**GMNI Meeting 1/15/2025**

Attended by Karen G (chair), Judi S (vice chair, acting secretary), Susan GD (Wed Wilder mtg), Aileen (Sat am Colchester), Carrie M (Treasurer), Sue C (Wed noon Big Book), Ramona A (Mon pm phone; Thurs Middlebury), ME (Thurs pm Speaker), Nance (former chair), Sue 2 (Thurs pm Essex Junction in-person)

**Minutes:**  Aileen moved to accept minutes from 11/20/24 meeting, Sue C seconded.  Unanimous approval.

**Reports:**

PIPO: Amy B (former treasurer) completed a project to advertise new meetings and GMNI’s website publish in newspapers across the state, particularly those serving areas with new in-person meetings. Katrine (Telephone) and Joshua (webmaster) will be asked to track calls/hits respectively to assess the impact of this project. Results of tracking will be reported back to R6 who supported this project with a grant.

Trreasurer’s Report: Carrie reported for Amy who was absent.  Current Balance is $8051.86 with few expenses or income this period.  Our new prudent reserve is officially $1200 – increased to cover all expenses needed in the event GMNI closes.

Webmaster:  Karen reported for Joshua who as absent.  The meeting list on [oavermont.org](http://oavermont.org/) was updated.

Phone: No report in Katrine’s absence.  Nance asked if Katrine’s issue had been resolved of not getting text messages following incoming phone calls.  Karen will check with Amy.

**WSBC New Business Motions Review** (see Agenda Questionnaire Summary for Motion detail):

Yes to Proposal A: Change Young People -> Young adults.

Proposal B:  Add “In particular, this means we do not try to convince any member or visitor to adopt a

               belief in G-d.” To policy 1992a.

Nance recommends instead: We encourage any member or visitor to adopt a reliance upon a higher power or their choosing.

Sue 2 said she attends predominantly secular meetings and has heard people express support of not promoting G-d.

ME agrees with Nance’s suggestion

Sue C expressed being disturbed that any meeting is secular – that is definitely worthy of discussion

Karen G agrees with the above

Aileen said the current wording implies only one religion; this might be addressed in the full motion

Yes Proposal C:  Change wording related to medical interventions

Y to Proposal 1 (updated region consolidation)

N to Proposal 2: new qualifications for Trustee applicants.  There was broad concern that this would both reduce trustee applications and also lose valuable content re applcants OA journey

Y to Proposal 3: reduce Trustee number to reflect lowered number of regions

Proposal 4: reduce voting % requirements (of registered groups) to amend step or tradition language.

Judi noted groups don’t always de-register and the number of active groups isn’t known

Nance noted that previously only 30% of groups responded.  She suggested requiring 75% approval of responding  groups to ratify.

Proposal 5: Remove male pronouns for G-d.

Sue C: wants to remove male pronouns but not replace them with extra references to G-d – use HP instead.

Judi S: suggested using they/them instead

ME: No to this change

Karen noted we’re out of time.  The remaining items are not controversial, just house keeping to keep policies current, and she’ll mark them Yes.  All GMNI members are encouraged to report to Karen by March 1st if you or the groups you’re reporting to feel differently.

**Announcements:** (from agenda)

Region 6 Assembly Saturday April 5, 2025 NOTE: Virtual this time—who wants to represent us???

In-person OA Workshop April 26 1-4pm in St. Johnsbury  (save the date!!!)

Next GMNI meeting: Wednesday March 19, 2025, 7:30pm

**Submitted In Service, Judi S 2/3/2025**