

SNI MEETING MINUTES for Saturday, July 6, 2024

The regular meeting of the Suburban North Intergroup (SNI) was held on Zoom on Saturday, July 6, 2024. Wanda C. opened the meeting at 10:02 am with the Serenity Prayer followed by a thirty-second silent reflection.

Present Were:

Board Members: Chair: Wanda C. (also Region 5 {R5} Representative and World Service Business Conference {WSBC} Delegate); Vice Chair: Susan M; Treasurer: Carolyn S. (also R5 Representative and WSBC Delegate), Recording Secretary: Laural R. (also Website Chair); Corresponding Secretary: Maureen R. (also keeper of SNI Sponsorship List 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, Barrington: Lauryl B.
- Thursday, 10:00 am Congregation Beth Shalom, Northbrook: Pat H.
- Thursday, 12 Noon First Church, Crystal Lake: Lynn P.
- Friday, 7:30 pm St. Andrews, Grayslake: Neal M.
- Saturday, 10 am, First Church, Crystal Lake: Judy M.

-Lauryl B. read the Twelve Steps; Susan M. read the Twelve Traditions; Neal M. reflected on Tradition 7 (Responsibility); and Maureen R. read the long version of Concept 7 (Balance).

-No changes/additions were made to the agenda.

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

-The June 1, 2024 minutes were approved with two corrections. Vice Chair's full report will be attached. The "Rainbow committee" will be changed to read "The Rainbow (LGBTQ+) Specific-Focus Service Board."

Reports/Questions/Clarifications: The Designated Downloader Report, SNI Meeting List, and a draft of the June 1, 2024 Minutes were posted on the SNI website. The 2024 July SNI Vice Chair Report, WSBC 2024 Report to R5, 15. Policy and Procedures Manual update, Treasurer Report April 2024, Treasurer Report May 2024, SNI Budget 2024 Y-T-D April 2024, and the SNI Budget 2024 Y-T-D May 2024 were sent out in the SNI Eblast. Updates and other reports are listed here.

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

WSO News Bulletin - June

https://4cbgp.r.sp1-brevo.net/mk/mr/sh/1t6AVsd2XFniGKBRQMJoNIGYzeVJZ4/R2H_SyYDXTX9J

+ New OA Book Diverse Voices: A Common Solution "honors the incredible variety within our Fellowship and how this variety shapes individual journeys through the Twelve Steps" (#954 - \$13.50 bookstore.oa.org) or e-book

- Amazon Kindle
- Apple Books
- Barnes and Noble Nook

+ WSBC Delegates Recite "I put my hand in yours ..." in Fifteen Languages

+ **Find A Meeting** improvement "narrow your search by selecting a two-hour window of the day and browse the results faster with page numbers at the top and bottom of the search results"

pages”

+ **Updated documents: Check it out.**

Literature Catalog, Order Form, Approved Literature List (plus OA-Approved Literature List by Copyright Date(s)/Revision Date)

+ **Reminder: Mental Health and Recovery stories needed by July 30**

***Be sure to share this flyer with your group.**

<https://media.oa.org/app/uploads/2023/09/29163350/mental-health-and-recovery-call-for-stories-flyer.pdf>

Region 5

+ **Summer 2024 Online Conference Saturday, July 20 8amCDT**

*Visitor registration <https://oaregion5.regfox.com/2024-region-5-summer-online-conference>

All are welcome to attend the Summer 2024 Conference as a visitor.

+ Love My Body, Love My Life, Love My Soul Saturday, July 27 10am-1pmCDT

*Faith United Methodist Church - Orland Park, IL (Hosted by CCSI)

*\$5 encouraged donation

+ **Reminder: Region 5 Convention “Welcome Home” September 6-8**

*Holiday Inn - Cleveland South Independence, OH

*Registration <https://drive.google.com/file/d/17IA1FK7uqeADJFTylIaFyLTh5hUAkVxW/view>

Events

+Saturday, July 13 Focus on Service Noon-2pmCDT

Zoom ID: 813 4970 0196 (No Password Needed)

+Sunday, July 14 Hosting, Guesting, And Navigating Food with Friends and Family 12:30pmCDT

Zoom Link Password: Email info@metrowestoa.org (Very helpful for your recovery)

+Sunday, July 21 The Power of Making Amends Noon-1:30pmCDT

Registration: <https://www.givesignup.org/TicketEvent/HVIGThePowerofMakingAmends2024>

(\$5 or No fee)

+Sunday, July 28 Big Book Speaker Meeting 6:30-7:30pmCDT Zoom ID: 571 680 7989 Password: 545069 **(This Meeting happens EVERY Sunday. Check it out.)**

Chair Report: Wanda C. – No Formal Report

-Wanda C. encouraged everyone to attend the virtual R5 Summer Assembly as a visitor. She is serving on the R5 “Everything IG” Committee, which is working on ways to welcome the new Region 4 (R4) IGs and R5 Representatives by instituting a mentoring program.

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

-Susan M. commented on the WSBC 2024 as being the “ultimate OA experience.” Remarking that the many OA meetings with deep levels of vulnerability. She had forgotten how much she loved being a part of it and encouraged all of us to go to the WSBC as a R5 volunteer.

-Susan would like to be a WSO Trustee but doesn’t qualify until October 1, 2024.

Treasurer Report: Carolyn S. (April and May Reports sent out in the SNI Eblast.)

-Carolyn S. will correct and update the May Monthly Report.

-Former SNI Treasurer Neal M. met with Carolyn for an excel spreadsheet training.

-Neal M. commented that there was a late fee for the SNI P.O. Box which he covered personally. He still holds a SNI Debit Card and needs to be deleted from the account.

-Neal M. recommended that the SNI Chair be put on the account and given the debit card.

-Carolyn S. will send out reimbursement checks for the April TSW Event and WSBC Delegate expenditures.

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

-Laural has resigned effective July 31, 2024 as the SNI Recording Secretary for personal reasons. She thanked everyone in SNI for making the past five years a wonderful experience.

-It was suggested that SNI post its minutes on the R5 website. After a brief discussion, a decision was made to post a note on the R5 website referring people back to the SNI website where the minutes are posted.

-Summer graphics have been posted on the SNI website. It was recommended that the color be changed so that it is more legible.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Maureen R. – No Formal Report

-Maureen R. will post the SNI Meeting List on the R5 website.

-She is also the WSO liaison to the Meeting List posted on WSO. As such, she will check on a Sunday 4 pm meeting that might be included in our intergroup.

Business

Budget Discussion

-According to the SNI Policy and Procedure Manual, a budget discussion is held annually for the upcoming year to look at all line-item amounts and determine our needs for next year. For example, SNI needs to donate 100% of their funds minus the prudent reserve. SNI currently has a Prudent Reserve of \$4500. Is this amount what we need or is it too much? This needs to be assessed.

-Maureen R. suggested a need to increase the budget for TSW to better cover the cost of our events.

-In October 2024 the SNI Chair and Treasurer will meet to develop a proposed budget for 2025. The proposed budget will be brought back to the November/December SNI meetings for discussion and approval.

SNI Handbook Review

-A new position will be added to the Policy and Procedure Manual under the under the Public Information/Professional Outreach (PIPO) Committee section. This new position will be the Media Coordinator with the responsibility of overseeing the SNI website.

-The Responsibilities and Duties of the Recording Secretary will be amended to include “Acts as the liaison between the SNI Executive Board the PIPO’s Media Coordinator.”

-Susan M. will work on the specific wording for these changes, which will be presented at SNI’s August Meeting.

R5 Convention Raffle Basket

-SNI will donate a relaxation-themed raffle basket to the R5 Convention. Judy M. has collected lots of goodies for the basket, including face masks, hand/foot treatments, lotion, Peace of Mind Coloring Book, colored pencils, Steps 10-11-12 Journal. Maureen R. also has a cookbook for the basket.

-At the August meeting, the specific logistics of getting the basket to the convention will be decided.

Wanda C. read the 7th Step Prayers and closed the meeting at 12:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Laural R.
SNI Recording Secretary

Upcoming Meetings:

- → **Saturday, August 3 from 10 am to 12 noon – HYBRID**
- → **Saturday, September 14 for 10 am to 12 noon – ZOOM** (NOTE: DATE CHANGE due to Region 5 Convention)

July 2024 Suburban North Intergroup Vice Chair report

More information on what happened at WSBC is available on oa.org in the Wrap-up Report at <https://media.oa.org/app/uploads/2024/05/05162328/wrap-up-report-wsbc-2024-1.pdf> or from the oa.org menu, click on News & Events, then World Service Business Conference. The 2024 Wrap-Up Report is currently the first of the Frequently Used Documents. The Minutes will be posted sometime in September.

The man who has been targeting meeting contacts has been reported to the FBI by the OA Board of Trustees.

I noticed that I had neglected to make one change in our policies that we voted on in January. I have made that change and asked Laural R include it in the pre-intergroup email.

In case you haven't heard, Judy W has decided not to organize a bus trip to the 2024 Region 5 Convention in the Cleveland area. There has been talk about the possibility of a group renting a bus and going together that way. Let us know if you are interested.

Please remember to bring your comments, questions, suggestions about our handbook so far, including the glossary, what the bylaws and policies say about your position(s), and anything else.