

Greater Seattle Intergroup of Overeaters Anonymous
Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2012

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Greater Seattle Intergroup was called to order at 7:24 PM on September 11, 2012 in St. Paul's Church of Christ in Seattle, WA by Bill A., GSI Chair. The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer and the reading of Tradition 9, Concept 9 and the purpose of GSI: to carry the message to the compulsive eater who still suffers.

A. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as distributed.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 2012 meeting were approved as corrected.

C. Reports

Board:

Chair: Bill A. reported that it's already time to getting ready to start planning the winter retreat and more information will follow next month.

Treasurer: Theresa R. reported on expenses, deposits and balances listed in the Treasurer's Report (August 1- 31, 2012), which she distributed. They are as follows:

Expenses: \$800.00

Deposits: \$20.00 (cash); \$1014.36 (checks)

Checking balance: \$5079.27

Savings balance: \$ 749.44

We received our refund from the PSAs. She spoke to Holly and is doing some research on setting up a PayPal account to that we can accept payments through the website. There is a 3.5% fee for use and we would plan to pass this fee on to the user rather than having GSI absorb this cost. Bill said he would check into using a program called "Square" since they charge only about 2%. Teresa will also look into direct EFT into our account for payments since there is no charge associated with this. The goal is to get electronic payments set up for the next retreat. Sound Credit Union will provide business accounts at no charge.

Secretary: MJ reported she will be absent from the October meeting.

Delegates:

Catherine B. reported she has finished her report on the Region 1 convention, has copies available and it can be found on the GSI website.

Standing Committees:

Events: Sharon L. reported on current events and brought fliers for distribution. Sandy's North Seattle group will take charge of IDEA day on November 17. Attitude of Gratitude will be on Wednesday, November 21. Sharon L brought in some forms called "Call Five and Keep them Alive" that can be distributed at meetings. She brought in special envelopes that can be used to send donations to World Service. 12th Step Within is coming up on December 12 and it is not decided who will be planning that this year.

Bylaws: Kevin C. reported that every September we send out copies of all our governing documents to all our groups. This is in preparation for the annual meeting. The letter and the documents have been sent to the GSI chair for distribution. All the documents are available on the website.

Public Information/Professional outreach: Lauren reported they had a meeting about the PAEA conference on November 8-11 and they are working on the logo and organizing who will be staffing the table.

Ways and Means: Joyce Anne reported she has been selling book covers and magnets and has raised \$103.

Special Committees:

Newsletter: Beth G. reported she sent information to the chair about the format and template for the newsletter as well as a request for submissions. It is titled "Recovery Today" and will be readable on phones. It will be distributed in electronic form and when the first one is ready, she will assess the cost of paper production to determine if the budget will allow for copying. All submissions can be sent to her via email at seaoanl@gmail.com. The committee's goal is to have six newsletters per year and she is requesting submissions for the next issue be sent to her by October 8.

Sponsor Coordinator: Kelsi reported she is building a database of sponsors and brought in some forms that can be used to collect information on sponsors. She is requesting reps take these back to their groups, pass them around and then return them to her. We will also have the ability to have sponsors enter their own information on the website as well as a button that will allow people to request a sponsor on the website. Bill will put the webmaster in contact with Kelsi to coordinate this. In the meantime, anyone interested in sponsoring can email Kelsi directly at Jensen.kelsi@gmail.com

Hotline: needs chair

Historian/Archives: Sandy L. has stepped up to chair this committee and wants to know who has the archives. Sharon thinks Mack is storing the archives.

D. Unfinished Business

1) Abstinence requirement for working on the PAEA booth. Lauren mentioned that there is training involved about what the staffers will be able to say at this event. Beth G. moved **"to require anyone staffing the table at the PAEA convention to have a minimum of three months of abstinence"** and the motion passed.

E. New Business

1) MJ will look into changing meeting day and/or night due to conflict with holiday weeks.

2) Catherine B. moved that **"WSBC delegates receive a per diem of \$60 per day for 3 days"** and the motion passed.

3) Discussion about a new proposal to change the OA preamble was tabled until the October meeting.

Attendees Present:

NAME	GROUP OR POSITION OR GUEST?
Bill A	Chair
Brenda	Bellevue Alano Club - Saturday AM
Beth G	St. Pauls - Sunday PM
CatherineB	WSBC Delegate
Cheryl D	St. Pauls - Tues PM and HOW committee
Debbie	Shoreline
Diane K.	Issaquah - Sunday PM
Dotti	Seward Park - Tuesday
Erin	University District - Saturday AM
Heidi	West Seattle - Thursday PM
Jane H	St. Pauls - Saturday AM
Jennie	Capitol Hill (GHC) - Sunday AM
Joyce Anne	Ways and Means Committee Chair
Julie R	Bothell - Monday PM
Kelsi J	University district - Friday NOON
Kevin C	Bylaws chair
Lauren	St. Pauls - Thursday

Laurie K	Denny Park - Friday
MJ	Secretary
Marcia H	
Michelle	Bellevue Alano Club - Tuesday
Paulette	West Seattle - Tuesday PM
Sandra	Ravenna - Sunday PM
Sharon L	Vice-chair
Sharon O	North Seattle Alliance - Tuesday PM
Sue H	Renton - Tuesday PM
Theresa	Treasurer
Wanda V	Mill Creek - Thursday

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. The next regular meeting will be at 7:15 on October 2, 2012 in St. Paul's Church of Christ.

Minutes submitted by: MJ, GSI Secretary