



Upper Peninsula of Michigan OA Intergroup Website: [upperpeninsulaoa.com](http://upperpeninsulaoa.com)

# Upper Peninsula OA Intergroup Newsletter

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Let me introduce myself. I am Linda M from Gwinn. I have volunteered to organize and mail out a newsletter for the newly formed UP Intergroup of OA. At this time, I'm not sure if this will be a monthly or quarterly event. More on that in the future. Right now I'm interested in knowing if your group would prefer receiving the newsletter via email or receiving a hard copy through the US mail. For future newsletters, it would be wonderful if people would send me some stories, insights, or any kind of sharing. If your group is planning any kind of special event, notifying all the groups in the UP can be accomplished easily through the newsletter. This newsletter will be as interesting and useful as we all make it. Everyone's contributions will be appreciated. I can be contacted at 906-458-7850 or via email at [lsmaxwell@charter.net](mailto:lsmaxwell@charter.net). Look forward to hearing from all of you!

The Outreach Committee would like to have representatives from all over the UP present at a **Wellness Health Fair** being presented by Northern Michigan University on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 from 10am to 3pm. If your group can send a representative or just send information about your group, please contact Lynn B at 906-361-5962 or via email at [lynbaldwin@charter.net](mailto:lynbaldwin@charter.net).

To facilitate flow of information, your group will receive the minutes from the Intergroup Meetings as they occur. As of present, regular meetings have not been established so how often you will receive minutes is unclear. Following is the minutes from the January 1, 2011 meeting.

# ***Upper Peninsula of Michigan Intergroup***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

January 1, 2011

### **I. Call to order**

**Martha K** called to order the meeting of the UP of MI Intergroup at 12:15 pm on Saturday, January 1, 2011 in Marquette, Michigan at Messiah Lutheran Church Room 202 on Magnetic between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **II. Attending**

The following Intergroup Representatives were present in person and via phone:

Martha K	Gwinn, Monday 6:30 pm H.O.W. meeting
Laura P	Marquette, Saturday 11:00 am Step and Tradition meeting
Laura A	Marquette, Wednesday 5:30 pm Big Book Meeting
Rachel	Marquette, Wednesday 5:30 pm Big Book Meeting
Mike D	L'Anse, Tuesday 6:30 pm H.O.W. meeting
Delain	Newberry, Tuesday 10:30 am

Others attending: Willie, Linda, Allison, Angie, Lyn, and Mary P

Missing Marquette, Thursday 6:30 pm H.O.W. meeting

### **III. Introduction**

Martha led us in the Serenity Prayer. Martha told the story how the seeds of an intergroup were planted with the keynote speaker at the 2008 Minneapolis Intergroup Convention. Martha read from the OA Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions page 107.

### **IV. Election of Officers**

- a) Chair, Martha K, and Secretary, Laura P agreed to hold on to their positions till the retreat annual meeting in the spring of 2012. Unanimous vote.
- b) Rachel was nominated and declined at this time as Vice-Chair. Mike D. was unanimously voted into the position of Treasurer till the annual retreat meeting in the spring of 2013. Vice Chair position is also till 2013.

### **V. Standing Committees**

- a) *Newsletter Committee* – Laura P. volunteered to be chair. Linda M. agreed to be on the committee and do all the work
- b) *Outreach Committee* – Paula B. was volunteered to chair. Lynn B., Laura A., Allison, Rachel agreed to be on the committee
- c) *Retreat Committee* – Delain agreed to chair. Laura A., Mike, Paula agreed to be on the committee.
- d) *By-Law Committee* – deferred

### **VI. Other**

- a) The Outreach Committee was invited to have a booth at the NMU Health Fair

- b) The Retreat Committee has a fund already in place. The other committees are pending budgets at this time.
- c) Suggested contributions from meetings are from the OA 60/30/10 pamphlet:
  - i. 60% to Intergroup
  - ii. 30% to World Service
  - iii. 10% to Region 5
- d) The Intergroup will be using email, phone, newsletter, teleconference meetings, website to stay connected with the 12 OA meetings in the Upper Peninsula (plus one in Sault Ste Marie Canada)
- e) Fundraising was discussed and deferred

## VII. Adjournment

**The next meeting will be Saturday, February 5, 2011 at 12:30 pm as a teleconference call (712) 432-3900 pin 132873#**

Martha adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Laura Petrie

Minutes approved by: [Name]

As you note in the minutes, we do not have a Vice Chair at present. If you would be interested in serving or know of someone who would be interested, please contact Laura P, OA Intergroup Secretary.

***For today: There is no one I can talk to who will understand me better than an OA member.***

When I go to an OA meeting, the people there are like close friends—whether I know them or not. The more open and honest I can be when I share, the better I feel and the greater my chances of recovery.

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