

# MINUTES

NJIOA

May 14, 2020

**Chair:** Susan S **Vice-Chair:** Judy **Treasurer:** Janet **Corr. Sec:** Bonnie F **NJIOA Sec:** Paul O **Rec Sec:** Theresa **Oasis:** MaryAnn C **Web:** Bonnie F/ Barbara **Public Info/Outreach:** Sam **Media:** Sam **Region 7 Delegates:** Ronnie, Bonnie F, Carl F, Susan L, Susan S, Barbara M **World Service Reps:** Bonnie F, Carl F, Ronnie, Susan S.

## 7:30 PM Opening

- Serenity Prayer- All 12 Steps – Susan L 12 Traditions – Ellen M. Concept of the Month – Susan S.

Introductions/Roll Call, Lorraine, survey and committee fundraiser; Susan L, treasury Fri am Passaic; Ann Marie, Fri Hackensack; Theresa, Secretary; Deborah, Mon am life line meeting; Sonta, lifeline Mon am Montclair; Christine W., secretary Wed and Fri Wayne; Mary Ann, Oasis editor; Roz visiting; Vanessa, Livingston Monday; Ilene, Sat am treasurer Berkley Heights; Michelle, secretary Hillsdale and Mon Paramus; ToniAnn, Tues Newcomer Bloomfield; Susan, chair; Gwen, email communicator; Ruth visiting; Barbara M, Secaucus Wed How River Edge, co website chair committee; Janet, Treasurer; Ellen M, Secaucus Mon step; Ronni, Region delegate; Bonnie, Florida Corresponding secretary; Angela, Sat am Paramus, Tues Saddle Brook; Judy, typing intergroup service list and calendar; Maria, Hoboken visiting; Terry W, visiting; Beni, Tues, Thurs Upper Montclair; Brenda, Irvington visiting; Paul, acting intergroup secretary; Shari, Saddle Brook.

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Motion to Accept April 9 - Janet Second- Angela  
Motion to accept April 16 – ToniAnn Second – Mary Ann

## Committee Reports

- **TREASURY: Janet** – no questions
- **OASIS: MaryAnn**- Deadline is June 1 for any submissions. Can write a small blurb on how you are doing during this pandemic. Please get any submissions to Mary Ann. June 21 it will be on the website
- **INFO LINE: Susan**- Not to many calls approximately 15-20
- **WEBSITE: Mary M handles meetings and virtual meetings pages, adds approved minutes and treasurer reports to website. Barbara M handles all information on the home page, including two banners and the events page. Carl F handles technical issues on the website. All flyers, hand outs etc submitted for upload onto the website must be in PDF format and be less than 1MB to load, preferably, 750KB or less. Barbara** – Up to date, making good use of home page. Please let Mary or Barbara know of any changes so they can post – zoom ID, etc.. Hits on the website have increased, February was 24,830; March 52,692; April 52,517. Can also submit PDF handouts and they will add to the meeting list and then everyone can access them.
- **PROCEDURE MANUAL:** Bonnie is working on it, should be done next month.
- **MEMBERSHIP SURVEY: Lorraine**, Talled info, can see the attachment from last month for all the feedback. 62 out of 225 answered. Barbara said it was a good pulse check and should consider how we can make it more friendly (after pandemic) and kind. ToniAnn suggested zoom continued since more participate.. Terry – maybe different response rate since last time generated.

## NJIOA Event Reports: Please visit the website for any updated information on rescheduling of events

- **May 2nd, 9th and 16th...Continued to Take Personal inventory- Step 10 Workshop Susan** It is a wonderful workshop and ToniAnn worked really hard on it, and it was well received. **ToniAnn:** It is an outreach meeting Steps 1-3 is discussed at the Tuesday night meeting, so they started this workshop to help with step 10. Guest speaker is also this Saturday, which is the last one.
- **May 31st...Staying Connected, A Zoom Event - 2-4 PM EST: Judy:** 4 speakers, 2 from California area and 2 from South Jersey. The format will be a speaker, then 15 minutes of open share and repeated until all four speakers have shared. Can the zoom go above 100 people? We will explore and anyone who can help Judy with this please contact her. **ToniAnn:** Keep in mind August 30 there will be a Kayak event. Once the flyer is done she will get the info to Mary Ann for the Oasis.

## Old Business

- **Activities and Dates TBD Susan:** Most events are postponed
- **Venmo and Zoom are now in use: Mary Ann added to the chat, contact her for information.**
- **Storage Unit Report Susan:** Lorraine took a survey of what's inside, please contact Susan if you need anything or want to know what's in there.

## New Business:

- **Vote on Vice Chair position** Judy was nominated last meeting, this meeting we voted and congratulations to Judy who is now the Vice Chair – passed unanimously
- **Vote on policies..in attachments Susan:** The policies are items the by laws didn't cover. A committee made up the policies and now we need to vote. First any questions – Barbara M. abstinence not required for policies but in by laws. Deborah – why was the one time allowance change from \$100 to \$50. 1<sup>st</sup> reason – bc we needed to revise our budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> reason - thought \$50 was enough for new meetings to start up, its for literature only, 3<sup>rd</sup> reason – it is standard. ToniAnn said thank you it is a beautiful report. Motion to accept Theresa second AnnMarie
- **Discuss and vote whether to send Kessler a donation Bonnie:** suggested \$25 donation as a thank you for all the years and we know it's a difficult time. Judy gave a donation after the new comer day as a thank you for \$50. Bonnie motion that for this quarter we send a \$25 donation to Kessler, now that we are on zoom. Ronnie seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
- **inreach Committee Ann Marie** spear heading. Ann Marie suggesting a member call other member to get people to reach out to others during this difficult time. Make extra call, etc.. will be added to the website and Oasis
- **Susan:** suggestion to think about – show the message of intergroup by spreading smiles and recovery. Have bingo night, book review on Sunday, watch Bill W movie and discussion...do on zoom meetings – call Susan or email her with thoughts.

**Closing** 8:33pm

**Motion to close:** Christine

**Second:** Susan L.

**Next Meeting: June 11, 2020 7:30 p.m.**

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR YOU...

- Insurance Waiver call Susan 201-960-1995
- Nov. 6-8 Region 7 Convention, Ocean City, MD
- For sales tax exemption number contact Mary Ann 973-568-2761
- Go to **NJIOA.org** for bylaws, calendar, minutes, treasurer's report etc., Region 7.org and OA.org for additional info
- Call 5-Keep Them Alive (every 12<sup>th</sup> of the month)
- Remember Zelle and VenMo

If you want an item brought up at the Intergroup meeting, please email Susan ([papersusan@aol.com](mailto:papersusan@aol.com)) 2 weeks ahead of the meeting.