NJIOA Meeting Minutes

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, Ronni, Susan S.

7:30 Opening Serenity Prayer: Judy Concept of the Month: Terry

12 Steps MaryAnn Unity with Diversity Policy: Maria 12 Traditions: Judy

Introduction Roll Call:

Susan S., Chair Judy, Vice-chair Jacqueline S. Saturday night 8:30 p.m. meeting, Zoom committee, Brenda, Sunday morning Belleville alt., Zoom committee Marcy, Tuesday night Wayne, public info committee Maria G., public Info, research delegate committee Jon K., Zoom Committee Ronni, Region 7, World Service, corresponding secretary Sam, tributes, flyers Sara S., Tuesday night newcomers meeting Terry P., 12 Step within Barbara M., Website Nancy, Montclair Saturday morning 12&12 Laura W., Friday night Nutley meeting Mary Ann C., OAsis editor, Starlake committee Fran S. Friday HOW Hackensack Arlene V., Saturday morning Berkley Heights Susan La., Tuesday morning Montclair Ellen M., Tuesday afternoon Secaucus Steven S., Zoom committee Shirley, Tuesday/Thursday meeting Andrea P., Treasurer Carl, Parliamentarian

Approval of December Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Nancy Second: Fran S

Standing Committee Reports:

Treasury: See attached report.

OAsis: MaryAnn reported the summer edition will be out on June 24th. Submissions are due by June 1st. The topic this edition is "How do you use a sense of humor in recovery?"

Info Line: Susan stated there is nothing new to report.

Website: Barbara reported that all flyers must be approved by the website committee, particularly those with links. The required format is specified at njioa.com at the bottom of the page.

Public Information: Maria reported the committee is doing research on advertising opportunities in the paper. The committee is trying to reach out to the author of an article printed in The Star Ledger in February 2018.

In-Reach/12 Step within Committee: Terry says the committee needs support. Service positions need to be filled. The committee's next business meeting is April 15. The weekly Thursday relapse meeting is well attended.

Fundraising: Nothing new to report.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

Tributes: Sam stated the tributes are going well. She asked all meeting reps to push for tributes at local meetings.

OA Research: Maria reported World Service reporting is available on oa.org.

Newcomer Welcome: Jacqueline reported no newcomers to intergroup this month were in attendance. A protocol of sending out intergroup newcomers a follow-up e-mail form letter and a phone call was put into place.

NJIOA Event Reports:

Inspiration Day Report: Lorraine reported the event well.

Region 7 Spring Assembly Reports: Carl reported he was on the finance and budget committee. The committee oversees the budget for Region 7 expenditures.

Region 7 Spring Assembly Reports continued: Carl further reported they voted to give \$14,400 to World Service. This represents the money not spent on trustees travel and Region travel that was not done during COVID. The committee maintained our operating expenses.

Terry reported that although she had attended Region 7 Assemblies many years ago, she came in at this time as a delegate. She was invited to orientation on Friday eve and assigned a mentor who was available throughout the weekend to answer any procedural questions. Terry said this was reassuring and made participation smoother. She was assigned to the 12th Step Within Committee, whose focused on developing a template for Unity Day events. The template included formats and workshop topics easily adapted to both a full- and half-day event, with a goal towards assisting all intergroups especially those with limited resources. Workshop topics were discussed but not finalized. The committee is meeting again in May and September to prepare the final template, which will be submitted for approval at the next assembly. A trifold pamphlet, previously developed by this group titled "How to Greet New and Returning Members" is now available on the Region 7 website. World Service events and formats were discussed. The event in Orlando in August will be in-person. The business conference will be report with details to follow.

Bonnie, who was unable to be in attendance this evening, submitted her report, which is attached.

My Body & Me (A Body Image Workshop): There are three speakers lined up for the event.

Cherry Blossom Stroll: Brenda reported for ToniAnn that the event time has changed to 9 a.m., no pets are allowed. Members attending are insured, however, non-OA members attending will have to sign a waiver release. COVID precautions will be taken.

World Service Business Conference - Looking to the Future One Day at a Time:

Recovery from Sea to Shining Sea: Details coming, all are welcomed.

Yoga: Details coming next month.

Hike & Picnic: Details coming next month.

Know Your Triggers: More details to follow.

Old Business:

No old business to discuss.

New Business:

Susan stated she was going to investigate a new world-wide group forum for intergroup chairs.

Meeting closed Andrea

Motion to close Marcy

Second by Susan La.