

July 6, 2010 GSI Meeting Minutes

Chair opened the meeting at 7:10 pm with the Serenity Prayer. Tradition 7 and Service Concept 7 were read as well as a reading from For Today.

Approval of June Minutes: Hard copies not available at meeting; electronic copy sent earlier; Norma and Catherine read the minutes to all present at the meeting. The minutes were approved with corrections.

Rep Reports

Nancy, Shoreline, Wednesday meeting – they discussed the scholarships; will defer to GSI
Jeri, St. Paul, Saturday meeting – reports that members at the meeting heard a radio PSA about OA in the middle of the night.
Carolyn, Phinney Ridge, Monday meeting – Someone had concerns about the new sitcom, “Mike and Molly”, in which the protagonists are members of and met in OA, and anonymity.

Board Reports

Delegate - Barb has written her report. Hard copies of it are available, and it is also posted on the GSI website. Information about requirements for being a delegate, as well as our bylaws, are on the website.
Treasurer – Jenny shared information about the OA/HOW retreat – we almost broke even, with a net loss of \$116.71. We have \$10, 639.21 in our checking account and \$749.16 in saving
Secretary – We need a secretary!!! It’s a fairly simple way to give very important service.
Vice Chair – Sharon shared flyers about upcoming GSI and Region One events. Reps will share flyers at their meetings. The information will also be posted to the web.
OA/HOW retreat – 33 overnights, 21 commuters, and 27 brown-baggers attended. It was a fabulous retreat, with a lot of work done on unity. It was reported that everyone who wanted to find a sponsor, found one! A big “thank you” to Sharon for chairing this retreat.
Marcia H. has stepped up to chair the 2011 Winter OA/GSI retreat. Barb officially appointed her. Thank you Marcia.
Chair - Barb shared info from Region I concerning membership retention.
Barb wants to have a special budget committee that would last for a year. Members would include the current and most recent treasurers, as well as two others. GSI reps need to take this information to their groups in order to get feedback and ask if anyone is interested in being on the committee.

Committee Reports

Bylaws – Kevin stated that the chair should have received communication from the Region One bylaws committee concerning rules for changing intergroup rules/bylaws. Barb confirmed that she received them.

Requirements for being a WSO Delegate – One year of abstinence, done a fifth step (given away fourth step), and provided a year of service above the group level. None of these requirements can be waived at the intergroup level.

Region One has no requirements for being a Region One Representative – None of the above requirements apply to this position. GSI can, by motion, appoint a Region One representative.

Public Information and Professional Outreach – We have approximately \$600 for PSAs. We need someone to go forward with this. A question was asked about the OA/HOW retreat skit – can we record and post it to the web? What about anonymity? Barb will check with our trustee about this issue.

12th Step Within – Judy, WSBC 12th Step Within Committee Chair, sent out a query about retaining group membership. She listed things that meetings/groups can do to keep members “coming back.” She is

looking for creative ideas for retaining membership. Please ask your groups for ideas. Barb will send Judy's list out to GSI reps so that they can share them at their meetings.

Ways and Means – Need a chair.

Group Coordinator – Jenny He brought three reams of new summer schedules to the meeting. If anyone needs more, email Jenny and she'll get some out.

Sponsor Coordinator – Camille's term is up. We need a new chair.

Website – Alicia - the website has lots of valuable information. Please check it.

Newsletter – No information provided. Barb will contact the chair.

Two delegates and three alternates needed

Unfinished Business

Scholarships for Region One convention in October

and World Service convention in August – Regarding the Region One convention in Missoula in October, Kevin moved that we give three \$125 scholarships to be determined by lot at the September 7, 2010 GSI meeting. The motion was adopted.

Process for Giving Scholarships:

Reps will share at their meetings that people can enter by completing the registration form (1/3 sheet). Reps will bring the completed forms from their meetings to the September GSI meeting. We will draw three names and two alternates. Barb will send out an email to reps summarizing all of this. If reps have questions, they will respond to Barb directly for clarification. Barb will attend as a delegate.

PSAs – See **Public Information and Professional Outreach** above for info.

Send out GSI Policies and Procedures to all meetings – Barb will bring sets of the GSI Policies and Procedures to the September GSI meeting so that reps can take sets for their meetings. Reps will make sure that the P & Ps are put in their group meeting binders, folders, etc.

New Business

Baskets - Barbara C. makes beautiful baskets for retreats, marathons, and conferences. If anyone has clean literature, self-care items such as lotions, bath goodies, etc., and other basket-worthy items, give them to GSI reps to bring to Barbara.

Items for Next Meeting –Revisit the delegate/rep requirements. Decide whether or not to appoint a rep to Region One.

Catherine B – Tues 6:30pm Ballard HOW
Marylouise – Sun 6:30pm Edmonds
Barbara C – 10:30am Burien & Sat 10am W Seattle
Nancy N – Wed pm Shoreline
Katherine M – Fri 7pm Denny Park
Bridget – Sun 5:30pm St Paul
Kevin C – Thurs 7:30pm Mill Creek & Bylaws Chair
Norma L – 7pm Seward Park
Holly C – Mon 7pm Bothell
Sharon L – Vice-Chair
Marti – Sat 8:30am Bellevue

Dotti – Tues 7pm W Seattle
Carolyn – Mon 10am Phinney Ridge
Bob A – Sat 10am U District
Jeri K – Sat 10am Ballard
Ellie H – Sun 9am Capital Hill
Erin – Sat 10am U District
Jenny Hi – Treasurer
Alicia – Webmaster & Sat am Wdvl
Constance – Tues 7pm Northgate
Barb - Chair
Estelle – Fri noon U District