

SNI MEETING MINUTES FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2022

The regular meeting of the Suburban North Intergroup (SNI) was held on Saturday, August 6, 2022, in person and via zoom. Wanda C. opened the meeting at 10:06 am with a minute for reflection followed by 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}, Recording Secretary: Laural R. {also Website Chair}; and Acting Corresponding Secretary: Maureen R. {also keeper of SNI Meeting Sponsorship and IR Lists and Zoom Committee}

Intergroup Representatives (IRs)

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.

Thursday 12 noon First Church Crystal Lake: Carol G.

Friday 9:00 am Holy Trinity Elgin: Darlette P.

Friday 10:00 am Benet Lake: Susan M.

Saturday 10:00 am First Church Crystal Lake: Christine G.

Saturday 11:00 am St. Giles Northbrook: Cathy O.

Visitors

Deanna B. {Region 5 Vice Chair}

John C. {Webmaster}

Lynn P.

Deanna B. read the Twelve Steps, Carol G. read the 12 Traditions, Neal M. reflected on Tradition 8, Fellowship, and June L. read the short version of Concept 8, Delegation.

Lauryl B. read the SNI Standing Rules which were adopted as read.

The proposed agenda was accepted.

July 9, 2022, SNI Minutes accepted as corrected.

Seventh Tradition collected: \$47.00

Reports/Updates/Questions/Comments/Clarifications:

Report from the Designated Downloader, along with the TSW Committee Final Format and Writing a Recovery Story were sent out before the meeting. Updates and other reports are listed here.

Designated Downloader (June L.)

WSO News Bulletin – July

https://4cbgp.r.ag.d.sendibm3.com/mk/mr/9K2gBOqEKS02jFaVWnVRSG1PH5Vs40gjD5vF-h7x2h6nGX6MewhUmhqe5zSlqXcZIswL-QulNBbLQxRJ8OVqftSKSUEdf8I6hmGaixEO7nMcUq3fvr33uiS_kx7y5Gu2dbEBJ0LgRw

+ Reminder: Newcomer pamphlet *Where Do I Start?* now updated and available as a free download from oa.org Document Library under “New to OA”
<https://oa.org/app/uploads/2022/06/where-do-i-start-everything-a-newcomer-needs-to-know.pdf>
“introduction to OA program ... aims to help, giving direction, advice, and answers to frequently asked questions” (Available in 20 different languages)

+ Want to improve anything about OA? New tutorial video *How to Submit a Motion to WSBC* shows how your thought can become a motion at WSBC <https://vimeo.com/721479227> (9 min video)

*Other WSBC document updates:

- Business Conference Policy Manual
- OA, Inc. Bylaws, [Subpart A](#) and [Subpart B](#)

+ 2 new trustees appointed to fill vacant OA board positions: Lee R. and Gary D.; board elected trustees to its Executive Committee (EC manages OA finances, World Service Office, legal matters involving OA) Judy H., Beth B., Karen B., Meg M., BJ J., Bob L., and Sandra M.

+ Reminder: *A Step Ahead*, Third Quarter <https://oa.org/app/uploads/2022/07/a-step-ahead-third-quarter-2022.pdf>

*OA’s screen-sharing guidelines for literature

*Messages from BOT chair & treasurer

+ Reminder: **Sponsorship Day August 19-21**

*Download sponsorship resources from oa.org including “Sponsorship Success” podcasts

*Purchase sponsorship literature from bookstore.oa.org such as *A Guide for Sponsors*, *Sponsoring Through the Twelve Steps*, and *Sponsorship Kit*

*Read sponsorship survey results (*A Step Ahead*, Second Quarter 2022, p1-2)
<https://oa.org/app/uploads/2022/04/a-step-ahead-second-quarter-2022.pdf>

Region 5

+ Summer Conference Report: See Packet B for minutes, committee reports & supporting documents

<https://www.region5oa.org/region-5/assemblies/region-5-summer-conference-july-16-2022/>

Virtual Region

+ Newsletter July 2022 <https://oavirtualregion.org/nl0622/> (Published around the 15th of every month; July Newsletter is now up.)

+ Team Up Calendar tutorial Saturday, August 6 3pmCDT (calendar option for IG website)
Zoom ID: 863 3878 3376 Password: 120912 (**Might be something to consider for SNI Website.**)

Events

Sunday, August 14 Practicing these Principles in all our Affairs 2-3:30pmCDT
Zoom ID: 891 6554 0024 Password: 120912

Sponsorship Day Events

Phone Marathon -- Meeting every hour

Sunday, August 21 Sponsorship Day Tradition 7 Spiritual Principle - Responsibility; Always to Extend the Hand and Heart of OA to Those Who Share My Compulsion: For This I Am Responsible 7am-11pmCDT
Phone: 712-432-5200 Conference ID: 4285115#

Sunday, August 14 Sponsorship: Together We Find Solutions 12:30-2:30pmCDT
<https://www.facebook.com/events/d41d8cd9/cleveland-central-ig-sponsorship-together-we-find-solutions/725889828629185/>
Zoom ID: 273 862 8468 Password: steps

Wednesday, August 17 Sponsor Support Meeting 6:30pmCDT
Zoom ID: 819 8709 9007 Password: 132834

Friday, August 19 Benefits of Sponsorship 6:30-8pmCDT
<https://stlouisoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/2022-Fri-flyer.pdf>
Zoom ID: 812 2189 1645 Password: 530876

Saturday, August 20 Sponsorship Day Noon-1:30pmCDT
<https://piedmontintergroup.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Sponsorship-Day-2022.pdf>
Zoom ID: 853 0751 9680 Password: 344 689

Saturday, August 20 Sponsorship Workshop: Putting it all together Noon2pmCDT
<https://www.region5oa.org/event/cii-sponsorship-workshop-series-1/2022-08-20/>

Zoom ID: 878 2740 Password: Sponsor
Saturday, August 20 Sponsorship Workshop 1-2:30pmCDT
Zoom ID: 829 6577 2909 Password: 2909

Saturday, August 27 OA's 40th anniversary video interview with our founder, Rozanne 3-4:30pmCDT
https://www.sacvalleyoa.org/uploads/1/2/2/0/122064306/8-27-22_interview_with_our_founder_event_flyer.pdf
Zoom ID: 826 6981 6276 Password: 133839

Downloader Report Addition: oa.org will have a new Events Calendar. Upon the final Traditions review of the calendar, intergroups will be able to post their events. The calendar will automatically reflect events in your local time zone.

Chair Report: (Wanda C.) -Wanda C. is working on her R5 Summer Session Final Report. Her report, including a report of the R5 PIPO Committee, will be presented at the September SNI Meeting.

Vice Chair Report: (Carolyn S.) -No Formal Report

Treasurer Report: (Neal M.) – No Formal Report; -Neal M. reminded us that our 7th Tradition policy follows the OA policy. SNI needs to send to WSO and R5 everything in excess of our prudent reserve. In years past Neal was told to only send what was stated in the budget but he started sending more because SNI shouldn't hold so much money. Neal also stated that he hasn't sent everything to WSO & R5 because he wants the new treasurer to reevaluate the amount in our reserve. -Carol G. inquired about PIPO funding. This will be discussed at the September meeting. -Christine G. inquired about purchasing a compatible microphone for her computer (\$50-100) for SNI Hybrid Meetings. Concluded that an extra microphone was not needed at this time.

Recording Secretary Report {Website Report} (Laural R.) -John C. (Webmaster) encouraged SNI members and their meeting groups to visit the website (www.oachicagosni.org). -Need SNI members to write Recovery Stories for the website, which will be done during the September meeting. -Discussion on whether or not Recovery Stories should be edited prior to posting on the website. All sides were heard. Stories will be edited to ensure that none of the OA Traditions are being violated. Furthermore, if the Website Chair edits submissions, it will be with the permission of the writer. -John C. reminded us that information regarding how to make donations can be found on the website by clicking the DONATE button. Additionally, there is a link, so meeting group numbers can be easily accessed. -John C. will add "Make checks payable to SNI" to the donation information. -Laural R. will put the website address on the SNI Meeting List.

Acting Recording Secretary Report (Maureen R.) -No Zoom Report – No changes to the SNI Meeting List

Region 5 2022 Convention

Hospitality Report (Darlette P.) – Report tabled until September.

Friday Evening OA Meeting Report (Deanna B.) -Scripts have been or will be sent out to everyone participating. – Kathleen J. will be speaking. – Laural R. will lead a short meditation. – Further discussion tabled until September.

Intergroup Renewal Goals

Strengthening SNI By Visiting Meeting Groups (Maureen R.) - No Report

TSW Body Image Recovery Event (Maureen R.) – Details are all set. All volunteers have been assigned their tasks. -Forty (40) folders are ready for the event. -Maureen R. found forty (40) folders from SNI's last planned event {What Does Recovery Look Like?}, which was scheduled for April 4, 2020, but cancelled due to COVID. SNI decided that “What Does Recovery Look Like?” will be the next TSW Recovery Event.

Committees/Volunteer Groups, PIPO, Bylaws – Discussion on these topics was tabled until September's meeting.

What to Bring Back to Your Meeting Groups

1. Sponsorship Day Events/Programs (See August Downloader Report.)
2. Encourage members to visit the SNI website at www.oachicagosni.org
3. Encourage members to write a Recovery Story (See flyer attached to your SNI Eblast for details.)

Closing: The meeting closed at 11:40 am with the 7th Step Prayer.

NEXT SNI MEETING will be held face-to-face at the BG Youth Center, 50 ½ Raupp Rd., Buffalo Grove, Illinois on **Saturday, September 10, 2022**, from 10 am to 12 noon AND on Zoom. (Meeting ID: 833-9832-5805 Passcode: 013291)

Respectfully submitted,
Laural R.
Recording Secretary