

SNI MEETING MINUTES for Saturday, February 3, 2024

The regular meeting of the Suburban North Intergroup (SNI) was held on Zoom on Saturday, February 3, 2024. Chair Wanda C. opened the meeting at 10:00 am with thirty (30) seconds of silent reflection followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Presents Were:

Board Members: Chair: Wanda C. (also Region 5 [R5] Representative and World Service Business Conference {WSBC} Delegate; Vice Chair (also Bylaws Chair): Susan M.; Treasurer: Carolyn S. (also WSBC Delegate and R5 Representative); Recording Secretary: Laural R. (also Website Chair); Corresponding Secretary: Maureen R. (also keeper of SNI Meeting and Sponsorship Lists and Zoom Committee Chair)
Intergroup Representatives (IRs)

- Monday, 6 pm St. Simons Big Book Meeting: Shari D.
- Wednesday, 9:30 am St. Marcelline, Schaumburg: June L. (also Designated Downloader)
- Wednesday, 7:00 pm Stillwater Alano Club, Barrington: Lauryl B.
- Thursday, 7:00 pm St. Giles, Northbrook: Julie S.
- Friday, 7:30 pm St. Andrews, Grayslake: Neal M.
- Saturday, 8:00 am Libertyville: Paul A.
- Saturday, 10:00 am First Church, Crystal Lake: Christine CG. (also R5 Representative)

-Susan M. read the Twelve Steps; Julie S. read the Twelve Traditions; Neal M. reflected on Tradition 2 (Trust); and Maureen R. read the long version of Concept 2 (Conscience).

-No additions and/or changes were made to the agenda.

-Wanda C. read the Standing Rules which were adopted.

The January 6, 2024 minutes were approved with one typographical correction.

Reports/Questions/Clarifications: The Designated Downloader Report, SNI Meeting List, and January 6, 2024 Minutes were posted on the SNI website. The Vice Chair Report, Treasurer Report, and Corresponding Secretary Report were sent out in the SNI Eblast. Updates and other reports are listed here.

Designated Downloader: June L. (Full Report is posted on the SNI website. www.oachicagosni.org)

WSO News Bulletin - January

<https://4cbgp.r.a.d.sendibm1.com/mk/mr/sh/1t6AVsd2XFniGKBRQMJoNIGYzeVJZ4/Iat6nZ4rJFPe>

+ Upcoming OA.org/contribute upgrade (**Will make it easier to donate.**): New Seventh Tradition portal

<https://oa.org/contribute/>

+ New “Twelve Concepts of OA Service” Workshop: “to explore the Principles of the Concepts and encourage a better understanding of the importance of service within our program”

<https://oa.org/news/delve-into-the-twelve-concepts-of-oa-service-with-our-new-workshop/>

+ 2024 Literature Catalog and Order Form <https://media.oa.org/app/uploads/2023/06/11113249/oa-literature-catalog.pdf>

+ **Unity Day - Saturday, February 24 at 11:30am local time** “Unity Day is a day to celebrate the connection of all members and groups of OA to one another. It is encouraged that all members of OA take a moment of silence to express their gratitude for the OA Program.” (**See Full Downloader Report at www.oachicagosni.org to see all the Unity Day Events.**)

Events

+Sunday, February 11 Super Bowl the Courage To Change The Things I Can
7am-11pmCST (Phone Marathon — Meeting every hour)

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

+Wednesday, February 14 Valentine's Day Maximum Usefulness to Others Leads To Hope
7am-11pmCST (Phone Marathon — Meeting every hour)

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

+Wednesday, February 14 Holiday Zoomathon 8am-1pmCST

Zoom ID: 959 959 1828 Password: 718863

+Tuesday, February 20 Preparing for Participation In A Health Fair 6pmCST

Zoom ID: 827 6593 7764 Password: 543001 (**Sponsored by Region 7. Might give SNI ideas for sponsoring a health fair.**)

Additional Downloader Information:

1. New 'Welcome' Text added to suggested meeting formats. <https://oa.org/news/new-welcome-text-added-to-suggested-meeting-formats/>
2. Joy of OA Service: Share your Joy of OA service - video, audio, drawing, meme, poem or other creative work on the Joy of OA Service! Submissions needed by Feb 15. <https://form.jotform.com/233246856121151>
3. OA Recovery Line set up by LA Intergroup "for anyone with questions about the program or needs to connect with a fellow. Call or text 818-794-0880. (To volunteer for the recovery line, please email outreach@OALAIG.org)
4. Saturday, February 10 – Temporary Sponsoring from 11 am-12:30 CST. Zoom ID: 879 3167 2602 and Passcode: 021024
5. Saturday, February 17 – Service, Traditions, and Concepts at 8:30 am CST. Zoom ID: 865 8591 8333 and Passcode: 875814

Chair Report: Wanda C.

-Wanda summarized her experiences at the OA Birthday Party which was held in Los Angeles. -She reminded everyone that the Birthday Party was "just" an event, and our SNI events, although on a much smaller scale, are "just" as important. -There were several new workshops that were very interesting, especially the one on Emotional Sobriety. Wanda had some personal learning experiences while at the Party – the importance of "letting go" of being image conscious, as well as the importance of becoming her authentic self.

Vice Chair Report: Susan M. (Report sent out in SNI Eblast.)

1. 2024 Agenda Questionnaire Voting Qualification Procedures: A motion was made and seconded, which read. "For the 2024 Agenda Questionnaire, meeting groups who are unable to send a representative to vote at the SNI March Meeting, can send their meeting group's voting results to Vice Chair Susan M. by February 29, 2024." SNI members discussed the motion, voted, and adopted the motion.
2. Susan M. would like to re-establish liaisons for each meeting group. Liaisons would receive the SNI Email Blast, to disseminate information to their group. This would be particularly helpful when a group does not have an IR. Corresponding Secretary (also keeper of the SNI Meeting List) Maureen R. pointed out that she is already in contact with all the meeting groups. Susan and Maureen will meet to discuss this issue. No action was taken.
3. Susan M. would like to have the contact information for all SNI members. Maureen R. has this information and will coordinate with Susan M.

Treasurer Report: Carolyn S.

-Past Treasurer Neal M. prepared and submitted the Treasurer's Report for December 2024, January 2024, and the Year-to-Date Report for January 2024. -Current Treasurer Carolyn S. is still in the training

process. -Carolyn's name has been added to all bank accounts. – **A motion was made which read as follows. "SNI authorizes that the current SNI Chair and Treasurer obtain a debit card from the Bank of America." Neal M. explained the motion's rationale. SNI members discussed, voted, and the motion carried.**

Recording Secretary Report: Laural R. (also Website Chair)

-Inquiries have been made from other R5 Intergroups to publicize their events on SNI's website. -SNI members recommended that a link to all R5 events be added to the website's "Calendar" page.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Maureen R.

-The Wednesday St. Matthew's Church Evanston meeting has closed. Maureen has notified WSO and removed the meeting from their website. The SNI Meeting List has been updated to reflect this change. - Changes to the "SNI Group Meetings, Intergroup Representatives and Contact Persons List: 1) Add a period to the Monday 6 pm St. Simons Meeting's contact person. Should read Karen M. 2) Add "fragrance free" to the Monday 7 pm Niles Meeting.

Business

2024 Agenda Questionnaire: Susan M.

- Meeting Groups need to vote on the 21 proposals during February. There were no questions.
- Meeting Reps will be voting, as a part of SNI, at our March 2nd meeting.
- If reps are unable to attend on March 2 and cast their votes, two options are open to you. ONE- Send another person from your meeting group to cast your votes. **TWO-** Send the results of your meeting group's votes by email to SNI Vice Chair Susan M at susan.m.oe@gmail.com by February 29.

Budget: Carolyn S. and Neal M.

- Any budget discussion has been postponed until Neal M. and Carolyn S. can meet in person to discuss. Neal M. reminded SNI that the budget has not been adjusted in six (6) years and should be reviewed. He suggested that the Treasurer and Chair review the budget annually. Chair Wanda C., current Treasurer Carolyn S., and past Treasurer Neal M. will meet to revise the budget. It should be noted that the 2023 budget exceeded its anticipated income.
- Ideally, the Budget should be presented at the November SNI Meeting with an approval vote by the SNI membership at the December Meeting.
- A motion was made and seconded. It reads as follows. "To agree to continue with the current SNI budget, until the revised budget is presented for discussion in November with finalization in December." The motion was discussed and carried.

Procedure for Unregistering a Meeting: Maureen R.

- If a meeting group holds a group conscience and decides to disband, they need to notify SNI who will, in turn, remove the group from the OA website and the SNI Meeting List.
- When membership in a meeting group simply dwindles and no one is attending, SNI will make every attempt to contact members within the group before SNI disbands the meeting. A representative from SNI will remove the group from the OA website and the SNI Meeting List.

Intergroup Renewal Goals

Second Goal: Strengthen SNI by visiting all our meeting groups.

- SNI members are encouraged to attend other meeting groups.

TSW Event Planning

- Date/Time: Saturday, April 6 from 1 to 4 pm

- **Planning Meetings: Thursday, February 8 at 4 pm AND Thursday, February 22 at 4 pm.**

Chair Wanda C. closed the meeting at 12:02 pm with the Seventh Step Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Laural R.
SNI Recording Secretary

Next SNI Meeting: Saturday, March 2, 2024
10 am to 12 noon
ZOOM ONLY

February 3, 2024 SNI Vice Chair Report

- 1) Three motions were passed at the January 6, 2024 SNI meeting. The updated SNI Policy and Procedure Manual and SNI Handbook Table of Contents have been sent out.
- 2) If you are interested in doing service for SNI by submitting information for publication on the media, please let me know. Part of our service to our members is to get information out to the public. I'm not asking anyone to take on the task of a committee single handedly—just to volunteer to help with organizing action.
- 3) I would like to encourage each of you to start reading the SNI bylaws and policies in your SNI Handbook. There is a lot of information there that is meant to inform and guide the workings of SNI. Please mark them up with comments, questions, etc. You may bounce questions and suggestions off me, or we can discuss them at our SNI meetings.
- 4) My offer still stands to field any questions you may have regarding the WSBC Agenda Questionnaire.
- 5) For your information, I am a Region 5 delegate to the 2024 World Service Business Conference (WSBC) in May, and because of that, I will also be a visitor/volunteer at the Region 5 spring assembly in March.
- 6) When SNI votes on the agenda questionnaire, it will be important for each voting member to be ready with their Yes/No vote, plus any questions or comments to be discussed, in order to have an efficient discussion and vote. You may use the Proposal Thumbnail document to organize your results and have them at the ready.

Thank you for your service!

Together we get better!
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