

NJIOA Minutes – October 11, 2018

Officers: Chair: Jennifer G., Co-Vice Chairs: Carl F. (Acting)& Ronni S., Treasurer: Fran S, Corresponding Secretary: Bonnie F, Intergroup Secretary: (Acting) Paul O., Recording Secretary: Christine W., Public Information: Fran S., Christine, Sam Oasis Editor: MaryAnn C, Webmaster: Mary M, Media Maven: Sam
Region 7 Delegates (4): Ronni S., Bonnie F., Carl F., Christine W., Tim W., (Jenn alternates)
World Service Representatives: Bonnie F., Carl F., Ruth H.

Opening: 7:30pm Ronnie chaired the meeting in Jenn's absence

- Serenity Prayer- 7:32 – all recited * 12 Steps – Fran read * 12 Traditions – Ruth read * Concept of the Month – Ronnie read
- Introductions/Roll Call – Bonnie, Carl, and Lily on speaker, Fran S., Ruth H., Sonata H., Paul O., Farhad, Christine, Barbara M., Mary Ann C., Ronni, Ed, Steve
- Minutes of Previous Meeting – Christine Read, Barbara motioned to accept with corrections, Fran seconded – passed unanimously
- Treasurer's Report/Info Line – Fran reported: no donations processed this month – bank accounts switched in August – all automatic charges switched to new account (except Google, Bonnie will fix) – new Check Stamp ordered – firelight meeting paid

Committee Reports:

- OASIS – Mary Ann reported: Fall Oasis went out, \$912.69 for 1600 copies – meetings can request more – Winter 2018 Oasis submissions and flyers are due by December 1st– Oasis will go out December 21st
- Website: Bonnie and Farhad reported: Farhad is managing the website – cleaning up the old, converting to the new – Farhad and the volunteers will write procedures for linking files from the Google drive to the website
- Public Information/Outreach Committee
- Firelight Meeting, Oct 20: Paul reported he hasn't connected with Grace but seems all is ready for next weekend Bonnie contacted Lorraine (speaker) – qualification and RESENTMENT is the topic – Fran received email from Grace – time was extended an extra hour by Tenafly Nature Center – event is rain or shine
- IDEA Day, Nov 17, 9:30-12:30: Paul reported: Committee is set, looking for speakers Ruth reported the Saturday Paramus meeting is not conducting their regular meeting to divert attendees to event
- Newcomers Marathon, January 12th (Saturday) 9:30am-3pm: Fran will call the same speakers, supplies are available, asking for suggestions for advertising for this event to the general public – Mary Ann suggests to announce this event at all meetings especially newcomer meeting – Flyer will come out with Winter Oasis – Barbara will run it on NJ.com
- Star Lake Retreat: January 18-20, Mary Ann reported \$3000 collected – meetings offering scholarships MUST inform Mary Ann by November 15th so that the rooms can be reserved for scholarship winners. Bonnie reported only 10 rooms are reserved as singles.
- Unity Day – Feb 4th 11:30am – Bonnie will reach out to West Jersey to help with this event
- Young OA – Jenn is absent (tabled to next month)
- 12th Step Committee – Bonnie reported Terri P. is setting that up – not getting many calls – refer recovery from relapse mentor program
- 'Call 5 Keep 'Em Alive': The 12th of every month. Refer recovery from relapse mentor program
- Update FLYER: ('Visit Five and Help Them Thrive!') - no changes
- Elections for Acting Positions – taking nominations in November – nominations and elections in December – Assistant/Backup Treasurer position is open
- Insurance Claim/Lawsuit (Jenn) – no updates
- Incorporating NJIOA & Becoming 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization (Bonnie) – Grace is doing all the paperwork – Fran will supply Bonnie's accountant with paperwork to file annually – Carl: pay accountant to be self-supporting
- Increase support/service on Intergroup level- Intergroup Reps List Update – invite others to attend
- Region 7 Business Assembly – No Attendance at September – 2019 meeting dates April 5-7, Sept 21-22
- Purchasing new Karaoke Machine – Paul will look at parts in the storage unit
- Funds Disbursements: Giveaways with events – Prudent reserve is 10K, 15K-overage, discussed options to disburse 15k: pass all donations up to Reg7 and WSO, more giveaways, purchase literature for meetings, another retreat, January 1st the overage will be disbursed.
- Conference Calling for future Intergroup Meetings -tabled

New Business:

Announcements

- Tax exemption @ Office Depot & a non-profit exemption anywhere they honor it
 - Insurance waiver is available for meetings/events
- Steve motions to adjourn, Paul seconds – meeting adjourned 8:55 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 8, 2018 7:30pm