

SNI MEETING MINUTES for Saturday, September 2, 2023

The regular meeting of the Suburban North Intergroup (SNI) was held on Saturday, September 2, 2023, and was on Zoom. Neal M. opened the meeting at 10:02 am with the Serenity Prayer.

Present Were:

Board Members: Chair: Wanda C. (also Region 5 {R5} Representative and World Service Business Conference {WSBC} Delegate); Acting Treasurer: Neal M.; Recording Secretary: Laural R. (also Website Chair); and Acting Corresponding Secretary: Maureen R. (also keeper of SNI Meeting and Sponsorship Lists and Zoom Committee Chair)

Intergroup Representatives (IRs)

- Wednesday, 9:30 am St. Marcelline, Schaumburg: June L. (also Designated Downloader)
- Wednesday, 7:00 pm Stillwater, Barrington: Lauryl B.
- Friday, 10:00 am St. Benedict's Abbey, Benet Lake, WI: Susan M.
- Saturday, 8:00 am Libertyville: Paul A.
- Saturday, 10:00 am First Church, Crystal Lake: Christine C.G.
- Saturday, 11:00 am St. Giles, Northbrook: Cathy O'G

-Paul A. read the Twelve Steps; Susan M. read the Twelve Transitions; Neal M. reflected on Tradition 9 (Structure); and June L. read the short version of Concept 9 (Ability).

-There were no changes and/or additions to the agenda.

-Susan M. read the Standing Rules which were adopted.

-The August 5, 2023 Minutes were approved.

Reports/Questions/Clarifications: The Designated Downloader Report was posted on the SNI website. Reports from the Acting Corresponding Secretary and the Website Chair were sent out in the SNI Eblast. Updates and other reports are listed here.

Designated Downloader: June L. (Original report is posted on the SNI website.)

WSO News Bulletin - August

<https://4cbgp.r.a.d.sendibm1.com/mk/mr/sh/1t6AVsd2XFniGKBRQMJoNIGYzeVJZ4/Sb18udgUsAMY>

+ Update: Men, have you sent in your recovery story? Stories needed to "rebuild" *To the Man* pamphlet; see flyer for instructions; **Sept 15 submission deadline**

<https://media.oa.org/app/uploads/2023/06/16112055/to-the-man-flyer.pdf>

+ **Find A Meeting updated features:** Tap-to-dial, new layout, speedy access to meeting definitions.

<https://oa.org/find-a-meeting/>

+ **Document Library updates (Good Reference Point for Important Information):** OA Bylaws Part A; OA Bylaws Part B; WSBC 2023 Final Conference Report; Mail-In Contribution Form; OA Intergroup or Service Board Inventory; Service, Traditions, and Concepts Manual; Digital Files in Translation; Security Tips for OA Websites; First 2024 Conference e-Documents

+2024 WSBC "We All Belong – Welcome to OA" May 7-11, 2024 (OA members may attend as a visitor and do service during the Conference.)

Highlighted Events:

- Monday, September 4 Labor Day Faith Without Works Is Dead - Doing the Footwork Of Recovery Everyday

7am-11pmCDT (Phone Marathon — Meeting every hour)

Phone: 712-432-5200 Conference ID: 4285115#

-Monday, September 4 Holidaze Zoomathon 8am-1pmCDT

Zoom ID: 959 959 1828 Password: 718863

-Monday, September 4 Working Together 8:30-10:30amCDT

Zoom ID: 884 2062 7878 Password: Email OAFOHquakertown@gmail.com

-Sunday, September 17 Weaving the Tapestry Of Recovery 8-11amCDT

Register by September 4: Email capecodoa@gmail.com

ADDITIONS TO THE SEPTEMBER DOWNLOADER REPORT:

Saturday, September 2 Focus On Sugar Addiction 6pmCDT

Zoom ID: 8387 893 3060 Password: 874921

Saturday, September 9 Zoom Into Fall 3-5pmCDT

Zoom ID: 767 592 5346 Password: 927884

Sunday, September 10 Act As If 1:30-2:30pmCDT

Zoom ID: 863 1665 1362 Password: 2020

Saturday, September 23 Welcome Newcomers & Returning Members Noon-1:30pmCDT

<https://www.oasf.org/events/2023/7/16/welcome-newcomers-amp-returning-members>

Zoom link to be posted oasf.org

Saturday, September 23 Have Abstinence, Will Travel Noon-1/3-4pmCDT

Zoom ID: 837 1100 7258 Password: workshop

Sunday, September 24 Recovery From Relapse Workshop 1-2:30pmCDT

Zoom ID: 844 072 9077 Password: 432621

Saturday, September 30 Treasure Hunt Noon-2pmCDT

Register (\$7 suggested): <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/oaorangecountyintergroup/992305>

Chair Report: Wanda C. – Region 5 Convention

Region 5's Virtual 2023 Convention – Stepping into the Promises

September 9th from 8 am to 4 pm

-Register through September 8th.

<https://oaregion5.regfox.com/region-5-2023-virtual-convention>

-You do NOT need to pay. Just come!

Convention Tech Committee Report: Christine C.G.

-Program is complete and ready to go. -Screen watchers are still needed to help with Zoom security. - There will be a special program for newcomers and an “Abstinence Countdown” at the end of the convention. -Registration is also available on www.Oa.org

Vice Chair Report: Carolyn S. (Not Present)

-Nominating Committee was formed to assist the Vice Chair. Members of the committee include Vice Chair Carolyn S., Susan M., Lauryl B., and Neal M. -The Committee is charged with finding nominees for the following positions: Treasurer (one year term), Recording Secretary (two-year term), Corresponding Secretary (two-year term), WSBC Delegates and alternate (two-year term), and Region 5 Representatives and alternate (two-year term).

Treasurer Report: Neal M. (Original report is posted on the SNI website).

-With less F2F meetings donations are down. As a result, SNI needs to be more careful with expenditures.

Recording Secretary Report (Web Chair Report): Laural R. (Complete report was sent in the SNI Eblast.)

-Laural R. will become the “owner” of the SNI website. John C. and Laural R. will make the transfer on September 28, 2023. -Members need to continue to promote the website.

Acting Corresponding Secretary Report: Maureen R. (Complete report was sent in the SNI Eblast.)

-The Saturday 2:30 pm F2F Meeting has a new contact person. This change is reflected in the updated SNI Meeting List, which is posted on the website.

Business

Fall Twelve Step Within (TSW) Recovery Event (Maureen R.)

- The TSW Committee will meet on Zoom on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 5 pm (Meeting ID: 296 842 6418 Passcode: 013291)
- At this meeting the program schedule and volunteer service positions will be finalized.
- Maureen R. will need help with printing and collating the folders for the event.

SNI Procedural Considerations (Susan M.)

- OA emails to meeting groups need to put email addresses in BBC (Blind Carbon Copy) to protect members’ anonymity.
- The SNI Bylaws and Policy and Procedures Manual needs to be reviewed and updated to keep up with our current practices. Susan M. has proposed to the Board five (5) SNI Policy and Procedure Motions and two (2) amendments to the SNI Bylaws. These motions will be reviewed by the Board. If approved for review, they will be presented to the full SNI membership for consideration.

Elections

- Discussion was held on the procedures for conducting the voting for the currently scheduled October elections. The October SNI Meeting will be hybrid. Those attending in-person will vote by a secret paper ballot. On-line attendees will vote by sending a “direct message” in the chat to an OA member who is not a member of SNI. This “trusted servant” will record those votes. The in-person and on-line votes will be tallied.
- Further discussions need to be held on elections. The SNI Bylaws and Procedures and Policy Manual need to be clarified and updated to reflect these specific concerns and issues.

Susan M. closed the meeting at 12:17 pm with the Seventh Step Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Laural R.
SNI Recording Secretary

NEXT SNI MEETING
Saturday, October 7, 2023
10 am to 12 noon
HYBRID

In-Person: Kingswood United Methodist Church
401 W. Dundee, Buffalo Grove
On-Line: Meeting ID – 296 842 6418
Passcode - 013291