

## **NJIOA – Minutes**

**Dec 13 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: 31 pm Serenity Prayer – all \*12 Steps: Barbara read \* 12 Traditions: Sam read \*Concept of the Month: Jenn read

- Introductions/Roll Call – Jenn, Ed, Barbara, Mark, Paul, Jackie, Steve S, Sam, Fran, (remote) Christine, Bonnie, Carl
- Minutes of Previous Meeting – approved with changes – Barbara motioned, Fran seconded
- Treasurer’s Report/Info Line – Fran: Only 1 electronic bill still on old checking account (Google). Will work on 2019 budget after Dec expenses processed. Pending IDEA Day expense and final Oasis bill.

Committee Reports:OASIS – Fran updated for Mary Ann: Winter 2018 Oasis completed/mailed. Always seeking articles for next Oasis.

- Website – Bonnie: Ready to Go Live, but pending training and documentation from Farhad. See New Business.
- Public Information/Outreach Committee – No new events, see list below.
- NJIOA Events:
  - IDEA Day – Paul: well attended 30-35 people. Jenn moderated. Positive responses. To supply Fran with expense info.
  - Newcomer Marathon -Fran: sent information to Christine, Sam, Gerri, and Annmarie. Gerri lining up speakers. MaryAnn made copies of handouts. Fran/MaryAnn confirmed space with Kessler. Fran to supply Barbara with flyer for NJ.com advertising. Gerri may not be able to attend, will need more service that day.
  - Star Lake Retreat- Bonnie: Almost sold out. Paul showed us one of the giveaways (travel mug/prayer). Gift for keynote speaker arranged. All Intergroup scholarships assigned. Christine with bring her KARAOKE machine. Fran and Paul will go to the storage facility to get the CDs. Note for next year: investigate using PayPal to take online payments for Star Lake.
  - Unity Day- Sam (chair), Christine and Mark H arranging. Set for Feb 24, 2019. Insurance certificate received. Cost to Church: \$150 – WJOA will cover ½.
  - Upcoming Events... NYC Metro intergroup retreat same weekend at Star Lake
- Young OA – no updates \* 12<sup>th</sup> Step Committee – no updates

Unfinished Business: ‘Call 5 Keep ‘Em Alive’: The 12<sup>th</sup> of every month.

- Update FLYER: (“Visit Five and Help Them Thrive!”) Fran asked to add Monday Teaneck to the flyer.
- Insurance Claim/Lawsuit (Jenn) – no updates
- Incorporating NJIOA & Becoming 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization - Grace completed. Received new Tax ID (preliminary approval). Grace still has some documents to complete. Bonnie needs to contact accountant for how to handle year-end.
- Increase support/service on Intergroup level- Ideas included: Fran suggested sending an email on the LOOP: service needs (specific skills). Add a column to the Oasis: “Your Intergroup” to explain what each position does. Sponsor and sponsee should come to at least one Intergroup together. Put on a Skit at Star Lake – Sam will create this. Mark H: West Jersey – go to specific “no show” meetings to discuss service/Intergroup.
- Purchasing new Karaoke Machine (Jenn) Christine will donate her old CD karaoke machine, discs and song selection books and bring to Star Lake. She stated, “It works with HER TV, so 80% certain will be ok”. If it works, it will be kept in the Storage facility. If it does not, a new one will be purchased.
- Funds Disbursements – Additional donation was made in November to WSO and Reg 7. Will review prior to new budget and confirm we have sufficient prudent reserve according to official OA definition.
- Conference Calling for future Intergroup Meetings - No update however, Carol is investigating.
- Assistant/Backup Treasurer – Fran requested this and Jenn offered in November to take the position. Fran will train her in 2019.

New Business: Hillsdale Meeting Issue-Location: Tim contacted Fran and Bonnie regarding the Sunday Hillsdale location. Clerk has issue with it not being a “Hillsdale” organization. May need to relocate. Bonnie supplied Tim with letter explaining OA and anonymity. Tim will discuss with mayor and the meeting on Sunday. Hillsdale residents who attend the meeting may call the town (per Jackie).

- Meeting relocations- Steve S said Mountainside Hospital evicted OA meetings. Tues PM has already found a new location effective January. Monday meeting needs new location. Need to make updates to Oasis, website, WSO.
- Public Info: Steve S said the Star Ledger runs an ad for an OA meeting. He will look into which meeting, and how we can do this for other meetings. Barbara reiterated she could load anything on NJ.com. Most papers have a Community Bulletin Board section.
- Website: Although the website is ready to go live, it was decided that until it is documented by Farhad, and others are trained (Website committee), it will not be updated. Agreed to send something on the LOOP for a service position: Webmaster needed. Also for JANUARY AGENDA, NEW business: Stipend for Webmaster.
- Voting of prior Nominations. Jenn reread the nominations, asked if there were any other nominations – Fran nominated Barbara for Recording Secretary (no candidates in November). Barbara accepted. Jenn handed out ballots, counted, all approved. Intergroup for 2019 is:
  - **Chair:** Christine **Vice Chair:** Jenn **Treasurer:** Fran **Corresponding Secretary:** Bonnie
  - **Intergroup Secretary:** None, Paul is ACTING secretary **Recording Secretary** Barbara
  - **Region 7 delegates:** Bonnie reread the criteria. All accepted, with one alternate. Ronnie, Christine, Bonnie, Carl, Paul **World Services delegates:** Bonnie, Carl, Ruth, Ronnie (4 accepted, only 3 permitted)

**\*Announcements\*** Tax exemption @ Office Depot & a non-profit exemption anywhere they honor it

- Insurance waiver is available for meetings/events
- Paul motions to adjourn – Sam seconds – meeting adjourned 8:49pm

**Next Meeting: Thursday, January 10, 2019 7:30 pm**