

NJIOA Minutes
September 10, 2025

Chair: Jeff A

Vice-Chair: Mark

Treasurer: Ilene W

Serenity Prayer: All

12 Steps: Mark

Concept of the Month: Mary Ann

OA Responsibility Pledge: Jeff

12 Traditions: Judy

Unity with Diversity Policy: Maryjean

Introduction: Roll Call:

Fran, HOW Hackensack meeting

Gail, Corresponding Secretary, Thurs Relapse meeting

Ilene, Treasurer

Jeff A, Chair, Sun am West Orange meeting

Joyce, PI outreach committee

Judy L, Zoom chair

Kristy, Zoom committee

Loraine, Recording Secretary, Region 7 rep

Mary Jeanne C., Sat New Providence meetings

Maryjean E, Fri 7pm & Sat 8:30 pm meetings

Mark H, Vice-Chair, Sat 10:30 am Cedar Knolls meeting, hot line

Mary Ann, Oasis co-editor, Wed pm virtual BB meeting

Rena, Sponsorship Coordinator, Sat am Montclair in-person meeting

Susan S, Website chair, Scholarship/literature coordinator

Terry P, PI outreach committee

Approval – August 13, 2026 Minutes

Motion: Mark Second: Mary Ann Minutes Approved

Committee Reports

Treasury: Ilene reported on a quiet month with few donations and the usual expenses.

M&T Bank: In response to a question, Jeff said he would contact our NJ Senator and Representative asking for help in obtaining release of NJIOA funds. He stated supplemental information was sent two months ago but there has been no progress.

Oasis: Mary Ann reported the next edition will be out in the beginning of October, Who Was Your Ebby?...Who 12-Stepped You? The edition will be smaller to reduce cost of printing.

Public Information:

- **Hunterdon Employee Health Fair:** Mark reported he and another NJIOA member manned the table; about 20-30 people stopped by. OA information and business cards were handed out. The volunteers provided information about OA and what the program has done for them.

- **NJ Mental Health Association:** Terry reported this conference will be held October 16. The OA information table will be covered by volunteers from Central Jersey intergroup. A call for NJIOA volunteers for the January conference will go out when the date is known.

Sponsorship: Rena reported one person volunteered as a HOW sponsor. She asked members to let her know if anyone in their meeting is looking for a sponsor or is available to sponsor.

Website: Susan noted that any new flyers or meetings are being posted as received. She provided statistics from August 13 to September 9: 646 views, 156 were looking at virtual meetings, 105 checked upcoming events. Susan will see if there is a more prominent position for the Region 7 convention flyer; presently it is now listed under Events.

New Meetings: Jeff reported that new meetings can receive \$50 as start-up fund and the flyer announcing the new meeting will be posted on the website. He asked that NJIOA reps and reporters mention that support at their meetings.

World Service: Maryjean reported there are two new audio books on the oa.org website: Seeking The Spiritual Path, with 70 stories and an audio version of the For Today daily reader.

Region 7: Loraine reminded members that the Region 7 Convention will be held in Bethesda, MD on October 23-25. There is a carpool flyer on the website for anyone wanting to attend the convention but not able/willing to drive. There are multiple workshops, two keynote speakers and time to meet and have meals with OA members from many other areas. Registration is on the oaregion7.org website. Discussion ensued.

Suggested: Meetings have the option to use \$70 of their donations to sponsor a member who would like to attend the convention; \$70 is the registration fee.

Events:

- Saturday, October 10, **Firelight Meeting**, 6:30 p.m. – flyer TBA
- Saturday, October 24, in-person workshop, **Beyond Weight Loss...There is Hope and Joy**, flyer is on the website.
- Saturday afternoon, January 23, **Craft Fundraiser**, Kessler Rehabilitation Center, Saddle Brook, time and flyer TBA
- February 2027, **Virtual Winter Retreat** – contact Jeff if interested in being on the planning committee.

Star Lake Retreat: Judy gave an update on the future of an in-person Star Lake retreat weekend. The weekend of September 17-19, 2027 would be available; cost is not known but might be around \$300. The biggest issue is coming up with the expected large deposit. The second issue is determining whether the fellowship wants to attend a weekend retreat. Judy asked for volunteers to help prepare a survey, especially anyone with survey writing experience. The survey would show if there is interest in attending the proposed retreat because a minimum number would have to be guaranteed.

New Business

Meeting Donations: Fran suggested meeting treasurers be contacted and asked to use a single PayPal transaction for their meeting donations to intergroup, region and world service instead of issuing three checks.

The meeting closed with the OA Promise.

Motion to close the meeting: Mark Second: Maryjean

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 8, 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Loraine B, Recording Secretary