**MAWPM BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES - MARCH 2020**

March 8, 2020 at 1:10 PM Eastern

12 Traditions

Attendance - 15

Last month’s business meeting minutes are approved.

Subcommittee Reports

Internet Subcommittee - one meeting since last GC. Looking for treasury to pay for the website. Announcement- MAWS wants every member of MA to get emails from MAWS. Give your email to MAWS if you want to. Book discounts available through Hazelden. All prayers on ma-phone.org are MAWS conference approved. Need to discuss ways to direct members to the announcements where there are lots of opportunities for service. Carry the Message newsletter- MAWS looking of people to help carry the message by taking live phone calls and emails from newcomers. MAWS looking for a paid webmaster. A New Leaf Publications really needs help from people to do editing and publication related things.

Daily Reflections Subcommitee- no report

Chairperson Coordinator- things going well. Friday 10 AM only open chairperson slot. Trying to get the word out about the list of chairpersons available on the website. Also people being directed to read guidelines.

A New Leaf Liaison- no report.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

1. Idea to Read Reconciliation Prayer at the beginning of each business meeting. Good way to bring Higher Power and Serenity into conversations that can be controversial. Reconciliation Prayer read:

Higher Power,

Aware of the suffering caused by unmindful speech and the inability to listen to others, I vow to cultivate loving speech and deep listening in order to bring joy and happiness to others and relieve others of their suffering.

Knowing that words can create happiness or suffering, I vow to learn to speak truthfully, with words that inspire self-confidence, joy, and hope.

I am determined not to spread news that I do not know to be certain and not to criticize or condemn things of which I am not sure.

I will refrain from uttering words that can cause division or discord, or that can cause the family or the community to break.

I will make all efforts to reconcile and resolve all conflicts, however small.

Amen

Motion: Begin the business meeting with the Reconciliation Prayer. Motion seconded.

Discussion: Will this replace the Serenity Prayer? No. Chairperson or Secretary read after the Serenity Prayer. Or read by another member after 12 Traditions.

Amendment to motion: Member reads Reconciliation Prayer after the 12 Traditions, and provide location via hyperlink on Agenda. Seconded. Motion passes by acclimation.

1. Create subcommittee to look into forming a treasury for internet expenses.

Davy O’ paid for the website fees last year. Wants to be reimbursed, and doesn’t want to pay future expenses on his own.

Mariah volunteers to be on the subcommittee and also chair it if no one else steps up.

Need for a treasurer has been discussed in the past.

Motion to form a subcommittee to determine how to collect 7th tradition funds to pay for MAWPM expenses.

Jesse volunteers. Davy O’ seconds the motion. Mariah clarifies that she will chair the subcommittee. No opposition. Motion passes by acclimation.

1. Proposed creation of subcommittee to explore creating shared drive for MA and SNL MAWPM speakers

Susan from Washington supports and volunteers for subcommittee.

Issue of permission to share the shares.

Motion to form a subcommittee to discuss ways of sharing the speaker shares/tapes.

Need to coordinate shared drive with website capabilities.

Motion seconded. No opposition heard. Motion passes by acclimation.

1. Announcement regarding Hazelden's distribution of our literature from MAWS

Hazelden is going to start publishing Life With Hope in April. 30th anniversary edition of LWH coming out. Group discounts available. Audio version coming out soon.

Open chairperson discussion. Business Meeting Chairperson and Business Meeting Secretary positions are open.