

NJIOA – Minutes

Nov 8 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: (none), 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: 35 pm Serenity Prayer – all *12 Steps: Paul read * 12 Traditions: Steve S read *Concept of the Month: Jenn read

- Introductions/Roll Call – Jenn, Steve S, Sam, Grace, Carol, Mary Ann, Christine, Fran, Paul, remote Ronni, Bonnie, Carl, Lily
- Minutes of Previous Meeting – approved with changes – Fran motioned, Paul seconded
- Treasurer’s Report/Info Line – Fran: Still converting from old to new checking account – Storage facility is renewed for 13 months – Wayne never cashed the check for health fair because we are non-profit. Fran is processing expenses from Firelight Event.

Committee Reports:

- OASIS – Mary Ann: Winter 2018 Oasis going out Dec 21st – seeking articles and flyers for events occurring after Dec 21st– Deadline for submission to Winter 2018 Oasis is Dec 1st
- Website – Bonnie: Farhad is cleaning up the website- Bonnie contacted 2 other web services for estimates
- Public Information/Outreach Committee – Wayne day very successful with health care providers
- NJIOA Events:
 - Firelight Meeting- recap Grace: same attendance (25), more illumination, easier to find – everyone brought chairs – very enjoyable – she did it mostly by herself, but she would like help next year.
 - IDEA Day – Paul: lots of positive response – making packets - requested OA pens – Bonnie will put it on the loop – she confirmed the room and setup classroom style with podium at front set for 50 people
 - Newcomers Marathon -Fran: sent all information out to Christine, Sam, Gerri, Annmarie, Mary Ann – Fran will follow up with everyone to keep it on track – Call Barbara for NJ.com advertising
 - Star Lake Retreat- Bonnie: workshops are done – keynote is booked – room still available Mary Ann: 10 singles already booked 23 doubles booked 11 scholarships – Requested to put out on loop – Christine: suggestion to give all who request scholarships for Star Lake this year to help reduce excess treasury Fran suggests using Paypal to take online payments for Star Lake next year
 - Unity Day- Sam offers to chair – Christine will assist – West Jersey will join us (Bonnie made initial contact)
 - Upcoming Events... NYC Metro intergroup retreat same weekend at Star Lake
- Young OA – no updates
- 12th Step Committee – no updates

Unfinished Business:

- ‘Call 5 Keep ‘Em Alive’: The 12th of every month.
- Update FLYER: (‘Visit Five and Help Them Thrive!’) Verona Tuesday AM meeting is closed
- Nominations for Election:
 - **Chair:** Bonnie nominated Jenn (not accepted), Bonnie nominated Christine (accepted), Carl seconds
 - **Vice Chair:** Fran nominated Jenn (accepted), Sam seconds
 - **Treasurer:** Jenn nominates Fran (accepted), Bonnie seconds
 - **Corresponding Secretary:** Fran nominates Bonnie (accepted), Paul seconds
 - **Intergroup Secretary:** Fran nominates Paul (accepted), Christine seconds
 - **Recording Secretary** OPEN – no candidates
 - **Region 7 delegates:** Fran nominates Ronnie, Christine, Bonnie, Carl, Paul (accepted), Jenn seconded
 - **World Services delegates:** Paul nominates Bonnie, Carl, Ruth, Ronnie (accepted), Sam seconds
- Insurance Claim/Lawsuit (Jenn) – no updates
- Incorporating NJIOA & Becoming 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization - Grace found a 1023 EZ form to find out if we are granted the non-profit status – she will work on this
- Increase support/service on Intergroup level- Intergroup Reps List Update – no change
- Region 7 Business Assembly- September 28-30, 2018 Frederick, Maryland
- Purchasing new Karaoke Machine (Jenn) Bonnie – new machines use blue tooth not CD discs – Christine will donate her old CD karaoke machine, discs and song selection books and bring it to Star Lake retreat if she can get it to work with a TV.
- **Assistant/Backup Treasurer** – Fran requests this position to be created/filled – (approved) seeking candidates
- Funds Disbursements - Fran will create the budget and calculate the prudent reserve according to official OA definition to determine how much we need to disburse by January 1st
- Conference Calling for future Intergroup Meetings - Carol is taking care of it, thank you for your service!

New Business:

Announcements

- Tax exemption @ Office Depot & a non-profit exemption anywhere they honor it
- Insurance waiver is available for meetings/events
Fran motions to adjourn – Paul seconds – meeting adjourned 8:52pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 13, 2018 7:30 pm