

NJIOA MINUTES

May 8, 2025

Chair: Jeff A.

Vice-Chair: Susan S

Treasurer: Ilene W.

The meeting was called to order by Jeff A., Chairperson. He led the group in the Serenity Prayer. He announced that Barbara R. would be taking the Minutes for Loraine.

OA Responsibility Pledge: Jeff

12 Steps: Marcy

Concept of the Month: Gail

Serenity Prayer: All

12 Traditions: Mary Ann

Unity with Diversity Policy: Jennie

Introduction: Roll Call:

Alice H, Sunday 9am, Mountainside Hospital

Barbara R, Tues/Thurs 7am Montclair Step meeting

Fran, Events Committee, Friday HOW meeting

Gail, Corresponding Secretary, Thurs Relapse meeting

Grace, Wed pm Saddle Brook HOW meeting

Holly, Zoom Committee

Ilene W, Treasurer

Jeff A, Chair, Sun am, West Orange meeting

Jennie, Zoom chair

Judy L, Events chair, Zoom committee

June, Sunday, There is a Solution virtual BB meeting

Karen, Saturday, New Providence

Marcy, Tues am Wayne meeting, World Service report

Mary Jeanne, Fri 7pm, Sat 8:30 pm meetings

Maryjean, Sat New Providence BB meeting

Mark H, Saturday newcomers, Cedar Knolls meeting

Mary Ann, Oasis co-editor

Roz, Wed am HOW meeting

Steven S, Website chair, Wednesday Men's Group, Zoom committee

Susan S, Vice-Chair, Scholarship/Literature coordinator

Terry P, Public Information Outreach Chair

ToniAnn, Parliamentarian

Approval of the April 10, 2025 Minutes

Motion to accept: Gail

Seconded: Mary Ann

Minutes Approved with one abstention.

Treasurer's Report: Ilene stated that there was one addition for April. A donation was made for World Service and Region 7. That will automatically occur every quarter. The April checks will be deposited in May.

Oasis: Mary Ann reported that the new issue of the Oasis should be out before May 21. The format will be like the last one. The next issue will be cut down so that it can be mailed out to in person meetings for distribution.

Phone Line: Mark reported there was one call, and the person spoke Spanish. He referred them to oa.org, which has accommodation for other languages.

12 step committee: No report

Literature scholarship: No requests.

Sponsorship: No report

Public Information: Terry P. reported a successful session at the National Association for Social workers. Out of the 250 people in attendance, over 200 people came to the table. There was an Eblast to the people who attended the conference about OA. We also put an ad in the program. The next event is the New Jersey Prevention Network at the Atlantic City convention center. They need an additional person to be at the table.

Billboards: The three intergroups are close to a contract with a company. The billboard will be near Exit 15E on the turnpike. This is close to Newark Airport and people pass it by going to New York City. The price is four weeks for \$600 for a digital billboard (sharing the cost with two other intergroups). They are checking to see we can get a nonprofit discount.

Discussion: Doing this with three intergroups, people will not check our NJIOA website. If we do it on our own, people will look for NJIOA. The committee will discuss this. The information on the website is oa.org. World Service has templates for billboards. When driving, it is simpler to remember "oa.org" than "NJIOA.org."

Facebook Page: They are continuing to establish a Facebook page.

Scholarship/Literature: No report

Website: Susan reported that the website is going well. Most of the old Minutes in the last 2 years and the treasury reports are on the website. The meeting information will be uploaded in pdf form, listing by day and a calendar. The website is slow. The contract for the company that runs the website comes up in August. The committee is researching other companies to make a change. To update information on the website, email website@njioa.org. You can call Susan at 201-960-1995 to make her aware that you sent the information. It was suggested that meeting representatives announce this at their meetings.

Events: Judy reported on past and future events.

April 26 – Zoom Security: Steven S. and Holly gave a tutorial on Zoom Security. 28 people attended. It was recorded and it will be posted. Additionally, they are trying to format the power point from the workshop and upload it on the website.

May 18 – Chronic Illness and Recovery: Speakers dealing with chronic illnesses will share on how they work their program and stay abstinent.

June 22– Male Perspectives in Recovery: There will be three speakers who will be giving the men's perspective. It is presented by the Wednesday Men's Group.

Future Events: July – no flyer yet – The Program is Portable, focusing on how you can travel abstinently. August – Sponsorship Day, an all-New Jersey intergroup event; September – Traditions; October – Bill & Bob – what can we learn from their stories. November – IDEA Day; December – 12th Step within.

World Service: Marcy reported that the 2024 audit responses is published. The 2025 World Service Convention in Orlando Florida is from August 20 to August 23. The Document Library makes for easy access to current OA guidelines, service support documents, policies, and workshops.

OLD BUSINESS

Jeff mentioned the open positions on NJIOA committees: 12 step within; World Service Representative; Region 7 Representatives and Publicity.

NEW BUSINESS

We received the OA 2025 Annual Appeal Letter from the World Service Office. Toni Ann made a motion, and Fran seconded it to donate \$500 to the appeal. The motion passed unanimously.

Alice inquired, Who can lead a group inventory of a meeting? Is there any paperwork?
Reply: There is a handbook for meetings. Look on oa.org for resources for meetings.

The meeting ended with: The OA Promises

Motion to Close: Roz Seconded: Maryjean The motion passed.

Next meeting: June 12th

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara R., Substitute Recording Secretary