WCO Meeting Minutes 8/5/2024

Open 7pm with Serenity Prayer

1. **Attendees:** Andrew W. (WCO Chair), Mark L. (Bd. Pres., Treasurer, IT, Finance Chair), Jeff M. (WCO Hotline Chair), Scott C. (WCO Sec., Bd. VP), Clayton D (WCO 12 Step Call Chair), Veronica T., (Intergroup Rep for 12 Straight Up), Curtis F. (District 31 Liaison), Todd N. (Sunrise Liaison), Dawn W. (WCO Newsletter Chair).
2. **Minutes from 5/6/2023:**
   - Motion to Accept: Motion by Clayton, 2nd by Scott: Passed.
3. **Treasurer's Report, (Mark L):**
   - The Numbers:
     - Beg Balance: $ 12,849.94
     - Monthly Deposits: $ 1,138.15
     - Monthly Withdrawals: $ 397.22
     - Ending balance: $ 13,590.87
     - Prudent Reserve: $ 2,400.00
     - Liabilities: $ ($21.02)
     - Less budget not yet spent ($4,946.03)
     - Cash Balance: $ 6,223.82
     - Motion to Accept: Motion by Dawn, 2nd by Jeff – Passed
4. **Chair Report, (Andrew W):**

   Hi Everyone,

   Slow month. 1 request for the 12 Step Volunteers. Joe and I contacted NA for their support in the hospital.

   I look forward to the coming month and being of service in whichever way I can.

   Thank you for your service,
   Andrew W.

   - **We need 12 Step Volunteers to get back to in-person/hospital visits.**

5. **Board Report, (Mark L):**

Welcome everyone to tonight's business meeting. I am Mark, your WCO President.

- Welcome everyone to tonight's business meeting. We are glad you are here.
- It is good to be back as I missed last month's business meeting because I was out of town.
- July turned out to be a hectic month for me personally, so I was unable to publish new printed meeting schedules. I hope to get those out to the printers by next week for a mid to late August publication. You still have a few days left to verify your Group's meeting information on our website. We will then import the meeting information on our website into a new edition of our printed meeting schedule.
- We outgrew two of our email lists: Our business meeting agenda/minutes list and our newsletter subscription list. Some of you were not receiving emails sent to these lists. So, we moved our list to Google Groups. Those with Google managed email lists were migrated automatically. Those without Google managed email lists received an invitation to join our Google Groups. This invitation may end up in one's Spam or Junk folder, so check there if you did not see the invitation to join. Email info@westsidecentraloffice.com if you have other questions or need to request another invitation to join our Google Groups.
- As we have done the last several years, our September business meeting is scheduled the third Monday from 7pm to 8pm in lieu of the Labor Day Holiday. This year, the third Monday is September 16th.
- We will also hold elections for all our service positions as terms for both one and two years rotate on September 30th. We will send out a list of all our service position with the August newsletter. The list will also be made available on our website, under the Help Wanted link, soon.
- Please consider standing for a position at next month's business meeting. Also, please help spread the word that we have many great service opportunities available next month.

6. **IT Report, (Mark L):**
   - Our hotline received 65 calls and consumed 58/300 prepaid minutes during the last billing cycle.
   - In July, our website had 1700 users who viewed 8500 web pages or 274 web pages per day on average. This is down from June which recorded 1800 users who viewed 9700 web pages or 323 web pages per day on average.

7. **Finance Report, (Mark L):**
   - Nothing to report

8. **Ad Hoc Committee Report**
   - We currently have 4 volunteers distributing Big Books to Free Little Libraries in Aloha, Lake Oswego, SW Portland, and Tigard.
   - All our books have been passed out to volunteers.
   - Our commitment lasts through September. We plan to request funding for one more case of Soft Cover Big Books during new business.

9. **Outreach (vacant):**

10. **12 Step Call Chair (Clayton D.):**
    - One hotline call for a ride to a meeting in Hillsboro. Was unable to locate a ride in Beaverton/Hillsboro area.
    - Will look at a listing of volunteers in that area to better help in the future.
    - Volunteer submission form in at the URL below:

    https://westsidecentraloffice.com/service/twelfth-step-calls

11. **Hotline, (Jeff M.):**
    - Not a terribly busy month.
    - Individual looking for a ride is a repeat caller and were able to help him.
    - Other calls; looking for NA meeting.
    - Always need volunteers at the link below:

    https://westsidecentraloffice.com/service/a-a-hotline

12. **Newsletter Chair (Dawn W.):**
    - July Newsletter is published! Please feel free to send Dawn and email with your submission to newsletter@westsidecentraloffice.com or from the WCO Website at https://westsidecentraloffice.com/newsletter.

13. **Announcement Related to Open Committees:**
    - Co-Chair, Treasurer, 12 Step Call Chair, AA Hotline Chair, Treatment Facilities Chair, Corrections Chair, Activities Chair, Office Volunteer Chair, PI Committee, CPC Committee.
    - **Please bring these open service positions back to your groups, sponsee's, and AA Fellows.**

14. **7th Tradition Break:**
    - When we observe the 7th Tradition in our meeting, you can use the following link to make an online contribution to WCO:
    - https://checkout.square.site/pay/3c2b1e44bdd24354b66bb270a7eda83b

15. **AA Announcements:**
    - WCO Twelfth Step Call Committee needs volunteers for the Hotline.
      - Female AAs are in great need!
      - Signup here: https://westsidecentraloffice.com/service/twelfth-step-calls

    - **CPC/PI Workshop**
      Presented by Area 58 and Portland Area Intergroup
      2pm – 4pm
      https://zoom.us/j/97712923509?pwd=TC9RZmd6UytUSVlZbDJPc2RWTEpaQT09

Meeting ID: 977 1292 3509
Passcode: 638922
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https://zoom.us/u/avnKGo4DM

- **Chris H, Area 58 Treatment Chair:**
  Scan the QR Code to get more info on "Bridging the Gap" Service from the AA Member exiting treatment into the AA communities. The 1st 24hrs out of treatment is critical to success in AA and we would love to see all the help Treatment Committee.

  WCO website link to get involved: https://westsidecentraloffice.com/service/bridging-the-gap-committee

- **PIA Annual Picnic**

  Sunday, August 18, 2024 12–5pm
  AKS AMUSEMENT PARK 7805 SE Oaks Park Way, Portland, OR 97202
  Free Admission, $5 Parking
  https://www.pdxaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/20240610-IntergroupPicnic-Flyer.pdf

16. **Old Business:**
    - OPEN Positions:
      - Co-Chair, Treasurer, AA Hotline Chair, Treatment Facilities Chair, Corrections Chair, Activities Chair, Office Volunteer Chair, PI Chair, CPC Chair.
      - **Please** bring these open service positions back to your groups, sponsee's and fellows.
17. **New Business:**

To: WCO

From: Mark L, WCO Ad Hoc Committee Chair

Motion: Increase the budget of the Ad Hoc Committee by $206.80 to cover one more case of Soft Cover Big Books.

Current Practice: The WCO Ad Hoc Committee current budget is $451.20 which covered the cost of 45 Soft Cover Big Books. All by $9.00 of the current budget has been spent.

Intent and Purpose: The Ad Hoc Committee's commitment lasts through September and has already distributed 45 Soft Cover Big Books to volunteers and/or to Little Free Libraries. By purchasing another case of Big Books, we have some extras to distribute between now and the end of September. Also, we will have some books on hand to give to any new members of our committee. Any unused books after September, will be returned to WCO. The unused books can either be resold to customers at our office or donated to the A.A. Service Call Committee.

Budgetary Impact: Increases the budget by $206.80

Call the question: Jeff, 2nd Dawn

Urgent/Administrative (YES)

Vote: Motion **PASS**

18. **Discussion/Questions:**

Motion to close: Motion by Curtis, 2nd by Dawn– PASSED.

Responsibility Statement