

## **SNI Meeting Minutes for Saturday, December 7, 2024**

**Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Suburban North Intergroup (SNI) was held by Zoom on Saturday, December 7, 2024. Susan M opened the meeting at 10:06 am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

### **Present were:**

#### Board members:

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

#### Representatives:

- Mon-Fri Check-in: Pat H
- Monday 6 pm Zoom: Shari D. (also Media Coordinator)
- Tuesday 7 pm Zoom: Paul A.
- Wednesday 9:30 am Schaumburg: June L. (also Designated Downloader and Alternate WSBC Delegate)
- Wednesday 7 pm Morton Grove: Eleanor W.
- Thursday 12 pm: Diane M.
- Saturday 8 am Zoom: Cathleen F.
- Saturday 10 am: Judy M.
- Saturday 11 am St Giles: Sue S.

There were no visitors.

### **Opening Ceremonies:**

- Paul A. read the 12 Steps, Pat H. read the 12 Traditions, Cathleen F. reflected on Tradition 12 (Spirituality), Maureen R. read (part of) the long version of the 12<sup>th</sup> Concept of OA Service (Selflessness, Realism, Representation, Dialogue, Compassion, and Respect).
- The Agenda was adopted as written.
- June L. read the Standing Rules, and they were adopted as written.
- The November 9, 2024 SNI Meeting Minutes were adopted as written.

### **Reports:**

- Designated Downloader June L.
  - June's report was posted on our website (oachicagosni.org).
- Vice Chair Susan M.
  - Susan's report was sent in the pre-meeting e-blast and will be part of these minutes.
  - The All Illinois Unity Celebration committee is looking for people who have diverse stories to tell (and at least one year of current abstinence) to speak at

the event. Let Susan know if you might have a story to share or know someone who might.

- Treasurer Carolyn S.
  - Carolyn's report and the current budget were posted on our website.
  - She will be looking into new options for a storage unit.
- Corresponding Secretary Maureen R.
  - Maureen's report on meeting representatives, contact persons, and liaisons was sent out on Thursday.

### **Business:**

- Budget discussion
  - We decided on what items to show in future reports and adopted the budget for 2025.
- Motion A regarding the SNI meeting room (see attached) was adopted. Susan will update and email you the Policy and Procedure Manual, however, it is recommended that you don't reprint it now, as we expect more changes in the near future.
- Paul A. reported on the progress the Twelfth Step Within (TSW) Committee is making in planning the next SNI Recovery Event, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 12:30-3:30 pm, at Kingswood Church, Buffalo Grove.
  - The February SNI meeting will be hybrid with the in-person portion being at Kingswood Church. We plan to shorten the business meeting and/or eat our lunches during the end of the meeting so that we have time to prepare for the event and greet our guests.
  - The possibility of having events not the same day as the SNI meeting was discussed and is an issue we will continue to consider.
- PIPO: Ask Susan about opportunities to serve.
- Supporting our meetings
  - Meetings that could use support:
    - Sunday 4 pm Zoom meeting
    - Thursday 10 am Zoom meeting

**The next SNI meeting** is scheduled for **January 4<sup>th</sup>**, 10 am – Noon, by Zoom only.

### **Closing:**

The meeting was closed at Noon with the OA Responsibility Pledge and the Seventh Step Prayer.

Susan M, SNI Acting Recording Secretary

## December 2024 SNI Vice Chair report

1. Diane M. and I attended the Region 5 Convention Planning Committee meeting Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. There are lots of opportunities for input and service! The planning committee is scheduled to meet monthly on the first Tuesday of the month 6:30-8 pm CT. If you are interested on helping with any aspect of the convention, you can let them know by emailing [convention@oamilwaukee.org](mailto:convention@oamilwaukee.org). There are volunteer positions several subcommittees you may work on; subcommittee members need not attend the Planning Committee meeting.
2. Start thinking about a theme for the basket SNI will provide for the R5 Convention raffle.
3. Update on use of the sales tax exemption: Sales tax is levied by state and local governments, so the letter probably will not be honored out of state.
4. I left a few action items from the “What to take back to your groups” last month:
  - a. Please be looking over the budget items on the latest YTD budget document and considering what categories we want to keep open or add, what ones we no longer need, and any new ones to consider, as well has any projects we wish to fund.
  - b. Please look for public bulletin boards and let us know where you found them.
  - c. Please bring your lunch and a buddy to our meeting, whether in person or via Zoom. We would like to have more input and fellowship!
5. When reading the standing rules, please read them as written, even those that do not apply to the current meeting. It is important that we are reminded of some restrictions in face-to-face meetings before we get to one, for instance, that we do not wear fragrances.
6. I have submitted a logo request for using the OA logo on our flyers and website. Ten days should be allowed for the response to such a request.
7. OA has put out “Sample Policies and Procedures for Intergroups and Other Service Bodies”. Some of us will be looking at this document and our policy manual to see what needs to be updated. Some potential updates have already been noticed to be considered in the near future.
8. The Region 5 Spring Assembly dates have been changed to March 7-9. Fortunately, that doesn't conflict with the March SNI meeting (March 1).

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Motion A

Move to amend the SNI Policy and Procedure Manual, Article II Responsibilities and Duties of Officers and Representatives of SNI, Section F. Responsibilities and Duties of SNI Treasurer, Paragraph 13 by striking and inserting as indicated:

Current wording: 13. Schedules the meeting room for SNI meetings	Proposed wording: 13. <del>Schedules</del> <u>Reserves</u> the meeting room for <u>hybrid</u> SNI meetings
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Intent: To clarify which meetings require a room and what action needs to take place.

Implementation: Update the SNI Policy and Procedure Manual.

Estimated Cost: Negligible.

Rationale: We no longer use the meeting room monthly, since we currently are meeting by Zoom in odd numbered months, as well as sometime even numbered months.