

**OA Middle Tennessee Intergroup
Business Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2009**

1. Angie B welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.
2. She led us in the Serenity Prayer.
3. Introductions were made: Angie B., chair; Barbara B., Vice Chair; Brian G., Stephanie W., Doug G., Dottie G., Cindy F., Tina A., Melinda, Carol K., Teresa T., Nancy C., Natasha M., Peggy N., Lee T., and Linda B
4. Angie B. read the Preamble to the Bylaws.
5. Stephanie read the 2nd Tradition.
6. Barbara read the 2nd Concept.
7. The minutes from January 19, 2009 were approved but it was noted that an action approved at that meeting – moving some treasury monies to an interest bearing account – had been deferred pending the outcome of the office re-location decision.
8. There was no Treasurer's report as Sarah was unable to attend the meeting.
9. Old Business

Current IG Office Lease/New Office Space

Dottie reported on the progress of negotiations for the office space. An agreement has been reached on the rent amount for three years. She noted that the rent increase from year one to year two was ten percent because of the reduced amount for the first year. The increase from year two to year three will be three percent. Maintenance is included in the rent but it is unsure at this time whether a security deposit will be required.

Peggy has agreed to chair the office move committee and is requesting help from anyone interested.

10. New Business

Phone Service

Melinda reported that the best offer is from Cricket for \$30 per month with unlimited calls. Cricket will be able to port our number from Bellsouth. Patrick has a phone he is willing to donate. It was voted to approve the transfer of phone companies and to give the phone to the new phone chair. Carol M agreed to be the new phone chair. It was decided to wait to implement this until next month so the status of our listing in the phone book could be determined. Melinda and Sarah were asked to find out what we need to do to keep our listing.

IG cancellation process

A google group will be used for notifications. Everyone possible should get signed up because announcements can be changed in a flash and emails sent out quickly and effortlessly. We can have as many managers as we want that would be able to add people to the group. This is like an online bulletin board and is in addition to our website which takes more time and is harder to get changed. Carol and Angie will work on also setting up a call list - especially for those who don't have or choose not to use computers. Also, the new Cricket phone will allow a message be put on the voice mail when there is a schedule change.

Office Space Utilization

This discussion was tabled until our office location is finalized.

First Friday Social Event

Question was received asking if the first Friday social event should be included in announcements. It was decided that there was nothing wrong with the first Friday event and to not address this.

Region 8 Assembly – Other Intergroups’ Assisting
Possibility of mentoring Tennessee Valley IG

Both of the above topics were tabled until Sarah returns.

11. Committee Reports:

Meeting List Report – List is updated. The Wednesday noon meeting is cancelled. The Sunday Sherith Israel meeting has moved its start time to 5:00 from 5:30. The Sunday night men’s group, now called “the Trudgers,” has moved its start time to 4:00 p.m.

Cleaning - Rick is now helping Tara with cleaning. Thanks for a great job.

Region 8/WSO Delegate. Written report submitted. At the time of the meeting, \$175.19 had been collected - and when the basket was passed another \$40 was collected – for Leaping to Little Rock. We will start working on the bid for the July 2010 meeting.

Group Outreach – Nancy reported that she led the newcomers’ meeting for six weeks. Has not received any calls but will go if called.

12th Step Within - This position remains open as the men’s group does not have a member ready to be the chair at this time.

Public Information – Submitted written report. Doug also asked Peggy to order more health professional brochures.

OA Literature – Peggy reported that literature is restocked. Prices are going up and as she restocks she puts the new prices on the literature.

Notes of Hope - Nila distributed the February issue. Tina will be doing the March issue.

Workshops - Need chair. Need leaders for the monthly step study. The format for the study is found at oabb.info.

Retreats Committee. - The spring retreat will be at the DuBose Center May 15-17, 2009. Teresa T. stated registration fliers will be out soon. Next planning meeting is February 21 at the Intergroup office at 12:30. Bring your lunch. Dubose is reserved. Prices are going up and the registration will reflect those prices.

Webmaster – Need chair. Website meeting list is updated and printable copy is current.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next Intergroup Business Meeting is Monday, March 16, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky M., Secretary

(notes taken by Stephanie W. in Becky’s absence)

April 14, 2009