

SNI Meeting Minutes for Saturday, July 9, 2022

The regular meeting of the Suburban North Intergroup (SNI) was held on Saturday, July 9 2022 via Zoom. SNI Chair Wanda C. opened the meeting at 10:05 am and Lauryl B. leading the Serenity Prayer.

Present were:

Board members: Chair: Wanda C. (also Region 5 [R5] Representative and World Service Business Conference [WSBC] Delegate; Vice Chair: Carolyn S. (also R5 Representative); Treasurer: Neal M. (also Chair of Finance Committee) and Maureen R. Acting Corresponding Secretary (also keeper of SNI Meeting, Sponsorship and IR Lists and Zoom Committee)

Intergroup Representatives (IRs)

Monday 7:00 pm Morton Grove: Penny N. (also Chair 'Winging It' Newsletter and Zoom Committee)

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

Wednesday 7:00 pm Stillwater Barrington: Lauryl B.

Thursday 10:00 am Congregation Beth Shalom Northbrook: Pat H.

Friday 10 am Benet Lake: Susan M.

Saturday 10 am Crystal Lake: Christine G.

Visitors: None.

Lauryl B. read the 12 Steps, Pat H. read the 12 Traditions, Neal M. reflected on Tradition 7, Responsibility and June L. read the short version of Concept 7, Balance.

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

The proposed agenda was accepted as read.

June 4th 2022 SNI Minutes accepted as corrected (Lauryl B.'s name misspelled & in DD Report 2nd item to be deleted: 'Complete WSBC 2022 Report'.

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.): WSO News Bulletin, June: -Reminder to read 2022 Annual Appeal letter in your groups three times. -Get ready for Sponsorship Day August 19-21, 2022. Explore the podcast *Sponsorship Success* at oa.org and to order literature at the oa Bookstore, as well. -The 2nd Quarter of 'A Step Ahead' (pages 1-3) has the results of the OA Sponsorship Survey.

'A Step Ahead', 3rd Quarter has OA's screen-sharing guidelines for literature. And messages from The Board of Trustees (BOT Chair and Treasurer emphasizing the importance of reviewing the letter. WSO believes OA's financial well-being depends upon contributions as well as through literature sales.

-The updated primary Newcomer pamphlet *Where do I Start* has been made freely available for download and printing. Go to oa.org under Document Library 'New to OA' to find the link. -Revised *Strong Meeting Checklist* and Inventories for groups and intergroups available at oa.org Document Library; new region inventory. -*Fifteen Questions for Young Person* outreach flyer at bookstore.oa.org (#756-\$.50) for placement in libraries, game stores, coffee shops, etc.

-Region 5 Website has Article from the Louisville Metro Intergroup on how they coped during the pandemic. -The Region 5 Summer Conference is next Saturday, 7/16/22 with free registration.

-Events: Sunday, July 10 'Steps 10-12 Continue, Improve & Practice' 2-2:30 pm CDT

-Virtual Region: -The monthly OA Virtual Newsletter is available mid-July.

Additional Virtual Events: -Notable for July are: Saturday, July 9 'Sponsorship: A Roadmap to Healing' 2-4 pm CDT; Saturday, July 9 'OA Concepts' 4:30 pm CDT; Saturday, July 16 'Coming Back' 9:30-11 am CDT; and Saturday, July 16 'Stepping Up Your Body Image' 12 noon-2:30 pm CDT.

Chair Report: (Wanda C.)-Region 5 Summer Conference is Saturday, July 16th via Zoom held in the morning. In October the Fall Assembly will be held face-to-face in Chesterton, Indiana. -Text or call Wanda C. if anyone wants the link to the Newcomer 20-page *Where Do I Start* download information.

Vice Chair Report: (Carolyn S.)-Reported that people are visiting the SNI Website oachicagosni.org. Feedback by the public indicated the Website was 'greatly appreciated'. The information will be passed along to the Website Chair.

Treasurer's Report: (Neal M.)-No activity in June except a case of books purchased for the upcoming Recovery Event. -Neal will look into the blank space in his Report for Region 5 Assembly costs not being shown. He reported the three people (Wanda, Carolyn and Christine) who attended were reimbursed and it came out of a budget line item. -Clarification made that SNI donations of 60%-40% split of all profits are completed at the end of the year. There remains the Prudent Reserve. -More activity expected in July. -Reminder that the Treasurer's position will become vacant for the Fall SNI Elections. Neal will be available to train anyone interested in the position.

Recording Secretary and Website Report: (Laural R.) -No Report, Absent.

Acting Corresponding Secretary Report: (Maureen R.) -One change in the Meeting List as Neal M. reported today the Wednesday 7 pm Stillwater Barrington Meeting is now meeting F2F. It is no longer Hybrid. -There were three Sponsorship List requests. -Two IRs (Elisa R. and Paul A.) left their SNI positions. -The Zoom Committee provided the SNI Board with the Host Key number for SNI Monthly Meeting Zoom Account.

Unfinished Business: (Wanda C.) -Intergroup goal of increasing IRs. Maureen R. stated no one assigned to explore the individual groups without IRs reported any changes.

-Darlette P., Chair of R5 Convention Hospitality Subcommittee (Absent). Christine G. reported on the Region 5 Convention Zoom Subcommittee. This Subcommittee meets every Friday at 3 pm. It has a new Chair, Mike F. There are up to 30 volunteers to Host, Cohost and Screen Share. Joel I. (Region 5) will conduct a training session sometime in August. Efforts being made to explore communication devices like *What's App*, etc. in order to talk to each other during the Convention.

-SNI's Wanda C., Laural R. and Region 5 Vice Chair, Deanna B. will host the Convention's Friday OA meeting. They will meet to discuss the script, a subject matter, assign the Chair, volunteers needed from Hospitality and get 2-3 Zoom hosts.

Committee Reports:

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

TSW Committee: See Report sent with E-blast. Further discussion and planning for 8/6 Event. Neal M.'s speaker portion will be split into 20 minutes talking about Relationships at work and in marriage while Carol G. to talk for 20 minutes on Relationships with friends and relatives.

-THANK YOU to ALL the Volunteers who stepped up: Carolyn S. will act as the Event emcee; Lauryl B. will read *Our Invitation to You* including the 12 Steps; Josephine C. will read the 12 Traditions and Maureen R. will read the *OA Speaker Statement*. Pat H. will help Deanna B. (who's also selling Literature) at the registration table. And, Cathy O. and Maureen R. will be timers.

Further volunteers NEEDED: One (1) person to help Pat H. at the registration table and two (2) people to be greeters at the front door. Some possible 'muscle' to assist with transporting ice and ice chests, etc. to room #6. Contact Maureen R. at 847-843-8059 to sign up.

What to bring back: 1. Encourage groups to read and download BOT letter in 'A Step Ahead' 3rd Quarter 'OA's Screen Sharing Guidelines for Literature'.

2. If people frequent Zoom Meetings present a 'gentle reminder' SNI donations are down. Reiterate that donations are to be mailed to: Your local group Treasurer; the SNI Intergroup, PO Box 5934, Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60089-5934 as well as the WSO.

3. Please register and spread the word for the R5 OA Convention 9/16/22 through 9/18/22.

4. Mark your calendar for the first F2F Recovery Event in two years! 'Body Image, Relationships and Sexuality' on Saturday, AUGUST 6th from 1 pm to 4 pm at the Alcott Center (BG Park District) 530 Bernard, Buffalo Grove, Illinois. For those attending, Wanda C. (the first speaker) is going to ask us now to think about our responses to this question: 'What things do you like about your body and what things don't you like about your body?' for when she speaks.

5. Reminder the R5 Summer Conference is Saturday, July 16th in the am. Registration is free.

Closing: The meeting closed at 11:45 am with the 7th Step Prayer.

The NEXT SNI meeting will be held face-to-face (possibly Hybrid) at the BG Youth Center, 50 ½ Raupp Blvd., Buffalo Grove, Illinois on Saturday, August 6, 2022 from 10 am to 12 noon. Christine G. indicated she may be able to improvise and invite people on her Zoom account in an attempt to make the August SNI Meeting Hybrid. Carolyn S. will pick up the key.

The Recovery Event will follow at the BG Park District's Alcott Center, 530 Bernard (Off Weidner Rd.) in Buffalo Grove from 1 pm to 4 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Maureen R. for the Recording Secretary.

