

SNI Meeting Minutes for Saturday, November 6, 2020

The regular meeting of the Suburban North Intergroup (SNI) was held on Saturday, November 6, 2020 via Zoom.

Chair Deanna B. opened the meeting at 10:00 am with the Serenity Prayer.

Present were:

Chair: Deanna B. (also Region 5 [R5] Representative and World Service Business Conference [WSBC] Delegate)

Vice Chair: Wanda C. (also R5 Representative and WSBC Delegate)

Treasurer: Neal M.

Acting Recording Secretary: Maureen R.

Corresponding Secretary: Open

Intergroup Representatives (IR's):

Sunday 10 am Highland Park: Belinda G.

Monday 10 am Northbrook: Sue N.

Monday 6 pm Arlington Heights: Caroline St.

Monday 7 pm Niles: Daniel L.

Wednesday 9:30 am Schaumburg: June L. (also Designated Downloader)

Thursday 7 pm Northbrook: Penny N. (also Newsletter Chair)

Friday 10 am Benet Lake/Antioch: Joanne H.

Saturday 8 am Libertyville: Sue G.

Saturday 10 am Crystal Lake: Christine G.

Visitor:

Thursday 7 pm Northbrook: Dana T. (2020 Chair: The Port Retreat, Frankfort, Il.)

Sue G. read the 12 Steps, Sue N. read the 12 Traditions, Neal M. reflected on Tradition 11 and June L. read the long version of Concept 11, Humility.

Wanda C. read the SNI Standing Rules which were approved as adopted.

The proposed agenda was approved as amended with one addition. Dana T. wanted some time for a request.

October 3, 2020 SNI Minutes approved as written.

Reports/Updates/Questions/Comments/Clarifications:

Reports from the Chair, Treasurer, Region 5 Representative and Designated Downloader were sent out before the meeting. Updates and other reports are listed here.

Designated Downloader (June L.):

From WSO October News Bulletin. OA is addressing ways to help find meetings according to topic and location via their website oa.org. In A Step Ahead (4th Qtr) one group had a 1,400% increase in attendance from hybrid meetings.

International Day Experiencing Abstinence (IDEA) is 11/21 through 11/22 when several Events are planned. The Phone Marathon for IDEA Day is to be held on Sunday, 11/22.

Region 5 Intergroup Events: Today, Saturday 11/7: 'A BB Workshop on Chronic Slipping' from 11 AM to 8 PM (CST); 'Celebrating Abstinence Under all Conditions' from 1 PM to 4 PM (CST) sponsored by CSSI.

Wednesday, 11/11: Veterans Day Phone Marathon.

Please check further Events on Abstinence during Thanksgiving on the download list.

Chair Report: (Deanna B.). Deanna B. requested Belinda G. report on the Region 5 Convention and the Region 5 Assembly they attended. Wanda C. (Vice Chair) also attended the Assembly and her report follows.

Region 5's 1st Virtual Convention brought new appreciation, love and inspiration for OA as seen through the Convention's organization, the topics and the speakers. Everyone worked together.

The Virtual Assembly Media Committee reported the print copy of 'Freedom from Bondage' will now be a blog. OA members can submit articles on the Region 5 website. Intergroups shared their success with transitioning from face-to-face meetings to Zoom meetings and few issues with security. Intergroups also discussed dwindling attendance at meetings and Service burnout.

Vice Chair Report: (Wanda C.)

There was a total of 35 people (including 12 visitors) that attended the 3-day Virtual Assembly (10/30 to 11/1). OA volunteers taking responsibility for the Business aspects of running Region 5 was impressive.

Region 5 Standing Rules modified to match language for Zoom Meetings.

Election results: Eileen C. was elected Chair and Linda P. was elected Treasurer. NOTE: NEW ADDRESS forthcoming to send Region 5 donations. Vice Chair is open for the Spring vote.

The Intergroup to Intergroup Subcommittee reported Louisville Intergroup has documents about strengthening Intergroups via a Workshop they are doing in January, 2021.

Motion NOT to have a December Assembly Conference Call passed.

Treasurer Report: (Neal M.)

Only deposits made this period. Insurance payment of \$500.00 due. Proposed 2021 Budget and end-of-year review to be conducted by the Finance Committee (Neal M., Carolyn St. & Deanna B.).

It was suggested that SNI purchase their own Zoom account and budget it for 2021. What other accounts could be explored and what functions could Ring Central bring to Virtual Meetings? These tabled for discussion later.

New Business:

-Dana C. as Chair of 'The Port Retreat' in Frankfort, Illinois, sponsored by SNI, reported their Committee met 10/25/20. They considered the market overload for Virtual Events and decided to

forego holding the Spring Retreat for March, 2021. The Committee intends to plan another Event for 2022. At this time, they have \$282.00 in operating funds and \$688.00 for scholarships from the prior Port Retreat Committee.

The Committee asked if SNI can hold the above monies until further notice from the Committee. Discussion held about the pros and cons of setting precedents and how supportive/helpful SNI be. Motion made and seconded to decline the request. Voting results indicated unsubstantial unanimity. Further discussion ensued. A Second Motion made and seconded to have SNI hold the money until such time planning begins for the 2022 Retreat. Motion carried. Dana agreed to attach an agreement letter (to the SNI Treasurer) along with the above monies.

-Deanna suggested SNI plan a December (around the 3rd week) Recovery Event on Navigating Abstinence around the Holidays to support/inform OA members 'We are not alone'. She also suggested SNI take on 'Projects' rather than engage Committee's since SNI has limited Resources at this time.

Anyone can volunteer to do one or two things. Deanna to invite other people/groups to attend the Zoom planning meeting. SNI Volunteers include Wanda C., Deanna B. to get Speakers, Susan M. (per Deanna) to host/cohost, Carolyn St. to do the Flyer, Maureen R. to develop a format. A Planning Meeting is set for Sunday, November 15th at 1:00 PM.

Committee Reports:

Winging It Newsletter: (Penny N., Chair)

A big 'shout-out' to Penny N. and Sue N. for the latest Newsletter on navigating through these difficult times. They are working on getting the Newsletter posted onto the Region 5 website.

Finance Committee: (Neal M., Chair) Committee to meet for end-of-year report and 2021 proposed budget.

TSW Committee: Chair Open

PI/PO Committee: Chair Open

Bylaws Committee: Chair Open

What to bring back: 1. Region 5 Elections with Eileen C. as Chair. Vice Chair open for Spring Assembly voting. And, Linda P. as Treasurer. NEW ADDRESS FOR REGION 5 DONATIONS FORTHCOMING. 2. Need Volunteers for proposed December Recovery Event. Zoom Planning Meeting SUNDAY, November 15th at 1:00 PM. 3. PLEASE reach out to fellow OA members during these Holiday times who have left meetings, etc.

Closing: The meeting closed at 12:00 noon with the Third Step Prayer. The next SNI meeting will be held via Zoom (ID: 879 0524 7368, PW: SNI) Saturday, December 5, 2020 from 10 am to 12 noon.

Respectively submitted,

Maureen R.

Acting Recording Secretary.