WCO Meeting Minutes 5/2/2022

Open 7pm with serenity prayer

- Attendees: Joe S (WCO Chair), Andrew W (WCO PI Chair), Jeff D, Dawn, Mark M (D37 DCM), Tom F, Scott C, Mark L, Chris M, Dylan M, Chris H
- Minutes from 4/4/22
    - Motion by – Dawn, second by – Scott. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report, (Mark L):
    - Beg Balance: $9,429.47
        - Monthly Deposits: $ 1,289.20
        - Monthly Withdrawals: $ 325.01
        - Ending balance: $ 10,393.66
        - Prudent Reserve: $ 1,500.00
        - Liabilities: $ 558.95
        - Available Balance: $ 8,334.71
        - Motion to accept by –Dylan M, Second by –Scott C. Passed.
- Chair Report, (Joe)
    - Main focus this month was to do outreach to gain more volunteers for Providence St. Vincent's support call program. Hoping to get more volunteers - has spoken in person to a number of DCMs and sent an email last week. Also looking for female volunteers.
- Board Report, (Mark L):
    - The sale of the shopping center appears to be moving forward. The developer who wants to purchase the property wants to build apartment buildings on it. There will not be any retail space and we will certainly need to move in the near future.
    - The developer is holding a public meeting about their proposal as we speak. Since the meeting conflicts with our business meeting, I asked if they could send me a link to a recording of the meeting. I was then told that as of yesterday, May 1, additional emergency state legislation regarding public meetings tied to COVID-19 executive orders have expired. As a result, the city will no longer require Advisory Boards, Commissions and Neighborhood Association Committees (NACs) to record their meetings. They said minutes will be available, so I will keep my eyes out for them. Also, I was told that there will be a second public meeting soon too. I will keep you all posted on what I learn.
    - Our office search so far has not turned up much in our price range. I tried contacting an agent about a possible office with a shared lobby at a medical building in the Beaverton area. The agent did not get back to me, but the listing is still live. This office is 150 square feet at $400/month. All other small offices in the Beaverton/Cedar Hills area that we found are in the $600-$900/month range. Therefore, I would like to entertain a motion during new business to extend our search outside the Beaverton area. This will give us the most flexibility. We will still make it a priority to find something not too far from our existing location.
    - I reported in our latest newsletter that we were omitted from "Find A.A. Near You" directory on GSO's website after it was upgraded. That explains the drop off in hotline traffic the last couple of months. I got us listed again and our hotline traffic is back to the level prior to the upgrade.

    - Then later in the month, I noticed that the “Find A.A. Near You” listed my cell phone for the WCO’s phone number. This happened sometime after they reinstated our listing since I verified the information after they reinstated us. After contacting them, they did not know what happened, but they do share information with the online bookstore, so maybe they got my number through the ordering system. Anyway, the correct number is now listed for WCO on GSO’s website.
    - The Boston Intergroup office gave a Zoom presentation on how they generate physical meeting schedules from their online meeting schedule. Like us, they use the WordPress online meeting schedule plugin. I really wanted to attend this meeting but was unable due to a time mix up.
    - Fortunately, the meeting was recorded, and I have the link to the recording. I have not had an opportunity to watch it yet. However, if anyone is available to watch it and report back to us on what they saw, that would be very helpful. The recording is about an hour long.
    - April was a very busy month for me, and I was sick for part of it, so my time in serving WCO was limited this past month. Please help get the word out that we can really use a treasurer, newsletter editor, help with the office search, and help with our website.
- IT Report, (Mark L):
    - Our hotline received 47 calls and consumed 55/300 prepaid minutes during the March 16-April 15th billing cycle.
    - Our website in April had 2,349 visitors who viewed 8,371 web pages or 249 views per day on average. The average views are slightly up from March when we had 244 views per day average.
- Finance Report, (Mark L):
    - Nothing to report.
- CPC, (Scott):
    - I have been announcing the return to in-person at the hospitals and pushing for more volunteers to be trained. This has been productive for me in the last week gaining 4 new volunteers signed up last Thursday.
    - I received $300 from OMAR as a contribution for the 12 th Step Volunteers literature fund and will get with Mark L., to transfer to WCO.
- PI, (Andrew):
    - This past month has been a little slow as your PI chair. We have had 5 requests from patients for 12 step calls. Also, I sent out an email tonight with a survey that Joe created to find out what dates work better for our untrained volunteers for our next training. We hope to train at least another 10 volunteers as we are preparing for in person visits, and currently we do not have enough trained volunteers to support more than 1-2 visits a week. This means we will need many more volunteers than we currently have. Please take this back to all groups you attend and share with everyone.
- 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.
- AA Announcements:

    - None
- Old Business:
    - Elections:
        - 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.
- New Business:
    - **Motion**: Revise the Ad Hoc Committee's office search area to "the Beaverton/Cedar Hills area or no more than 10 miles from WCO's current location at Cedar Hills Shopping Center".
    - **Current Practice**: An Ad Hoc Committee was formed last month to search for a new office in "the Beaverton/Cedar Hills Area".
    - **Intent and Purpose**: Most small offices in the Beaverton/Cedar Hills area are $900/month or higher. We did find one office in Cedar Hills around $600/month. These are out of our price range at $450/month. One office in Beaverton is advertised at $400/month but the committee has not been able to get a hold of the agent yet. We will continue to try to get a hold of them. There are other offices outside the Beaverton/Cedar Hills area that are closer to our price range. This motion requests permission from the WCO voting members to consider these other properties.
    - **Budgetary Impact**: None
    - **Determined to be Urgent/Administrative; Motion Passed Unanimously.**
- Discussion/Questions:
    - None
- Motion to close by – Dylan, second by – Dawn. Passed.