. We will most likely run our next training at the end of this month/early February, so please spread the message that we need people to sign up to ensure this program continues to grow.
 - Announcement Related to Open Committees:
 - Treatment Facilities, Corrections, **Newsletter**, Hotline, Activities, Outreach, WCO Co-Chair, Office Volunteer, **Treasurer**, 12 Step Call Chair
 - **Please** bring these open service positions back to your groups, sponsees and fellows.
- Hotline Report

- As we reported in our November newsletter, it was brought to our attention that some court mandated Zoom meeting attendees are being told to provide a screenshot of the meeting to provide proof of attendance. This was brought to our attention by a hotline caller.
- We suggest that Groups which host Zoom meetings include a statement like the following in the meeting statement:
 - *Screenshots, or any other capture of the meeting and its attendees, are against A.A.'s Tradition of Anonymity and strictly forbidden. Anyone needing proof of attendance can enter their email address in the chat and we will reply with an email that can be given to their requestor.*
- Our CPC Chair, Scott, may have more to say on this matter.
- AA Announcements:
 - Here is the link to learn more about 12 step calls and a sign up sheet to be on our 12 step call committee. Feel free to share this link with your homegroups.
<https://westsidecentraloffice.com/service/twelfth-step-calls>
 - District 37 to provide AA literature to neighborhood "little libraries"
- Old Business:
 - Elections:
 - Treatment Facilities, Corrections, **Newsletter**, Hotline, Activities, Outreach, WCO Co-Chair, **Recording Secretary**, Office Volunteer, **Treasurer**, 12 Step Call Chair
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- New Business:
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- Discussion/Questions:
 - Business hours at WCO. Unlikely to change soon.
- Motion to close by Dylan,, Second by Mark. Meeting closed.