

MINUTES

NJIOA

JAN 10 2019

Chair-Christine W **Vice-Chair & Asst. Treasurer**-Jennifer G **Treasurer**-Fran S **Corr Sec**-Bonnie F **Acting Intgrp Sec**- Paul O **Rec Sec**: Barbara Oasis-MaryAnn C **Web**: Bonnie F/ Farhad **Public Info**-Fran S/ Christine/ Sam **Media**-Sam
Region 7 Delegates-Ronni S/ Bonnie F/ Carl F/ Christine/ Paul **World Service Reps**-Bonnie F/ Carl F/ Ruth H/ Ronnie

7:30pm Opening

Serenity Prayer - ALL 12 Steps – MaryAnn read 12 Traditions- Paul read Concept of the Month-Christine read
Introductions/Roll Call : Christine, Chair; Jenn, Vice Chair; Fran, Treasurer; Paul, Acting Intergroup Sec; Steve, representing Montclair, Bloomfield and West orange meeting; Sonta, representing Monday Lifeline meeting; Jenn, representing Belleville Sunday meeting; Theresa, back up for Barbara Rec Secretary; MaryAnn, Oasis; Bonnie/Carl/Lily, World Service Rep

Minutes of Previous Meeting_Fran-Jenn motioned to accept -Steve S second

- **Treasurer's Report/Info Line** _Fran presented – questions about the high balance - **Fran to report back at February meeting on Prudent reserve, board will come up with a Funds Disbursement Plan to bring NJIOA into compliance with Prudent Reserve if necessary.** Treasury reports are available online at NJIOA website or see Fran regarding the balance/treasury. Meetings can request funds for supplies or workshops – Email Chair with a specific request, it will go on the agenda and the board will vote on it at the next meeting.

7:40pm Committee Reports

- **OASIS** – Updates VISIT 5 Flyer: Meeting Status Changes (New, Relocation, Closings) MARYANN
 - NEW – Hillsdale meeting place issue – CHANGED TO PARAMUS Dorothy B Kraft Center
 - Tues Bloomfield Meeting (use to be Montclair) – wrong number for address it is 375 Watchung Ave.
 - Thurs meeting Montclair not meeting until June 2019
 - Tenafly meeting Thurs am -CLOSED
 - Need poems/articles for Oasis for next issue – cut off is March 1st
- **Website**
 - NEW – Hiring a Web Service for the new website BONNIE
 - Reduced cost to \$85 an hour; estimate on how long it will take; will send to board members for approval and will go on the agenda for a vote at February meeting
- **Public Information/Outreach Committee** Barbara offered to “do research on area community bulletin boards through print media and cable news platforms in North Jersey to place notices about NJIOA events. The board unanimously approved. Sonta suggested looking into renting actual physical billboards. We can discuss at February Meeting.
- **NJIOA Events:**
 - Newcomer Marathon (1/12/2019) 9:30am-3pm – FRAN, all confirmed and ready to go
 - Star Lake Retreat – BONNIE/MARYANN – 84 people, 51 rooms; 2 on wait list; all workshops set; typed procedures to keep on file; contract set for 4th weekend in January 2020
 - Unity Day – CHRISTINE Feb 24 together with We WJIOA– email Sam or Christine if you want to be a speaker; have \$100 to spend on a giveaway
- **OA Youth Meeting Committee – no new business**
- **12th Step Committee – no new business**

8:20 PM Old NJIOA Executive Business:

- Insurance Claim/Lawsuit/ Incorporation – no new business
- Intergroup Participation Outreach:
 - Oasis Article: “meet your intergroup” – Fran will write the first overview article of all the positions paraphrasing the Intergroup documents available on NJIOA.org Christine will go next highlighting the Chair position, then Jenn for Vice Chair, and so on.
 - Star Lake Skit (Sam) – CHRISTINE will call Sam for an update
 - Encourage Intergroup Meeting Attendance: a giveaway?
 - Christine will call Susan S. about OA Prizes
 - board members could bring someone – sponsee or someone from meetings we regularly attend “bring a friend”!

8:25 PM Other New Business:

2019 NJIOA Meeting Dates: 2/14 – 3/14 – 4/11 – 5/9 – 6/13 – 7/11 – 8/8 – 9/12 – 10/10 – 11/14 – 12/12

NJIOA WILL MEET ON VALENTINE'S DAY (board decided) – Fran or Barbara will chair the MARCH meeting in Christine's absence, Barbara or Theresa will record minutes

OA's Birthday January 19–20, 2019. – celebrate at Star Lake Retreat! – Bonnie to tell Susan

Sponsorship Day weekend 2019 is August 17–18, 2019. CHRISTINE asks the board to bring ideas to next meeting

IDEA Day: November 16–17, 2019. We will choose which day at February meeting

Reminders: CHRISTINE

- Call 5 – Keep Them Alive (12th of every month)
- Tax exemption @ Office Depot & a non-profit exemption anywhere they honor it
- Insurance waiver is available for meetings/events

8:30pm Closing – Motion to Adjourn – Fran motioned Steve seconded

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 14, 2019 7:30 pm