

## **SNI Meeting Minutes for Saturday, January 2, 2021.**

The regular meeting of the Suburban North Intergroup (SNI) was held on Saturday, January 2, 2021 via Zoom. Chair Deanna B. opened the meeting at 10:03 am with the Serenity Prayer.

**Present were: Board members:** 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. (also Chair of Finance Committee) (present, then left); Acting Recording Secretary: Maureen R. and Corresponding Secretary: Open

### **Intergroup Representatives (IR's):**

Monday 10 am Northbrook: Laurel R.

Monday 6 pm Arlington Heights: Caroline St.

Monday 7 pm Niles: Daniel M.

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

Wednesday 7:00 pm Stillwater Barrington: Lauryl B.

Friday 9:00 am Trinity Lutheran, Elgin: Dawn R.

Saturday 8 am Libertyville: Sue G.

Saturday 10 am Crystal Lake: Christine G.

Saturday 7 pm Northbrook: Penny N. (also Chair of 'Winging It' Newsletter Committee).

**Visitors:** Saturday 8 am Libertyville: Jen N.; Region 5 Trustee and co-leader (with Gerry M.) of the Intergroup Renewal Workshop: Barb K. (Indiana).

Lauryl B. read the 12 Steps, Neal M. read the 12 Traditions and Lauryl B. reflected on Tradition 1, Unity. Sue G. read the long version of Concept 5, Consideration.

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

The proposed agenda was accepted as amended. Wanda added Region 5 Trustee time to present suggested Intergroup Renewal Survey.

December 5, 2020 SNI Minutes accepted 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.

**Vice-Chair Report (out of order)** (Wanda C.): Region 5 Intergroup to Intergroup Subcommittee. Wanda introduced Region 5 Trustee, Barb K.

**Intergroup Renewal Project:** Barb K. said an inventory conducted by Region 1 was considered by their Intergroup Renewal Committee and became a new Project for Region 5. An Intergroup Member Survey is sent to the OA Fellowship (who can remain anonymous) about what people like

and don't like about their Group/Intergroup. Then, after three weeks the concluding data would be shared.

Barb would return to SNI and spend about 1½ hours discussing the concluding data then assist SNI in developing a Mission Statement (if different from the current one) and 1 or 2 goals for the year. After the year is over the Survey would be repeated. She commented some groups doubled their Intergroup attendance via Zoom in spite of some difficulties to connect.

Her question: Does SNI wish to participate? Discussion followed regarding cost? (free to SNI), whether this is different from the lengthy OA Inventory? (yes as these are shorter multiple choice questions) and can SNI review the Sample Survey separately first then bring comments back to the SNI meeting in February? (yes). Motion made and seconded to start the process of SNI Intergroup Renewal. The motion carried unanimously.

Wanda C. will consult with Barb K. to get the Sample Survey. The Sample Survey will be sent first to SNI for review, changes and/or additions, if any, for the February Meeting. Barb will join the February Meeting for a brief update and mutual planning strategies.

**Designated Downloader** (June L.): From WSO News Bulletin-December: It is OA's 61<sup>st</sup> Birthday (founded 1/19/60) and is celebrated the third weekend in January...the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> entitled 'Keys of the Kingdom' via Zoom ID: 947 2125 9974 and PW: 810562. It is \$30.00 to register plus a \$2.64 fee. Registration deadline is January 17<sup>th</sup>. Central Iowa and Arkansas are also celebrating with Birthday Party Workshops. The links are in the Report.

Virtual Region Events: -WSBC Proposed New Business Motions and Bylaws Amendments and Agenda Questionnaire is due for annual review at February SNI Meeting. -2021 World Service Convention 'Walking in the Sunlight' is scheduled to be held live in Orlando, Florida August 26<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>. -Phone Marathons for Martin Luther King Day, etc. are in the Report with more to follow in February. -OA has two new pamphlets: 'In OA Recovery is Possible: About Compulsive Eating and The OA Program of Recovery' and 'A Lifetime of Abstinence: One Day at a Time'. - Virtual Workshop on Body Image is this Sunday (1/6/21) 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Region 5 Blog Newsletter: People can subscribe to the newly resurrected 'Butterflyer' Newsletter at ChiwifOA.org website and via email subscription through MSbutterflyer@yahoo.com.

**Chair Report:** (Deanna B.) SNI Board to resume pre-SNI Meetings the last week before the first Saturday of the month Meeting. Plans are to invite active members of SNI.

SNI RECOVERY EVENT, 12/19/20 (1-4 pm): It was a highly successful first Zoom Recovery Event 'Navigating Abstinently through the Holidays'. Seventy five plus (75+) people attended from three/four different States across the Country. The Committee was shown appreciation for their efforts. The music and dancing during the break added fun and levity. There was expressed excitement to be a part of the whole process as well as working to dress as Nautical or Seasonal. Everyone worked well together especially when minor glitches appeared. The three speakers were excellent though some felt they could have spoken more on topic. All-in-all looking forward to planning another Recovery Event in the Spring (see 'Winging It' Newsletter Report).

**Treasurer Report:** (Neal M.) The 2021 Budget and end-of-year review was conducted by the Finance Committee. All transactions reviewed.

The actual 2019 budgeted donations of \$2,000.00 to Region 5 and \$3,000.00 to WSO was focused upon. Decided there was a need to start 'right-sizing' the account. Thus, in 2020, there were additional donations of \$1,120.00 to Region 5 and \$1680.00 to WSO.

It was suggested to change the 2021 budget to reflect SNI donations of all the profits for the year going forward of 40% to Region 5 and 60% to WSO. In the Checking account there is \$5,834.23 with a Prudent Reserve of \$4,500.00 and a balance of \$10,334.34.

As a future goal it was suggested that SNI purchase their own Zoom account. Further, Carolyn St. volunteered to speak to John (in OA) about the possibility of setting up a SNI website for cost. The Web master and Web manager are paid positions to design and run the site.

2<sup>nd</sup> reminder: NEW Region 5 ADDRESS: (Treasurer: Linda P.; Email: [treasurer@region5.org](mailto:treasurer@region5.org));  
Mail Contributions to: Region 5 OA, PO Box 221224, Shaker Heights, Ohio. 44122

**Unfinished Business:** IR's reminded that SNI is in need of a Recording Secretary and a Corresponding Secretary to fill the Board positions. At this time temporary duties of the Recording Secretary are split between Maureen R. (Minute-taking) and Carolyn St. (E-blasts). One Corresponding Secretary duty is being temporarily filled by Ricki G. (maintaining the SNI Meeting List).

WSBC will hold a meeting for 2020 Delegates 1/30/21. They have to decide whether to go live in New Mexico or Virtual. The Region 5 Assembly is scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Deanna and Wanda to attend both.

**Committee Reports:** Winging It Newsletter: (Penny N., Chair) It was reported that Sue N. (although no longer attending as IR) is willing to continue to assist Penny with the Newsletter. They will begin planning the Spring 'Winging It' Edition. Discussion of the next Recovery Event Theme could be something like 'Springing Into Recovery' perhaps held on March 20<sup>th</sup> (the first day of Spring). Or, 'Hunting for Solutions' (eggs) then have an 'Egg Hunt' in the Newsletter. Further discussion to continue at February Meeting.

Finance Committee: (Neal M., Chair) See Treasurers Report.

TSW Committee: Chair Open

PI/PO Committee: Chair Open

Bylaws Committee: Chair Open

**What to bring back:** 1. Intergroup Renewal Project to continue planning at February Meeting. 2. Address (ASAP) in your groups the WSBC Agenda Questionnaire and Proposals as they must be completed and back to SNI by February 6<sup>th</sup> SNI Meeting. 3. Repeat: NEW ADDRESS FOR REGION 5 DONATIONS aforementioned in Treasury Section. 4. New 2021 Budget will now reflect a donation formula of 40% to Region 5 and 60% to WSO. 5. Remember to read and copy the Designated Downloader Report for your groups. 6. Ask if anyone is willing to 'Step Up' and volunteer for Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary Board positions. 7. PLEASE, continue to reach out to members whom you've not seen nor heard from in awhile. It is one way to help 'carry the message'. 8. Ask yourselves and your groups what are other ways to fulfill SNI'S Mission Statement of spreading the OA word?

**Closing:** The meeting closed at 11:59 am with the Third Step Prayer. The NEXT SNI meeting will be held via Zoom (ID: 879 0524 7368, PW: SNI) Saturday, February 6, 2021 from 10 am to 12 noon.

Respectively submitted,

Maureen R.,

Acting Recording Secretary.