

**OA Middle Tennessee Intergroup  
Business Meeting Minutes  
July 21, 2008**

1. Angie B. welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 6:38 pm.
2. She led us in the Serenity Prayer.
3. Introductions were made: Angie B., chair; Barbara B., vice chair; Becky M., secretary; Bea B., Peggy N., Nancy C., Margaret, Linda, Pat, and Kacy.
4. Barbara B. read the Preamble to the Bylaws.
5. Becky M. read the 6<sup>th</sup> Tradition.
6. Barbara B. read the 6<sup>th</sup> Concept.
7. Angie B. led us in the Third Step Prayer.
8. The minutes from the June 16, 2008 meeting were approved as posted on the oanashville.org website.
9. Angie B. gave the Treasurer's report on behalf of Sarah. It was noted that our previous month's collections were sufficient to cover our budgeted expenses and that was an improvement. A letter from the MTI treasurer, Sarah G., to group treasurers was reviewed and approved. It was also approved to post the treasurer's monthly reports on our website.
10. Meeting List Report. Angie B. reported that the meeting list had been updated to include area codes.
11. Committee Reports:
  - a. Webmaster. Angie stated that Elisha continues to keep things updated on the website.
  - b. Cleaning. No report.
  - c. Media Library. Angie noted that we can continue to use donations of blank CDs.
  - d. Region 8/WSO Delegate. Angie stated that we have a member who may be willing to provide this service beginning in September. She further reported that she attended the Region 8 business meeting in Ft. Lauderdale July 18-20, 2008. She will be posting a full report on our website soon and provided an oral report at the meeting. Highlights of Angie's report included:
    - OA.org now has four podcasts available.
    - OAreigion8.org will be posting audio recordings of the July recovery convention sessions thirty days after the convention (approximately August 20).
    - If every OA group in Region 8 contributed \$65.25 annually, Region 8 would be self-supporting.
    - World Service Organization ("WSO") is seeking members who would be willing to be media contacts in their area. If you are interested, you can find out more by e-mailing [nlippel@oa.org](mailto:nlippel@oa.org).
    - WSO would like to get an estimate of how many members there are in OA. Angie has asked Barbara B. to coordinate with our MTI groups to get an average number of attendees.
    - WSO has a new strategic plan which can be viewed online at oa.org.
    - We will be bidding to host the March 2010 or July 2010 Region 8 conference. It was discussed whether or not to invite Chattanooga and

- Memphis Intergroups to assist us with the convention. It was decided that we could determine at a later date how we might be able to include the other Tennessee Intergroups if we are selected to host the convention.
- e. Phone. Angie reported on behalf of Lara B. that we had two requests for information, two call backs, two hang-ups and a suggestion to include area codes on our meeting list. Angie reported that we need a new phone chair because Lara's schedule has changed and she is unable to continue providing this service.
  - f. Lineline. No report.
  - g. Group Outreach. Nancy C. reported that the most recent activities she did on behalf of her committee was going to Danville, KY with some other members to put on a workshop and also conducting the same workshop for our fellowship on June 21 and June 28, respectively.
  - h. 12<sup>th</sup> Step Within. We need a chair for this committee.
  - i. Public Information. No report.
  - j. OA Literature. Peggy reported that we are totally stocked up. She will check into what sample Lifeline issues may be available for ordering.
  - k. AA Literature. Peggy reported that she is helping Janine in keeping up with the AA Literature, and we are stocked up.
  - l. Intergroup Building. Peggy reported for Lee. He has called the landlord twice about the on-going problem in the women's restroom. It was noted that trash is piling up in the outside trash disposal area. Peggy said she would pass this concern on to Lee.
  - m. Notes of Hope. No report.
  - n. Workshops. We still need a chair. Peggy reported that the Saturday 9:00 a.m. meeting had voted to sponsor a workshop on abstinence and physical recovery. It was discussed that this would be an ideal workshop for I.D.E.A. day in November which is a day to celebrate abstinence. She will check to see if that would be an acceptable date for the Saturday group to hold the workshop.
  - o. Professional Outreach. No report.
  - p. Designated Downloader. Kacy reported that she had downloaded various items of interest, including some flyers on upcoming retreats and/or workshops. She will post the flyers on the bulletin board. She noted that she has downloaded a "Strong Meeting Checklist."
  - q. Office Organizer. No report.
  - r. Retreats Committee. We will be having a retreat in the spring of 2009 at the DuBois center in Monteagle.

## 11. Old Business

Angie reminded us that we have committee working toward being prepared when our lease on 388 Harding expires in 2009.

## 12. New Business

-It was discussed that it may be helpful for MTI to have an e-mail address. Angie will work with the webmaster to have one set up.

-Angie stated that we have two votes at all conventions because of the number of groups we have in our Intergroup. Although our financial recent situation has prohibited us from

sending more than one person to conventions, she stated it would be very helpful for the fellowship if we could send two people in the future. It was the group consensus that we could pursue fundraisers for that purpose.

-Angie stated that a google group dealing with eating disorders has been created. It is not an OA sponsored group nor are all group participants in OA. It was discussed whether the google group could be listed on our website. After discussion, the consensus was that because it was not solely an OA endeavor, it may not be consistent with Tradition 6 (“[a]n OA group ought never endorse . . . [an] outside enterprise . . .”) to do so. Thus, it was decided to not list the group on our website at this time.

-It was requested that next month’s agenda include a discussion of what is the proper disposition of our excess treasury funds over our prudent reserve.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**\*\*\*The next Intergroup Business Meeting is Monday, August 18, 2008, at 6:30\*\*\***

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky M., Secretary  
July 25, 2008