

SNI Meeting Minutes for Saturday, March 6, 2021.

The regular meeting of the Suburban North Intergroup (SNI) was held on Saturday, March 6, 2021 via Zoom. Chair Deanna B. opened the meeting at 10:00 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) left early; Treasurer: Neal M. (also Chair of Finance Committee) left early; Acting Recording Secretary: Maureen R.; (Corresponding Secretary: Open Position)

**Intergroup Representatives (IRs):**

Sunday 10 am Highland Park: Belinda G.

Monday 10 am Northbrook: Laural R.

Monday 6 pm Arlington Heights: Caroline St.

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

Wednesday 7:00 pm Stillwater Barrington: Lauryl B.

Saturday 8 am Libertyville: Sue G.

Saturday 10 am Crystal Lake: Christine G. (left early)

Saturday 11 am Northbrook: Josephine C.

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

**Visitors:** Region 5 Trustee: Barb K. (Intergroup Renewal Survey).

Neal M. read the 12 Steps, Sue G. read the 12 Traditions, Deanna B. reflected on Tradition 3 Identity and June L. read the long version of Concept 3 Trust.

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

The proposed agenda was accepted as amended to allow time to complete review/revisions in the Intergroup Renewal Survey.

February 6, 2021 SNI Minutes accepted as corrected.

Region 5 Trustee Barb K. assisted SNI members who reviewed (with possible revisions) each item of the Intergroup Renewal Survey. Three weeks will be allotted to complete the anonymous Survey. A summary will be published in SNI's Newsletter 'Winging It'.

**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.): -WSBC News Bulletin-February. WSBC 2021 will be virtual.

-WSBC Agenda Questionnaire final results (<https://oa.org/app/uploads/2021/03/agenda-questionnaire-final-results-21.pdf>). All proposals, except 13 and 14, received over 50% approval from the 133 responding service bodies and therefore will be on the 2021 WSBC Agenda. (Amending gender references in the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, proposals 13 & 14 **will not** be on the Agenda). See link at oa.org for specific vote totals.

-Also, note additional WSBC Conference e-documents/library: draft manuscripts (New Plan of Eating, The Tools of Recovery, Voices of Recovery, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition), Trustee nominee applications and tentative Conference agenda.

-New Unity Day Downloads on History exercise, workshop & flyer ideas. -Service Bodies Survey concerning outreach to young persons. -5 young persons podcasts... listen even if 'average age', -2021 Literature Order form and Literature Catalog available, -Cover image design for OA's social media page (see Bulletin for image size, content and submission requirements).

**Region 5:** -Reminder R5 Spring Assembly is March 12-14. Links in Report for visitor registration as well as Packet 'A' which includes secretary letter, agenda, motions and vice chair application and Packet B (just out)- Freedom from Bondage Blog Newsletter has articles available on the Region 5 website. Check out Deanna B's article on 'What does Recovered mean to me?'

**Events: Virtual Region:** -Sunday 3/14 'Courage to change the things I can' 2-3:30 pm CST. -Phone Marathons every hour on the hour. -Wed. 3/17 St. Patrick's Day 'Spiritual Principles of Step 3-Faith...'. - Sat 3/27 Passover Begins 'Spiritual Principal of Tradition 3- Identity...'. Fri. 4/2 Good Friday 'Spiritual Principle of Step 4-Courage;...'

**Additional Virtual Events:** -Notable for March are 9 Events. 3/6 'Perseverance...' 9 AM-5 PM CST. More later in the month on 3/11 'Sponsorship Panel...' 6-7 PM CST, 3/12-14 'Serenity Retreat'...zoom posted prior to Oregon event, 3/14 'Newcomers Workshop' Noon-1:30 PM CST, 3/21 'Inspiration Day!...' Noon-2 PM CST, 3/21 'Promises, Promises-164 pages of em' 3-6 PM CST, 3/28 'Fitting the pieces together:...' 3-5 PM CST.

**Vice Chair Report:** (Wanda C.). -Wanda announced she will assume the role as Acting Chair (effective at Aprils Meeting) until such time SNI nominates a new Chairperson. - Reminder the R5 Assembly is 3/12-3/14. -The Internet Renewal Project with Barb K. is being reviewed, with revisions, in todays SNI Meeting. When tabulation completed it will be distributed to SNI and summarized in the 'Winging It' Newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Neal M.). -Neal had to leave the meeting before he could report. If interested in details either email him or wait until next month.

**Chair Report:** (Deanna B.).

-Deanna announced that Ring Central (number is on top of SNI Meeting List) is now transferred to Ricki G. (who also compiles and revises the SNI Meeting List). To simplify instructions. If there are any changes/updates in SNI Groups Ring Central needs to be called by the groups contact person/secretary. Leave a message to have Ricki change the information. Or, email Ricki directly with changes/updates.

-Also, the Group contact person/secretary will need to contact oa.org to change/update the information there as well. If a group does not wish to reveal the Zoom ID and PW it is the Group contact person/secretary's responsibility to provide a name and number to be placed on the SNI Meeting List instead. This also applies to notifying oa.org.

-Deanna announced that in April her term as SNI 's R5 Representative as well as the WSBC Delegate will be over. It also is the last year Belinda G. will be a SNI R5 Representative. The new position of R5 Vice Chair will be done in October. Her intention is to remain an active member of R5 and SNI as an Intergroup Representative (IR) and mentor.

-Region 5 is to host the 2022 OA Convention.

**Unfinished Business:** -Volunteer(s) needed to monitor (host) and manage the Zoom account if SNI is going to subscribe. Carolyn St. tabled discussion of the development of a SNI website until next month. John willing to set it up.

**Committee Reports:**

**Winging It Newsletter:** (Penny N., Chair) Next Newsletter Theme 'Springing into Recovery' with possible dates of Recovery Event 5/15 or 5/22.

**Finance Committee:** (Neal M., Chair) No Report.

**TSW Committee:** Carolyn St. to Chair the next Recovery Event planning. Deanna B., Maureen R., Josephine C., Laural R. and Lauryl B. to assist. Wanda C., Dawn and Christine G. appointed in absent chia. Penny N., Chair of 'Winging It', will receive minutes/updates to coordinate the Newsletter content with the theme(s) of the Recovery Event. Planning Committee to meet Monday, 3/15/21 at 7:30 pm to start developing the flyer, etc.

**PI/PO Committee:** Chair Open

**Bylaws Committee:** Chair Open

**What to bring back:** 1. Intergroup Renewal Project Survey will be sent to SNI groups via Wanda. 2. Please, copy and distribute the Downloader Report to group members. Plethora of information about WSBC Questionnaire Results, Registering for R5 Assembly, upcoming draft manuscripts, over 9 March Events, website for young people's podcast, and new cover design images for Facebook. 3. A years abstinence is required to be a R5 Representative and WSO Delegate. 4. Announce to Group(s) the simplified instructions on reporting SNI Group changes/updates to Ring Central and Ricki G. 5. SNI 2<sup>nd</sup> Zoom Recovery Event coming up May 15<sup>th</sup> or the 22<sup>nd</sup> 'Springing into Recovery'.

**Closing:** The meeting ended at 12:02 pm with the Serenity Prayer. The NEXT SNI meeting will be held via Zoom (ID: 879 0524 7368, PW: SNI) Saturday, April 3, 2021 from 10 am to 12 noon.

Respectively submitted,

Maureen R. ,

Acting Recording Secretary.