

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, Maria G.

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: Lorraine                      12 Steps: Mark H.                      12 Traditions: Mark H.  
Concept of the Month: Lorraine              Unity with Diversity Policy: Rachel

**Introduction Roll Call:**

Susan S., Chair  
Judy, Vice-chair  
Andrea, Treasurer  
Angela, Saturday morning Paramus  
Barry S., Saturday Parsippany  
Bonnie, Secretary, events committee, Region 7, World Service, StarLake  
Brenda, Zoom committee  
Carl, Parliamentarian  
Carol, Belleville meeting  
Clare, OA Hotline  
Goldie, Friday morning Passaic meeting  
Ilene, Wednesday Chester meeting  
Laura W., Public Info  
Lorraine B, Tuesday morning Bloomfield meeting  
Lorraine, Phone line, Hillsdale Wednesday night  
Luba, Saturday night 8:30 p.m. meeting  
Jon K., Worldwide Outreach  
Joyce, Tuesday Newcomers  
Mark H., Region 7 Alternate Delegate  
Joyce H., Sunday morning Hackettstown meeting  
Marcy, Tuesday night Wayne, public info committee  
Maria G., public Info, research delegate committee  
Mary Ann C., OAsis editor  
Nancy, Montclair Saturday morning 12&12  
Rachel, Sunday morning West Orange  
Ronni, Region 7, World Service, corresponding secretary  
Sam, tributes, flyers  
Susan L.,

Steven S., Zoom committee, Wednesday night men's meeting  
Terry P., 12 Step within  
ToniAnn, recording secretary  
Vanessa, Monday Livingston

**Approval of June Meeting Minutes.**

Motion: Mary

Second: Ronni

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Treasury:** See attached report.

Marcy asked why personal contributions differed from 209 to 215. Andrea explained we received a check for \$5 that was ripped off and had to be sent back. She will make the correction.

**OAsis:** MaryAnn reported the Fall OAsis deadline for submissions is September 1. The topic will be focused on action plan. Please forward all submissions to her email address. Fellows who would like to be part of the section Recovery Line Volunteers in OAsis should email their name, phone number and availability. Nancy asked if volunteers had to be from intergroup attendees only, to which MaryAnn replied anyone can be a part of the list. MaryAnn is looking for volunteers to help with the formatting of the OAsis newsletter.

**Info Line:** Clare reported the hotline numbers are not that good. The line received six calls in March, four in April, four in May. In July, she reached out to four to five people, but they did not call back. She thinks callers are looking for a live person and do not leave messages. Barry said West Jersey included a text number and would return text messages within 24 hours.

**Events:** Bonnie reported there are events every month until September. Information about additional events will be out shortly

**Website:** Ronni reported she has just joined the website committee and all flyers are updated. Mary is doing all she needs to do and all is well on the website.

**Public Information:** Maria reported the local ad is still running in Hoboken. Marcy has been sending out flyers in Essex and Morris County. The committee is continuing the campaign in reaching out to local radio stations to run our OA PSA.

**In-Reach/12 Step within Committee:** Terry reported the Thursday night meeting Relapse to Recovery is going well, the new format is well received and membership has increased. There is a workshop 12 Step Within workshop coming up on December 12. Flyer to follow. Susan added anyone who wants to be on the committee and help out with the workshop should contact Terry.

**Fundraising:** Lorraine asked that anyone with fundraising suggestions or ideas reach out to her.

**Ad Hoc Committee Reports:**

**Tributes:** Sam reported only one tribute has been sent out since the last intergroup meeting. Susan explained tributes are donations

**OA Research:** Maria reported the in-person convention in Orlando is cancelled due to a rise in COVID. The 2021 World Service Business conference report is posted on OA.org. The publication "Overeaters Anonymous" second edition is available for download for \$5. Several additional pamphlets are being updated including "Common Solutions," "Diversity" and "Recovery to the Young Person," which is geared to 18- to 30-year-olds. Diversity stories are being solicited and can be submitted to info@OA.org.

The Region 7 conference committee is meeting later this month when it will be decided whether the conference will be live or virtual.

Susan said Shari T. will physically mail out info to newcomers. Text Susan for the information.

**OA Worldwide Outreach:** Jon reported he has reached out to Regions 1 through 8 and several intergroups are interested in sharing information, including OAsis and event flyers. The OAsis newsletter will be available via email. Please sign up to receive a copy at [jonkess6691@gmail.com](mailto:jonkess6691@gmail.com)

**Newcomer Welcome:** Susan welcomed all newcomers to the intergroup meeting and invited them to stay after the meeting to address any questions.

**NJIOA Event Reports:**

**Am I Worth It? What is your It?** Jon thanked the speakers who participated and reported about 80 people attended. The questions posed during the workshop were well received and thought-provoking.

**Sponsorship Day, August 22:** Susan reported the event is statewide. All information to participate is located on the website, njioa.org.

**Kayaking, Monksville Reservoir, August 29, 8 a.m.:** ToniAnn reported there are still spaces available. A live meeting will be held during the event. The launch is dry so participants do not have to get wet or even wear a bathing suit. She encouraged everyone to join in as no experience is necessary.

**Serenity Prayer Workshop:** Susan reported there will be three speakers talking about the Serenity Prayer with time for comments from attendees. The event is September 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Region 7 Assembly:** Susan reported at the moment the assembly it is still on.

**Region 7 Convention:** It is uncertain whether the convention will take place in person.

**Old Business:**

**Hotline:** Carl explained a lot of money is being spent on the Verizon account and it makes sense to use Google, which is cheaper and more convenient. He motioned to cancel the Verizon service and use the Google phone service, seconded by ToniAnn. Maria asked if calls from our old number can be forwarded. Carl was not sure that is feasible but will try to make that happen. Mark reported that West Jersey used a service called Bonage and Central Jersey uses a burner phone for \$108 a year.

A vote was taken wherein the motion to use the Google service passed unanimously.

**Facebook Ad:** She reported OA.org has a statement on their FB page about anonymity, which can be copied and placed on the North Jersey page. ToniAnn motioned to spend \$180 to run the Facebook ad for three months, seconded by Joyce. A unanimous vote was taken to pass the motion.

**New Business:**

**Region Committee Report:** Bonnie said there are various committees attended by Terry and Ronni as well. Bonnie is on a committee called intergroup renewal. They are working on a 21-page booklet put out on how to grow your intergroup.

**Star Lake Report:** Bonnie will not be running the event this year. She reported if 100 people could not be guaranteed live at the Starlake lodge, the space would have to be shared with another group. It was suggested the retreat be held virtually again this year because of COVID. Judy said a committee is needed. Joyce thought a retreat with Central Jersey was mentioned. Susan said that is on hold for now. Judy asked for committee volunteers. Bonnie motioned to have the event virtually in January, seconded by Jon. The motion passed unanimously.

**Note from the Chair:** Susan asked all intergroup members to share information with their meetings. If any meeting is doing something special, please share it with intergroup.

**Meeting News:** ToniAnn reported the Tuesday night Newcomers meeting will remain virtual, and will stay with njioa.

Sarah said the Sunday morning Belleville meeting will be a hybrid of virtual and in-person. Meet in front lobby.

Goldie reported the Friday morning Passaic meeting will also be a hybrid.

Carol reported The Sunday Belleville meeting is holding a Back to Basics starting September 5<sup>th</sup> for six weeks.

Susan said to email all meeting changes to Bonnie for posting on the website.

**Region 7 Representative:** A unanimous vote was taken for Mark H. to be the alternative Region 7 representative. Bonnie thanked Mark for his service and joining us.

**Zoom Committee:** The Zoom committee is looking for members, John said. ToniAnn suggested sponsors could ask their sponsees to do service.

Sarah read the OA promise.

Meeting closed: 8:46 p.m.

Motion to close: Mark

Second by: Ronni

Respectfully submitted,  
ToniAnn A.