

SNI Meeting Minutes: Saturday, October 9, 2021.

SNI Mission Statement: “To welcome, inspire, strengthen and grow the fellowship of OA”

OPENING: The regular meeting of Suburban North Intergroup (SNI) was held on Saturday October 9, 2021 via Zoom. Acting Chair Wanda C. opened the meeting at 10:05 am with the Serenity Prayer. Introductions made.

Present Were:

Vice Chair and Acting Chair: Wanda C. (also Region 5 [R5] Representative and World Service Business Conference [WSBC] Delegate);

Treasurer: Neal M.;

Acting Recording Secretary: Maureen R. (IR today in Darlettes absence, Friday 9:00 am Elgin. Also, keeper of Meeting/Sponsorship/Speaker Lists)

Intergroup Representatives (IRs):

Monday 6:00 pm Arlington Heights: Carolyn S.

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

Wednesday 7 pm Barrington: Lauryl B.

Thursday, 10 am Northbrook: Laural R.

Thursday 12 Noon Crystal Lake: Carol G.

Thursday 7 pm Northbrook: Penny N.

Saturday 8 am Libertyville: Susan Mc.

Saturday 10 am F2F Crystal Lake: Christine G.

Saturday 11 am Northbrook: Josephine C.

Visitors:

R5 Vice Chair: Deanna B.

Website Developer: John C.

-Carolyn S. read the 12 Steps; Susan Mc. read the 12 Traditions and Carol G. reflected on Tradition 10 Neutrality; June L. read Concept 10 Clarity and Wanda C. read the SNI Standing Rules which were approved as adopted.

-The proposed agenda was accepted as amended. 1. Add a reminder to close SNI Meetings with the 3rd Step, the 7th Step or the Serenity Prayer. Wanda will send out copy of prayer choices to whomever requests. 2. Change June L. as facilitator of today's election to Neal M. 3. Edit agenda on election to read WSBC rather than WSO. 4. Change order of agenda to have John C. (Webmaster) give his report prior to holding the Election.

-September 4, 2021 Minutes approved as written.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS: Reports from the Chair, Region 5 Representative and Designated Downloader sent out before the meeting. Updates and other reports are listed here.

Designated Downloader: (June L.): -See WSO News Bulletin for September and upcoming Recovery Events in the Downloader Report. -Hybrid Meetings on oa.org *Find a Meeting-Hybrid Meetings* for information including meeting registration or editing instructions. -*Twelve Freedoms* wallet card-OA Bookstore (#447) limited edition \$.55; freedoms enjoyed in Recovery. -WSBC 2022 April 25-30. See Document Library for WSBC e- Documents, etc.

-REMINDER for Service Opportunity. Two calls for recovery stories which can be emailed to info@oa.org. The first is for updating a pamphlet where members stories are needed to represent diverse stories in the OA Fellowship. Subject line: 'Common Solution' (Submission deadline is October 31st). The second is for a new publication requesting stories from Sponsors. Subject line 'Sponsorship Story' (Submission deadline is November

30th). -REMINDER to all Groups/Members: OA's Board of Trustees has issued a letter regarding the screen sharing of OA Literature: "Groups that meet virtually are to immediately stop screen sharing and all other unauthorized reproductions of OA Literature in virtual meetings. Since this issue affects OA as a whole it is not a matter of group conscious." Please download the letter in its entirety and share it in your groups ASAP.

-UPDATES: *A New Plan of Eating* pamphlet at OA Bookstore (#144) \$2.00; e-book version available on Amazon Kindle, Apple Books, Barnes and Noble Nook. -*OA Handbook for Members, Groups and Service Bodies* (rust/maroon colored) updated with WSBC policy changes, including definitions of Abstinence and Recovery; only in e-book formats.... -Young People's Meeting Format updated. See links in Downloader Report.

Region 5: -Freedom from Bondage Blog/Newsletter has original Recovery-related articles and submissions are needed; email in WORD editable document to: media@region5oa.org. -R5 2021 Fall Assembly 10/29-10/31. Register by start of Assembly on Friday. Packet A documents includes agenda.

Events Virtual Region: 10/9 'Newcomers Workshop' 10 am-12 Noon CDT (MAI hosting); 10/9 'Decades of Recovery' 12 Noon-2 pm CDT; 10/10 'Applying the Traditions...' 2:00 pm-3:30 pm CDT; Phone Marathons: 10/11 'Step 10 Spiritual Principal-Perseverance...' 7:00 am-11:00 pm CDT. (Indigenous Peoples' Day)

Vice Chair Report/Acting Chair Report: (Wanda C.) -Four Chicagoland Intergroups will host the 2022 R5 Convention. Although a year away consideration now is whether to convene at a real venue or virtually via zoom. Also, the Committee may consider break-out rooms where people can share.

Treasurer Report: (Neal M.) As of 10/7 there were five (5) deposits of \$450.00 for a total of \$6,464.99 balance. This is the first year SNI has operated at a loss (possibly due to Covid). Income minus expenses yielded a profit of almost \$1,000.00. Taking into account the Website cost of almost \$200.00, the yearly Liability Insurance of \$500.00 there's a profit of about \$300.00. With Expenses for Assembly registration SNI will break about even. The total Bank balance is just shy of \$11,000.00. Excess funds were being distributed to WSO and R5 (i.e. 100% of any profits plus \$1,000.00 to spend down). However, due to the operating loss, it was decided to hold onto the spend down amount until the pandemic was over and stick to the budgeted amount.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Zoom Committee Report: (Penny N. and Maureen R.) The SNI Zoom account would service all SNI Board and Committee Meetings plus Recovery Events. Discussion held about whether or not to purchase more than one account for SNI (one for SNI Business, the other for groups), that SNI could link the Zoom Meeting Lists with the new Website (already considered by AdHoc Committee) and what kind of monitoring that would entail. Penny and Maureen to look into these kinds of possibilities further.

PI/PO Website AdHoc Committee Report: (Carol G. and John C., Webmaster) SNI purchased the Website Domain Basic Plan for 36 months at \$106.00 per month. Domain registration was free. Three additional Security items were added 1.) Domain Privacy, 2.) Code Guard Basis to restore backups and 3.) Sites Lock Security. All for \$189.84. At the end of three years price goes back to normal. The Website was \$190.00 plus \$90.00 per year.

There are Templates for a common theme being looked at from OADenver.org and OAMilwaukee.org. The paperwork for using the OA logo (Carol G.) will be transferred to SNI Chair Wanda C. Loral R. reported the Content is ready to go including the SNI Section on Amends. The next goals are to work on possible Website automatic contributions in the future and for the Winging It Newsletter

2021 ELECTIONS: (Neal M.) The Nominating Committee, Wanda C. (Chair), Maureen R. and Christine G. developed a partial list of willing individuals to stand in nomination for the following positions in today's election. Neal took the nominations for Chair (to fill out the year) as Wanda C., Vice Chair as Carolyn S., and Recording Secretary as Laural R. There was no nominee for Corresponding Secretary. Thus, the position remains vacant. R5 Representatives were Wanda C., Carolyn S. and Christine G. The WSBC Delegate nominee was Wanda C. Neal asked for nominations from the floor which were none. Each nominee answered questions from the floor. The vote was taken via the polling feature on Zoom. Results indicated each candidate (except for Chair) was elected for a two year term.

In October 2022, the Chair and Treasurer positions will be up for election. The Corresponding Secretary position remains vacant and would also be up for election, at that time, if not filled beforehand.

SNI Meeting List: (Maureen R.) The 8/31/21 most updated SNI Meeting List has been forwarded to the R5 Website for posting, again.

[Notify Ricki G. at Ring Central (855) 632-6039 of group changes, then oa.org. Contact Maureen R. at SNI meeting and/or through Ring Central to be placed on the SNI Sponsorship/Speaker List or to refer people seeking a Sponsor or Speakers].

Committee Reports:

TSW Committee: (Chair Open). The next Recovery Event may choose a title/focus from the top topics from the Intergroup Renewal Survey results: Using the OA Tools (SNI May, 2021 Recovery Event was on the OA Tools), Body Image, A Plan of Eating and Sponsorship. Can also use the Twelve-Step-Within Handbook for a Sponsorship Event. Another suggestion was to do a Recovery Event on publicizing OA. Discussion to continue.

PI/PO Website Ad Hoc Committee: (Chair Open). See Carol G. and John C. (Webmaster) Report above.

Winging It Newsletter: (Penny N., Chair) No Report.

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

Bylaws Committee: (Chair Open)

WRAP UP:

What to bring back: 1. 2021 SNI Election results for: Chair-Wanda C., Vice Chair-Carolyn S., Recording Secretary-Laural R. The Corresponding Secretary position remains vacant. Three R5 Reps: Wanda C., Carolyn S. and Christine G. and WSBC Delegate-Wanda C.

2. Downloader Highlights: -See *Find a Meeting-Hybrid Meetings* for info, including registration or editing instructions at oa.org. -WSBC 2022 April 25-30. -'A New Plan of Eating' pamphlet (#144) e-book version available at Amazon Kindle, Apple Books and Barnes and Noble Nook. -Download in its entirety OA Board of Trustees Letter and read/announce in groups to immediately stop screen-sharing and other unauthorized reproductions of OA Literature in virtual meetings. -R5 looking for original recovery related articles. Email in editable WORD document to: media@region5oa.org. -Service opportunity for recovery stories to: info@oa.org One for subject lines: 'Common Solutions' for updated pamphlet and the other for 'Sponsorship Stories' for a new publication. -*OA Handbook for Members, Groups, etc.* has updated WSBC Policy changes including revised definitions of Abstinence and Recovery; only in e-book formats. -R5 2021 Fall Assembly October 29-31. Register by Friday. Agenda in Packet A.

3. SNI Website will be up and running soon.

Closing: The meeting ended at 12:01 pm with the 3rd Step Prayer. The NEXT SNI meeting to be held via Zoom (ID: 879 0524 7368, PW: SNI) **Saturday November 6, 2021** from 10 am to 12 noon.

Respectively submitted,
Maureen R.
Acting Recording Secretary.