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Region 7 Delegates: Terry P., Maria G., Jon K. World Service Reps:
Vanessa C., Mark H.

Opening – Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM

OA Responsibility Pledge/Serenity Prayer: Toni Ann 12 Steps: Marcy 12 Traditions: Joyce
Zoom Etiquette: _____ Concept of the Month: Maria Unity with Diversity Policy: MaryAnn

Introduction Roll Call:

Toni Ann A., Chair

Maria G., Vice-Chair, Region 7 Delegate

Andrea P., Treasurer

Bonnie, Website Chair

Brenda W., Infoline Chair

Esta, Saturday PM Zoom Meeting

Fran U., Thursday PM Zoom Relapse Recovery Meeting

Harriet, Wednesday AM HOW Meeting

Jennifer Monday AM Bloomfield Lifeline Meeting

Joyce, Tuesday PM Bloomfield Newcomer Meeting

Judy L., Events Chair

Marcy, Tuesday PM Wayne Step Meeting

Mary Ann C., OAsis Co-Editor

Nancy A., Saturday AM Montclair 12 Steps Meeting, Corresponding Secretary

Ronni S., Intergroup Secretary

Sharon B., Sunday AM Belleville BB Meeting

Susan L., Friday AM Passaic OA Women's Meeting, Thursday AM Montclair Meeting

Susan S. - OAsis Chair

Terry P., 12-Step With-In Chair, Region 7 Delegate

Approval of March Meeting Minutes.

Motion to Accept: Andrea Second: Nancy

Motion passed unanimously.

Standing Committee Reports:

Treasury: See attached report. Andrea shared open balance of \$26, 809.77, Income was \$3768.00. Donation of \$2500.00 from LA intergroup for our help with the Happy Birthday event. Expenses for month \$343.00. Ending balance \$30, 234.77. Reserves at M & T bank. Total Assets of \$36, 355.75. Ds Donations and insurance payments will go out in April and May.

OAsis: Mary Ann reported that Spring issue was published March 21 (Record 9 pages!!!!). Summer edition submittals due June 1st. **(Topic Big Book and Me)**. Will reach out to some people for articles in next couple of weeks. If you are running event, please share recap blurb to her.

Info Line/Telephone Committee: Brenda shared we have 4 calls this week. 2 were returned with conversations. Waiting for other 2 to return her call.

Public Information: Marcy is working with houses of worship to get flyers to them. Mark got flyers and pamphlet from storage and distributed to committee for them to share. Facebook ad was doing great (932 hits to website)! Facebook will not run ad anymore due to content regarding "weight loss". Toni Ann shared part of article from Facebook.

In-reach/12-Step Within Committee: Terry P shared that Beni has been doing great with sponsorship coordinator and Fran has been working on upcoming workshop

Fundraising/Tributes: Some tributes were sent out. Toni Ann sent one on behalf of NJIOA to LA Intergroup for their donation.

Website: Bonnie reported that Mary has uploaded everything she has been given. Ronnie has uploaded all flyers for events. Brenda will get password and work with Carl and Bill to get audio files up. May cost more. To be researched.

Zoom Committee: Brenda spoke about need to increase our workforce. Flyer was created with form to share for anyone who is interested in being part of the committee. Maybe you can ask a sponsee who is looking to do service!

Region 7 Report: Terry reported about assembly and 12th step committee. Workshops will begin in June occurring every month on the 12th. Suggestion at the region assembly that intergroups should conduct workshop on service by Fall. Several formats will be published on the Region 7 website. Our format will be adopted. Gender pronouns will be added and we should be more aware of. They will give us complimentary pass to next in-person regional assembly. Maria shared about convention planning. Will be chair for this November (4th-6th). Will be at Ocean City Maryland. She met with hotel today and will work on flyer for costs. Theme is "Swimming the Seas of Recovery!" Next assembly will be Fall (Sept. 16-18th) in Maryland. Will be live. All reps should attend. Region 7 added hybrid best practices to their resource tab on the website.

World Service Report: Maria shared they are still looking for people to submissions for “A Common Solution”. Need diverse voices to submit and share your story (by Apr. 29th) . Email at info@oa.org. Subject line should be common solution. OA Brown Book now available as audio book. OALifeline.org (new site) with stories from 2016-2020.

NJIOA Events Report:

Measuring out My Life: Judy reported that event was spectacular. Speakers were amazing! Each shared why program is put first in their lives. Questions and sharing were amazing as well.

Cherry Blossoms at Branch Brook Park: April 10th - Nice group of people. Blooms were beautiful. Meeting was great. Reading from BB. Talk about creating fellowship.

A Day of Inspiration: What Inspires Change: April 23rd - Judy spoke of 3 great speakers (2 men and a woman). Diverse group from different areas. Time will be 1-3 EST. Please share info with fellows and people at your meetings.

Sunday BB Meeting – Special Speaker Series: Continues throughout the month. Speakers on the principles have been amazing. Brenda reminded everyone to come if you can!

World Service Business Conference: “We Can Do Together What We Cannot Do Alone” April 25 – 30. Being held virtually. We do not have any reps currently. You need to have gone to at least 2 regions and then be voted in.

Relapse Prevention Workshop: Sponsored by SJIOA. May 14th 9-11:00 AM – Fran U. shared that workshop is about not only prevention but identifying your warning signs in the moment. Opportunity to develop your own relapse prevention plan.

Comfortable in My Own Skin: A Body Image Workshop: Maria advised we are hosting Sunday May 22 starting at 7 pm and ending at 8:30 pm. Trying something new with evening event. 3 speakers will share, and flyer is available.

OA Trivia Night: Saturday June 4th. 7-9:00 PM. Will be hosted by the Tuesday Evening Newcomers Zoom Meeting. Everyone can play. Questions will be in form of polls. Subject will be AA and OA trivia.

Old Business:

NJIOA Sponsorship Coordinator: We have connected 6 sponsees with sponsors. Central Jersey would like to join with us. We are going to create a central document and will create a committee to have special permission to make the matches to help Beni for the additional workload. Call out to get more

sponsors to sign up for program. Need about 2 more people for the committee. Will also get something on the website (link to get to signup). This compliments the sponsor work at the meeting level. Vote taken on adding Central Jersey to sponsorship coordinator program. Motion passed with 1 abstention. Toni Ann will share with Danielle that it's a go!

New Business:

Donation from LA: Toni Ann proposes that \$500 goes to a literature scholarship based on 3 criteria: OA/AA approved literature, funds must be available, and you can only apply once every 90 days. This will help people who really cannot afford the literature. Another idea is to see if we can to a billboard for NJIOA since we no longer to have access to Facebook advertising. Issue will be tabled to May's meeting.

Brenda read the OA promise.

Motion to Close: Judy Second: Joyce

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon K.