

Chair: Susan S.

Treasurer: Andrea

NJIOA Sec: Bonnie

OAsis: Mary Ann C.

Public Info/Outreach: (Acting) Maria

Region 7 Delegates: Terry P., Bonnie, Carl, Susan L.,
Susan S., Ronni

Vice Chair: Judy

Corr Sec: Ronni

Rec Sec: ToniAnn A.

Web: Mary M.

Media: Sam

World Service Reps: Bonnie F., Carl,
Susan S.

Opening 7:30 p.m.

Serenity Prayer: Jacqueline

12 Steps: Angela

12 Traditions: Fran S.

Concept of the Month: Laura W.

Unity with Diversity Policy: Nancy

Introduction Roll Call:

Susan S., chair

Maria G., public Info, research delegate committee

ToniAnn, recording secretary, Zoom committee

Nancy, Montclair Saturday morning 12&12

Shirley, Thursday morning Montclair meeting

Angela, Saturday morning Paramus meeting

Terry P., 12 Step within, Thurs night Serenity

Jacqueline S. Saturday night 8:30 p.m. meeting, Zoom and welcome committees

Bonnie, Intergroup secretary, events committee, Region 7, Starlake

Shannon, Sunday morning Belleville meeting

Marcie, Tuesday night Wayne, public info committee

Susan L., Thursday morning 7 a.m. meeting

Ronni, Region 7, corresponding secretary

Laura W., Friday night Nutley meeting, public outreach

Mary Ann C., OAsis editor, Starlake committee

Steven S., Wednesday men's group Saddlebrook, Zoom committee

Andrea P., Treasurer

Judy, vice-chair

Joyce, Tuesday night newcomers meeting, alternate

Sam, tributes, flyers

Fran U., Monday morning Bloomfield lifeline meeting, pub info committee

Carl, parliamentarian

Brenda, Sunday morning Belleville alt., Zoom committee

Fran S. Friday HOW Hackensack

Angela, Saturday morning Paramus

Jon K. Zoom committee

Jenny, Saturday Berkeley Heights meeting

Lorraine A., Wednesday night Hillside, fundraising committee

Sara S., Tuesday night newcomers meeting

Roll Call (continued):

Rachel, Sunday morning Big Book West Orange
Clare, OA hotline
Terry P. Thursday night meeting, Region 7 rep
Terry W., guest
Carol R., guest

Jacqueline welcomed all newcomers.

Approval of December Meeting Minutes.

Motion Bonnie Second Marcie

Committee Reports:

Treasury: A revised report was submitted. See attached report.

OAsis: MaryAnn reported the spring OAsis will be published March 21. Subject is potpourri: What has OA done for you? What works for your program? Submittals should be sent to maryanncluney@gmail.com by March 1, 2021.

Info Line: Clare started on the hotline three weeks ago on hotline and received four phone calls. She is following up on all calls.

Events: Susan gave heartfelt thanks to Bonnie, MaryAnn, ToniAnn for their hard work in making this event successful.

Marcie thanked Bonnie for helping her get abstinent.

Bonnie thanked all event chairs for their dedication; Sam for her flyers, the Zoom committee, Barbara for the website, and acknowledged thanks to anyone she forgot to mention.

Bonnie asked all meeting reps to announce current events and put info into Chat room.

There is a working event calendar listing all events through December 2021.

Susan reminded everyone there is a full schedule of events on NJIOA.org.

Website: Bonnie reported the website is working smoothly. Bill the webmaster has agreed to teach Steven S. how to get Paypal up and running on website along with Zelle and Venmo.

Bonnie thanked Barbara for maintaining the events section and Mary for maintaining the meetings. Steven S. was welcomed to the website committee.

Public Information: Maria stated she had a lead on placing ads in Patch papers in North Jersey. The committee is sending flyers to local libraries, hospitals, dieticians, grocery stores. 8-1/2-by-11 OA public informational posters can be obtained for distribution by contacting Maria. Shari is performing the service of mailing out newcomer packets to new members. Please contact Shari directly for this service.

Public Information (continued): MaryAnn will forward Maria a list of addresses and contact names for health professionals who used to be mailed OAsis.

Judy mentioned where to find Shari's contact information.

Bonnie suggested putting the poster on the website for easy download. Maria will follow up with the website committee.

In-Reach/12 Step within Committee: Terry started the committee started a Thursday night recovery from relapse meeting from 8 to 9 p.m. It's been well attended with fellows from the UK and Costa Rica. Response has been positive. Support for the meeting is needed. She asked for the meeting to be announced. Terry added the committee would welcome new members to brainstorm way to support those struggling in their recovery. A "Call five and keep them alive," flyer regarding staying in touch with estranged members is being worked on. The calls, which are traditionally made on the 12th of each month, can be made in conjunction with suggesting the new Thursday night meeting.

Inspiration Day: Lorraine reported Inspiration Day is March 21. The flyer is on the website. There will be four speakers from around the U.S. Volunteers for the event are needed. Marcie reported the link on the flyer does not include the phone number for dialing in.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

Tributes: Sam sent out 18 or 19 tributes in the past month and have raised \$80.00. She asked each meeting rep to post a link to the flyer. The tributes are going well and being enjoyed.

OA Research: Maria offered there are new podcasts posted on OA.org by Rozanne S. One is called "Reflections," from a 1999 interview, in addition to a collection of speeches Rozanne gave at past business conferences from 1994, 1997, 1998, 2000 and 2001.

The second addition to the "12 Step Study Guide" is available in soft cover on the OA.org bookstore for \$13.50 and via e-book on Amazon, Apple, and Barnes & Noble for \$9.99.

Region 7 Spring 2021 Assembly. Maria reported Registration is now open OARegion7.org for the Spring 2021 Region 7 assembly which will be held virtually March 19 -21, 2021.

World Service Upcoming Events: Maria further reported the World Service business conference is being held virtually April 21 -24, 2021, and the World Service Convention will be held in person in Orlando, Florida on August 26 -28, 2021.

NJIOA Event Reports:

Star Lake Lodge Retreat Report: Bonnie reported the event was fabulous and thanked MaryAnn and ToniAnn and the Zoom committee for their help. The feedback was positive despite being our first virtual retreat. More volunteers will be needed for next year. An outline of committees and volunteers will be attached.

Star Lake Lodge Retreat Report (continued): MaryAnn thanked Bonnie and ToniAnn for all their work. There were 114 attendees. Most attendees registered via the website. \$2875.00 was raised minus shipment costs and reimbursement cost for the Zoom upgrade to ToniAnn. MaryAnn gave kudos to Bonnie for getting great speakers from out of our area and to ToniAnn for all the behind-the-scenes Zoom work.

ToniAnn thanked Bonnie and MaryAnn for their tremendous work and angst that went into the event. Posting of the recording on the website is being worked on.

See attached report.

Unity Day: Together We Can Get Better: ToniAnn reported Unity Day is Sunday, February 28, 2021, 12:30 to 2:30 pm. All of New Jersey will be joining in the event. Each intergroup will offer a speaker on a specific topic related to Unity. South Jersey will be hosting the event virtually. 7th tradition donation of \$5.00 will be collected by South Jersey to cover their increased Zoom costs. Any additional money will be sent to World Service.

Summer Series: There are four upcoming events: Sunday, April 18, 2021, 11 a.m. Cherry Blossom Stroll through Branch Brook Park in Newark; Sunday, May 23, 2021, 11:30 a.m. Yoga in Brookdale Park; Sunday, June 13, 2021, 11 a.m.; Hike with picnic at The Tourne in Boonton; and Sunday, August 29, 2021, 8 a.m. Kayaking in Monksville Reservoir. Flyers to follow.

Marcie thanked ToniAnn, Bonnie, and MaryAnn and added Region 7 will also be holding a Unity Day event.

Jamming into Recovery: Susan said the event will be held on March 6, 2021, from 9:30 to 4:30 starting with "The Doctor's Opinion," going through "How it Works." It should be a great event.

Old Business:

Susan reminded everyone that a full calendar of year-long events located on the website. There is also important reminders listed at the bottom of the intergroup meeting agenda.

New Business:

NJIOA is able to send four representatives to the Region 7 assembly. Bonnie, Carl, Ronni and Terry P. will be attending. An alternate rep is needed in the event a rep is unable to attend.

Maria G. was nominated by Susan, seconded by Bonnie. Eligible members voted and Maria was appointed alternate by unanimous majority.

Susan invited any newcomers to stay after the meeting for fellowship and/or questions. She invited anyone interested in service to call her.

New Business (continued.):

Lorraine confirmed the link on the flyer for Inspiration Day doesn't work on the website. It is being fixed.

MaryAnn read the OA Promise.

Motion to close by Ronnie
Meeting concluded 8:33 p.m.

Second MaryAnn

Respectfully submitted,
ToniAnn A.