

**GREATER ANN ARBOR AREA INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16, 2024**

In attendance: 7	
Cecilia (Co-Chair; Maumee Thursday)	Margi (Jackson Sat)
Peg H. (Treasurer; AA Sun, Mon, Wed, Fri)	Marcy (Inreach/Outreach Chair; Tues 100 pounders; Thurs, Fri)
Connie (East Lansing Tuesday)	Mary (Adrian Mon, Wed, Sat)
Kristi (Secretary; Jackson Mon, Thurs, Sat)	

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, Concepts of OA Service 9 and 10, and the Intergroup Mission Statement.

INTRODUCTIONS - Attendees shared updates on the meetings they represent and/or currently attend. Highlights include:

- Several meetings continue to be successful with hybrid (in person with phone, Google Meet or Zoom as option) approach. Attendance ranges from in person with 2-3 attending virtually. East Lansing had one new member who came to first meetings via Google Meet, then began in person attendance.
- The Tuesday 100 Pounders virtual meeting has 10-20 attendees. Strong abstinence, available sponsors and monthly challenges (via List Serve)
- East Lansing group has several people with significant recovery, willing sponsors.
- Maumee meeting has found it helpful to read all 12 Steps at every meeting.
- Jackson meetings use text and email partners and groups to help with accountability and connection between meetings.
- Questions posed: Where are the young people? How do we reach them?

REGION / WORLD SERVICE

- Cecilia shared that WSO has released a statement that it does not endorse allowing minors to attend meetings. Although the decision as to whether or not to do so is left to the individual group, WSO recommends that a “group considering allowing minor members first obtain legal advice.”

SECRETARY’S REPORT

- July meeting minutes were linked to agenda.
- No questions/concerns.
- Motion Marcy. Second by Margi. Approved.

TREASURER’S / FINANCE REPORT

- Treasury report was linked to agenda.
- Motion Kristi. Second by Cecilia. Approved.
- Marcy has been added as a co-signer on the intergroup bank account.
- Question regarding sending funds to Region and WSO. Peg to follow up on that.
- Cecilia suggested a subcommittee be formed to look at current prudent reserve, annual expenses and account balance, and to draft a proposal to share at the next meeting.

OFFICERS’ REPORT

- **Co-Chair: *Urgent need for someone to fill this two-year position.***
- Would like better representation/attendance at bi-monthly intergroup meetings.

PROGRESS REPORTS on JULY – SEPTEMBER GOALS

- Service List – Cecilia and Kristi reported that a Service List Survey for speakers, sponsors, phone calls, etc. has been drafted. Survey link to be shared via email, meeting minutes ([here](#)) and by members within groups. Request taking time at a meeting to encourage attendees to complete the survey.

- Policies and Procedures – Cecilia and Peg worked on updating the Finance Committee Guidelines, Online Communications and Public Outreach portions and will send proposed changes out prior to the November meeting.
- Website Update – Margi reported the positives: well organized; links to WSO helpful. She is working on identifying outdated information and on updating meeting contacts by calling those listed on the website. To be continued at the November meeting.
- Facebook Refresh – Jessi (Jessi will need admin rights). No report.

INREACH / OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- **SAVE THE DATE:** Marcy reported that the fall virtual workshop will be held on Sunday, November 24th from 2-4 pm. Theme: “Freedom from Bondage” Details and registration link will be coming via email sometime in October. Marcy to check with Pauline about helping with that.
- Marcy reported that she’s working on a plan for a 12 Step overnight writing retreat sometime this winter.
- WSO Higher Education Committee – outreach to young people. Marcy to have a proposal at November meeting.

ON THE RADAR:

- ***URGENT NEED for Intergroup Co-Chair***
- Spring in person retreat/workshop
- OA table/booth at local health fairs/public events.
- Outreach to medical/health (including therapists) professionals – print material/pamphlets for waiting rooms, bulletin boards, etc.
- Venmo as means of “passing the basket” for 7th Tradition donations at virtual meetings.

CLOSING: Cecilia closed the meeting with the “we” version of the Serenity Prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 18, from 8 to 9 pm. Look for the agenda and Zoom link in an email the week prior.