

MINUTES

NJIOA

February 13, 2020

Chair: Susan S (Acting) **Vice-Chair:** Frank (Acting) **Treasurer:** Janet (Acting) **Corr. Sec:** Bonnie F **NJIOA Sec:** Paul O **Rec Sec:** Theresa (acting)
Oasis: MaryAnn C **Web:** Bonnie F/ Barbara **Public Info/Outreach:** Sam **Media:** Sam **Region 7 Delegates:** Ronnie, Bonnie F, Carl F, Susan L, Susan S, Barbara M **World Service Reps:** Bonnie F, Carl F, Ronnie, Susan S.

7:30 PM Opening

- Serenity Prayer- All 12 Steps-Stanley 12 Traditions-AnnMarie Concept of the Month 1-Mary Ann

Introductions/Roll Call: Sam, Public Info, Mary Ann Oasis, Susan Chair, Janet Sat. Ridgewood, Theresa acting Recording Secretary, Frank visiting, Val Hillsdale Rep. Chris Paramus Mon Rep, Judy Intergroup service list, Ann Marie Hackensack Fri pm rep, Lorraine, Susan Belleville Sun/delegate, Sonta Bloomfield rep, Stanley visiting Montclair Tues/Thurs.

- Minutes of Previous Meeting –Theresa Motion to Accept- Judy Second-Susan L.

Committee Reports

- **TREASURY: Janet** – 3 handouts to review: The Jan. 2020 bank reconciliation, which Fran did; the actual 2019 budget results; and the proposed 2020 budget. After everyone had an opportunity to review – Judy asked what would happen if \$ was allotted and not used (ex. Newcomer marathon) Janet said that at the end of year we would compare actual to projected numbers and update for the following year. This year, the money could be re-allocated somewhere else.
- Lorraine asked that the budget clearly reflect that the number is to send 2 reps not 4 to Region 7 conference. Janet made a motion to accept budget, Lorraine seconded. All were in favor.
- **OASIS: MaryAnn-** Spring Oasis will be in the mail March 21st. March 1st is the deadline for submissions. Anyone is welcome to submit an article, writing, etc...
- **INFO LINE: Susan-**Receiving 20 to 30 calls a month.
- **WEBSITE: Susan** doing well, updating things such as notes, minutes etc... visit NJIOA.org and encourage others to visit the website as well. Judy said it looked like some information on the website was cut off. Susan will find out. Mary Ann and Chrissie cross reference the website and Oasis to make sure meetings match.
- **PUBLIC INFORMATION/OUTREACH: Sam**
Updated list and application for street fairs: cost went up to \$90 per table. Sam is willing to do 2 fairs in Fair Lawn, June 14 and Oct 18. Since the budget is \$300 Janet suggested to look at all 2020, Met Life, street fairs and see how they can all fit in within the \$300 budgeted amount. Judy suggested to spread it out as well (Met Life and Fair Lawn street fair would be within 2 weeks of each other in June)
- **MEMBERSHIP SURVEY: Lorraine**, chair person for survey, 5 question survey will be added to the agenda for March.
- **NJIOA Event Reports:**
- **Newcomer Marathon:** Judy: 32 attendees including chairs and speakers. Fair size of people attended, wonderful, provided info. \$158.00 earned and \$50 was given to Kessler, from whom we received two thank you notes.
- **Star Lake Lodge Retreat:** Mary Ann: very successful, \$555.50 went back to NJIOA. 74 registered which was lower than last year. Next year contract for January 22-24, 2021. Mary Ann and Bonnie are trying to figure out a way to do electronic payments through PayPal or Venmo to eliminate the difficulty of waiting for checks to clear.
- **OA Promises Workshop** February 17, 2020 Sonta – 1-4 pm workshop on the 9th step promises. Please spread the word.
- **Unity Day:** February 29, 2020 – Sam: We have a place paid for. There are 2 speakers for North Jersey and need 2 more. There will be 2 panels of 3 on 1 topic. See Sam or Christine if interested.
- **Bowling Night:** March 27, 2020
- **Lunch and Learn:** April 18, 2020
- **Be a Better You:** May 30, 2020 presented by our region 7 trustee
- **Health Fair:** June 27 and 28 at MetLife Stadium, service needed
- **Sponsorship Day:** August 17 or 18, 2020 – service needed
- **World Convention, Orlando, FL:** August 20-22
- **Firelight Meeting:** October 2020
- **Region 7 Convention Ocean City, MD:** November 6-8
- **IDEA Day:** Nov 16 or 17, 2020 service needed
- **Twelfth Step Within Day:** Dec 12, 2020 service needed

If you are able to do service where it says it is needed please see Susan

Old Business

- **Secretary Minutes whether or not to read at each meeting:** Theresa motioned to not read the minutes at each meeting, but to email them out ahead of time and just come with questions/comments. Judy seconded. 1 abstained from voting, everyone else in favor.

New Business:

- **Open Positions** – Theresa nominated Frank for acting Vice Chair, Lorraine seconded. All were in favor. Judy nominated Janet for acting Treasurer, Shari seconded; all in favor
- **Damaged Literature:** Susan announced World Service keeps it around; contact if interested
- **Non-profit incorporation:** Susan: We don't have to pay sales tax in NJ; this incorporation also protects the Board Members from liabilities.
- **Insurance review:** Susan: Do not need new board insurance, we have enough.
- **Intergroup communication ideas:** Susan – There are 34 meetings in our intergroup and we want to keep them. informed. Val will handle emailing intergroup communications to the reps, including minutes, calendars agendas and other relevant information. The by-laws will be emailed out shortly. It was asked if there were any suggestions on how to increase intergroup involvement. Susan suggested reaching out to the contact people from meetings where there is no presence at intergroup; perhaps someone can call them once a month? Susan L suggested to attend some meetings that are not represented and encourage them to come. No further action taken.
- **Proposed replacement by-laws:** Susan: Committee was formed with our trustee and re-wrote the by-laws. Updated 2014 by-laws to conform with World Service. People should read over the by-laws when they get them from Val and come next month prepared with any questions

- **Oasis budget:** Susan/Mary Ann – the budget for 2019 was \$3200 and we have to cut it to \$1,000. New for 2019 was that we went to color, went to 4 sides and mailed out to intergroup. . Lorraine motion to take away color printing and reduce the amount of mailings, but keeping the Oasis to 4 sides. Ann Marie second, majority in favor.
- **Procedure Manual:** Susan: Jen is working on a manual detailing how to start a meeting how to add something to the Oasis, etc
- **To be discussed next month**– phone meetings on Oasis with meetings: vote meetings to allocate money towards Oasis.

Reminders:

- 12th of every month is Ring 5 Keep Them Alive.
- Tax exemption at Office Depot and non-profit exemption anywhere they honor it (contact Mary Ann).
- Insurance waiver is available for meetings/events (contact Susan).

8:37 PM Closing Motion to Close- Ann Marie Second- Judy

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 12, 2020 7:30 pm