

**OA Middle Tennessee Intergroup  
Business Meeting Minutes  
August 18, 2008**

1. Angie B. welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 pm.
2. She led us in the Serenity Prayer.
3. Introductions were made: Angie B., chair; Barbara B., vice chair; Becky M., secretary; Sarah G., treasurer; Bea B., Pat, Dottie G., and Stephanie W.
4. Angie B. read the Preamble to the Bylaws.
5. Becky M. read the 6<sup>th</sup> Tradition.
6. Sarah G. read the 6<sup>th</sup> Concept.
7. Angie B. led us in the Third Step Prayer.
8. The minutes from the July 21, 2008 meeting were approved as posted on the oanashville.org website.
9. Treasurer's Report – Sarah G. addressed the question regarding our prudent reserve that had been raised at the last meeting. Our prudent reserve is set at \$6000. Separate from the prudent reserve are funds that were collected and remain earmarked for the Barbara Lamb scholarship fund. Currently, there is \$1,666.65 in that fund. Thus, the balance in the account as of the July 2008 treasurer's report included \$734.18 over the prudent reserve of \$6,000. Sarah reported that there was \$1086.63 more expenses in July than collections. Discussion was held regarding reasons for that occurrence. It was suggested that perhaps there had been a delay in deposits such that all of the collections made in July may not have been deposited by the time the report was done. It was all suggested that perhaps collections are down because of members being out of town for summer vacation. Barbara B. commented that as she has been polling the groups to find out what their attendance is some people had commented that attendance was lower. It was also suggested that the economy may very well be impacting our collections.

Angie B. reminded us that we are entitled to have two representatives participate in Region 8 conventions because of the size of our Intergroup. Angie further offered to cover her own transportation expenses to the fall Region 8 meeting if MTI would cover the rest of the expenses. Considerable discussion ensued regarding whether or not we have the money to send representatives to Region 8 conventions at this time. As a part of this discussion, Sarah G. confirmed that we had not been able to make our suggested contributions to Region 8 or World Service for some time. Pat suggested that the membership may have differing viewpoints on which should be the financial priority, contributions to Region 8 and World Service or sending representatives to the Region 8 meetings. Ultimately, it was the consensus of the attendees that we currently do not have sufficient financial resources to make the suggested contributions to Region 8 and World Service. It was decided that once we were able to consistently cover our monthly expenses from monthly contributions we will revisit this issue as well as the issue of increasing our funding for Region 8 convention participation.
10. Meeting List Report. No report.
11. Committee Reports:
  - a. Webmaster. Angie reported that we have already received some e-mails through our new e-mail address, [info@oanashville.org](mailto:info@oanashville.org). She explained that

Elisha responds to the e-mails if she has the information to do so. If not, she will forward the e-mail to someone else in the fellowship that can be of assistance. It was noted that there is an old volunteer list on the website. Discussion ensued whether it was necessary to post the list on the website at all. Discussion centered around potential privacy concerns since members' e-mail addresses were on the list. The consensus was to remove the list from the website and instead post a hard copy on the bulletin board. It was determined that because we now have a general e-mail address as noted above it wasn't necessary to have the volunteer list with individual e-mail addresses. Angie also reminded us that Elisha has offered to create an e-mail address for each group if the group so desires.

- b. Cleaning. Believe it or not, the rugs have been commercially cleaned. Paula is doing a great job in undertaking responsibility for cleaning the office.
- c. Media Library. No report.  
Region 8/WSO Delegate. We will be bidding to host the July 2010 Region 8 convention.
- d. Phone. Evelyn G. is our new phone chair.
- e. Lineline. No report.
- f. Group Outreach. No report.
- g. 12<sup>th</sup> Step Within. We need a chair for this committee.
- h. Public Information. No report.
- i. OA Literature. A list created by Peggy showing our literature purchases was distributed.
- j. AA Literature. No report.
- k. Intergroup Building. There are still some issues with the women's bathroom.
- l. Notes of Hope. We need a new chair.
- m. Workshops. We still need a chair.
- n. Professional Outreach. No report.
- o. Designated Downloader. No report.
- p. Office Organizer. No report.
- q. Retreats Committee. No report.

It was suggested that sponsors may wish to encourage their sponsees to consider volunteering for one of the vacant service positions as a way of utilizing the tool of service in their program.

## 11. Old Business

Angie stated that she will be working to set up a meeting of the committee working toward being prepared when our lease on 388 Harding expires in 2009.

## 12. New Business

Upcoming Step Studies – Questions arose regarding monies that will be collected from the upcoming step studies in Nashville and Spring Hill. Sarah G. stated our established practice has been that any meeting held at IG was responsible for \$15 per meeting rent. Angie questioned whether this included gatherings such as her step study which was not being sponsored as an IG activity. Angie also stated that she had planned to have any

collections from both the Nashville and Spring Hill studies to be earmarked to help provide funding for attendance at Region 8 conventions. Considerable discussion ensued. It was decided that any funds received by MTI from Angie's step studies would be earmarked and it will be determined later how those particular funds will be used.

OA Dance – Angie briefly discussed her experience in attending a dance at Region 8 convention. She had made some preliminary inquiries as to whether this may be something our IG may like to sponsor. She has received a mixed response. IG reps are asked to take this idea back to their groups and report back whether interest is expressed in such an activity being considered.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

**\*\*\*The next Intergroup Business Meeting is Monday, September 15, 2008, at 6:30\*\*\***

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky M., Secretary  
September 11, 2008