

## **SNI MEETING MINUTES for Saturday October 12, 2024**

**Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Suburban North Intergroup (SNI) was held via Zoom on Saturday, October 12, 2024. Susan M. opened the meeting at 10 am with the Serenity Prayer and a 30-second silent reflection for the still suffering compulsive eater.

### **Present were:**

#### Board members:

- Chair: Wanda C. (also Region 5 Representative and WSBC Delegate)
- Vice Chair: Susan M. (also acting Recording Secretary)
- Treasurer: Carolyn S. (also Region 5 Representative and WSBC Delegate)
- Corresponding Secretary: Maureen R. (also Keeper of the SNI Sponsorship List and Zoom Committee Chair)

#### Representatives:

- Monday 6 pm Zoom: Shari D. (also Media Coordinator)
- Wednesday 9:30 am Schaumburg: June L. (also Designated Downloader and Alternate WSBC Delegate)
- Friday 7:30 pm Grayslake: Neal M.
- Saturday 8 am Zoom: Cathleen F.

### **Opening Ceremonies:**

- Carolyn S. read the 12 Steps, Cathleen F. read the 12 Traditions, Neal M. reflected on Tradition 10 (Neutrality), Maureen R. read the long version of the 10<sup>th</sup> Concept of OA Service (Clarity).
- The Agenda was adopted as sent out.
- Wanda C. read the Standing Rules, and they were adopted as read.
- The September 14, 2024 SNI Meeting Minutes were adopted with minor editorial updates.

### **Reports:**

- Designated Downloader June L.
  - June's report was posted on our website (oachicagosni.org).
- Chair Wanda C.
  - Today is Wanda's last meeting as SNI Chair.
- Vice Chair Susan M.
  - Susan's report was sent in the pre-meeting e-blast.
  - Update on the OA Region maps: The peninsula of Ontario is no longer shown as part of Region 5.
  - We decided to keep our information on the region5oa.org Intergroups page as links to oachicagosni.org.

- Treasurer Carolyn S.
  - There is no report as there was no activity in August.
  - The Region 5 Treasurer suggested that for the amount of money SNI works with, Excel is sufficient and less expensive than using other accounting software.
- Corresponding Secretary Maureen R.
  - The latest list of meetings with representatives, liaisons, and contact persons was sent in the pre-meeting e-blast.
  - A new meeting list has been posted on oachicagosni.org:
    - The Thursday 7 pm St Giles meeting has closed
    - The Saturday 11 am St Giles meeting has a new Contact Person.

**Business:**

- The motion to amend our Policy and Procedure Manual (to allow the SNI Chair to vote when anonymous methods are used) was considered and passed.
- Elections were held. Here are the results for the positions considered:
  - Chair (2-year term): Vacant
  - Treasurer (2-year term): Carolyn S.
  - Recording Secretary (1-year term): Vacant
  - Region 5 Representative (1-year term): Vacant
- Twelfth Step Within Committee:
  - An event is being planned for either December, January, or February.
  - The next committee meeting will be Thursday, October 17, at 5:30 pm on Zoom. To participate, contact Maureen, Paul, Susan, Wanda, or Cathleen for meeting information.
- The motion to amend our Policy and Procedure Manual, Article I. SNI General Policies, Section E. Income/Expenses/Budget Items, Paragraph 3. was considered and passed as amended. The new wording is as follows:
  - 3. Make annual donation of \$20 per use of the meeting room to Buffalo Grove Youth Center at 50 ½ Raupp Blvd, Buffalo Grove, IL
- Carolyn S. asked for input regarding problems and/or solutions that she can share during the Region 5 Assembly Intergroup Sharing November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**The next SNI meeting** is scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup> (*the second Saturday of November*) via Zoom only.

**Closing:**

The meeting was closed at 12:07 pm with the “we” form of the 7<sup>th</sup> Step Prayer.

Susan M, Acting SNI Recording Secretary

## October 2024 SNI Report from the Vice Chair and the acting Recording Secretary

- Changes to the minutes:
  - VC report:
    - “... lots of recover” to “... lots of recovery”
    - “... needs more 2 to 4 volunteers” to “... needs 2 to 4 more volunteers”
  - I have yet not received any other updates.
- I asked that the **Region maps** be updated to show all of Ontario in R6 rather than the peninsula in R5. I received a response ensuring me that the maps will be updated.
- On September 14, I e-blasted the **Focus On ...” Reference Guides for Giving Service, Preventing Relapse, Reaching Out, and Sponsoring.**
- On September 16, I e-blasted the **updated handbook documents** (OA Guidelines list and those in our handbook plus our contact information page which will change in October with our election and in November with Region 5’s election.
- Forest City Intergroup consisted of **2 Rockford, IL, groups**. The intergroup has folded. I did some research regarding the intergroups that surround Rockford. SNI is the second closest. The closest is Rock River Intergroup is the closest. I asked the Region 5 Trustee Liaison to reach out to the two groups and help them to affiliate with the intergroup of their choice.
- Reminder that **if your group information changes** or the group stops meeting, it is important that that information is reported to both oa.org (using the edit link on Find a Meeting) and also to SNI (by calling Ring Central 855-632-6039, emailing [info@oachicagosni.org](mailto:info@oachicagosni.org) or the Corresponding Secretary, or contacting a board member).
- I’ve been looking into **PIPO options** and find it pretty exciting. I’ve been making a list of news sources in our area that we could ask to publish announcements of event, OA in general, new meeting information, etc. Let me know if you would like to help spread the word or know of community calendars in your area.
- The OA WSBC **Young Peoples Higher Education Outreach** Committee has requested that we email the approved letter to such institutions. I have agreed to help research institutions in Illinois. Let me know if you are willing to assist in this endeavor.
- Please encourage your sponsees and fellows to **do service!** Each level of service brings new and exciting opportunities and growth. Service is both a tool and a step of our program! It enriches the life of the server and helps ensure that OA will be there for us and others in the future.
- I wrote a couple of **SNI policy motions**:
  - The first to allow our chair to vote when there is a secret ballot. I hadn’t noticed before that our policies did not allow that.
  - The second to update how much we donate for use of the room SNI meets in, since we no longer use it 12 times per year.
- I found and corrected a mistake in my last update of the **SNI Policies**: I hadn’t renumbered after inserting a paragraph.

- The OA Board of Trustees approved a **sample of Standing Rules** to help service bodies (such as intergroups) create their own. We have our own already, but I am included the sample for you to look at and let us know if you think we should update ours.
- I would like us to reconsider **what we do and don't want posted on websites** — ours and Region 5's.
  - I haven't included the report listing meeting representative, liaisons, and contacts when posting the minutes on our website. Feedback?
  - Currently, on the Intergroup page of Region 5's website, instead of posting documents, we have links to our website. Is that what was want, or do we want to actually post one or both of the following?
    - SNI meeting list
    - SNI minutes

Thank you for your service.

Susan M, SNI Vice Chair and acting Recording Secretary