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Susan S., Ronni, Maria G.

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Ronni, Susan S.

Opening

Serenity Prayer: Mary Ann

12 Steps: Clare

12 Traditions: Angela

Concept of the Month: Nancy

Unity with Diversity Policy: Loraine

Introduction Roll Call:

Susan S., Chair

Judy, Vice-chair

Angela, Saturday morning Paramus

Bonnie, Secretary, events committee, Region 7, World Service, StarLake

Carl, Parliamentarian

Carol, Sunday Belleville meeting

Clare, OA Hotline

Fran, Friday night Hackensack

Grace V., visitor

Ilene, Wednesday Chester meeting

Loraine B, Tuesday 7 a.m. Bloomfield meeting

Jill G., Visitor

Jon K., Worldwide Outreach

Joyce, Tuesday Newcomers

Mark H., Region 7 Alternate Delegate

Jacqueline, Sat night 8:30 SOS Zoom meeting

Jennifer, Monday 10 a.m. Bloomfield

Joyce H., Sunday morning Hackettstown meeting

Marcy, Tuesday night Wayne, public info committee, 12 step within

Maria G., public Info, Region 7 delegate

Mary Ann C., OAsis editor

Nancy, Montclair Saturday morning 12&12

Paul, visitor

Robin I, Berkely Heights Saturday morning

Ronni, Region 7, World Service, corresponding secretary

Roz, Visitor

Sam, tributes, flyers

Sarah S., Tuesday newcomers meeting

Introduction Roll Call Continued:

Shirley, Thursday morning Monclair

Susan L., visitor

Steven S., Zoom committee, Wednesday night men's meeting

ToniAnn, recording secretary

Vanessa, Monday Livingston

Approval of June Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Nancy

Second: Fran

Standing Committee Reports:

Treasury: See attached report.

OAsis: MaryAnn said the autumn issue of Oasis is almost ready to go out. She is updating the format, which will be very colorful and interesting. She thanked everyone for their submissions. MaryAnn pointed out there is an email on the OAsis, oaanswerman@aol.com and asked if this is still valid. Bonnie said Vince used to respond to inquiries. Fran said there is an gmail account that Sam had created, but is not in use. Susan reported her email is on the website and she gets approximately 10 emails a month, which she responds to. ToniAnn added there is an email set up njioapay@gmail.com. Fran added this is used for Venmo and Zelle and Steven said Zoom as well.

Bonnie made a motion to remove the email from the OAsis, seconded by Robin. Motion passed via majority vote.

Info Line: Susan said they are in the process of switching servers. More information to follow. Clare said there were 11 calls received of which she was able to get in touch with 8.

Events: Bonnie reported next Sunday is the Serenity Prayer workshop and next month is the Firelight Meeting.

Website: Ronni reported everything is getting posted on the website and Mary is doing her part also. Susan added that everything on the website is going smoothly.

Public Information: Maria said there is nothing new to report, however, she is encouraged by the 11 phone calls to the hot line this month.

In-Reach/12 Step within Committee: Susan said the committee could use volunteers and support. A 12-Step Within workshop is coming in December.

Fundraising: No report. Susan said because of Zoom not much money is coming in.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

Tributes: Sam reported 11 tributes were sent out this month, which is a big jump from last month. Roz said she sent out her first tribute and was amazed at how beautiful the visuals are. She suggested putting a picture of them in the Oasis for all to see.

OA Research: Maria reported OA.org has a new pamphlet entitled “New Plan of Eating,” which combines and replaces “Dignity of Choice” and “A New Plan of Eating.” It is available in the OA.org bookstore for \$2.00 or downloadable on Amazon, iTunes, or Barnes & Nobel. OA does receive royalties for all downloads. There is a new trifold pocket card available called “Twelve Freedoms” for \$0.55.

Maria reported that a letter was issued out of the OA World Service regarding virtually sharing OA copyrighted material. Because of copyright laws any material shared via the screen share option on Zoom should contain the following statement: “Copyright Overeaters Anonymous. All rights reserved.” This includes the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, The 12 Concepts, The OA Preamble, Our Invitation to You, The Fifteen Questions, The Tools of Recovery (abridged) Welcome Home, The OA Promise, and the OA Responsibility Pledge.

OA is updating and reformatting their current sponsorship literature to create guidance to sponsors. They are looking to share their ESH (experience, strength, and hope), providing support for your sponsees and their recovery. These stories can be submitted by November 30 via email to info@oa.org subject “Sponsorship Story.”

OA Worldwide Outreach: Jon has about 40 intergroups signed up to share information. He will be sending out the flyer for the Serenity Prayer Workshop and the Oasis. Jon is also creating an email list to distribute Oasis. There are currently 48 people signed up for this subscription.

Newcomer Welcome: Nothing to report.

NJIOA Event Reports:

Sponsorship Day, August 22: Susan said she and Mark worked on the event along with all NJ intergroups. There were about 80 people in attendance and it was fabulous.

Kayaking, Monksville Reservoir, August 29, 8 a.m.: ToniAnn said the event was safe and everyone had a great time. See Oasis for writeup.

Serenity Prayer Workshop: Bonnie said the workshop is ready to go. It will start off with the history of the Serenity Prayer and its use within OA followed by three speakers.

Region 7 Assembly: The fall assembly 2021 will be held virtually on October 1 to 3. The pre-packet assembly packet is available to download on the OA Region 7 website.

Region 7 Convention: It will be decided next week whether the Region 7 Convention on November 5 to 7 in Ocean City Maryland, will be held virtually or in-person.

Starlake Lodge: Jon reported it will be virtual this year on Saturday, January 22 and Sunday, January 23, 2022. The committee has not worked out the logistics yet and are looking for volunteers. There is a kickoff meeting this Monday night. All are welcome. Contact Jon or Steven with any ideas or to join in the planning meeting.

IDEA Day: Susan said IDEA will be on November 21, 2021. There will be three great speakers talking about getting newly abstinent, getting abstinent after relapse and being long-term abstinent. Bonnie added this date alternates every year between Saturday and Sunday and comes right before Thanksgiving. In response to a question in the chat, Susan explained that IDEA stands for International Day of Experiencing Abstinence.

Firelight Meeting: Grace said the meeting will still have to take place on Zoom due to COVID. She suggested people can join in their homes in small groups and watch together. There will be a qualifier and then writings and burnings.

Old Business:

No old business at this time.

New Business:

Upcoming elections for the NJIOA Board: Susan explained hers and Judy's terms are coming to an end in December. Nominations for board positions will be taken in November with a vote in December. She suggested everyone start considering what service they would be able to do.

Individual Meetings' Special Activities Reports: Sarah said the Sunday morning Belleville meeting is holding a "Back to Basics" beginning September 26th and running 6 weeks to October 31st. MaryAnn asked for clarification on the end date.

Susan asked that all meetings announce the tribute program.

Susan reminded everyone there is a \$5.00 suggested donation for 7th Tradition. Bonnie says she adds up all her meetings and send in her donation to NJIOA once a month. ToniAnn suggested asking meetings to take a 7th Tradition break at some point during the meeting to allow people to be able to make their donation before they log off Zoom.

Susan said we are looking for volunteers for the Zoom committee and for Starlake. She is hoping to get autumn off to a good start.

Bonnie read the OA promise.

Motion to close: Jon

Second by: Robin

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ToniAnn A.