

SNI Meeting Minutes for Saturday, January 4, 2025

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Suburban North Intergroup (SNI) was held by Zoom on Saturday, January 4, 2025. Susan M opened the meeting at 10 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)
- Monday 7 pm Niles: Nora M.
- Tuesday 7 pm Zoom: Paul A. (also TSW Chair and PI Chair)
- Wednesday 9:30 am Schaumburg: June L. (also Designated Downloader and Alternate WSBC Delegate)
- Wednesday 7 pm Morton Grove: Eleanor W.
- Thursday 12 pm Crystal Lake: Diane M.
- Friday 7:30 pm Grayslake: Neal M.
- Saturday 8 am Zoom: Cathleen F.

There were no visitors.

Opening Ceremonies:

- Diane M. read the 12 Steps, Eleanor W. read the 12 Traditions, Neal M. reflected on Tradition 1 (Unity), and June L read the long version of the 1st Concept of OA Service (Unity).
- The Agenda was adopted as written.
- June L. read the Standing Rules, which were adopted as written.
- The December 7, 2024 SNI Meeting Minutes were adopted as corrected.

Reports:

- Designated Downloader June L.
 - June's report was posted on our website (oachicagosni.org).
 - Items not on the posted report were announce and will be sent out with "What to share with my group".
- 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 treasurer and budget reports were posted on our website.
- She is working on how to format the budget to show 2025.
- Issues were discussed:
 - Storage facility issues
 - Possibility of providing a method for online donations
- Carolyn updated us on 2024 budget items that were paid in 2025.
- Corresponding Secretary Maureen R.
 - Two meetings have closed:
 - Monday 7 pm Zoom only (1/6/24 will be the last meeting.)
 - Thursday 10 am Zoom only
 - A new meeting list will be posted reflecting these changes.

Business:

- TWS (Twelfth Step Within) Committee:
 - Paul A. was affirmed as the TSW Committee Chair.
 - Promote the February 1st Event!
 - Remember to bring you lunch to the February 1 SNI meeting. We will try to finish early in February to prepare for the event which starts at 12:30.
- PI (Public Information) Committee:
 - Paul A. was affirmed as the PI Committee Chair.
 - Paul will order the PIPO Manual from oa.org and be reimbursed by our treasurer.
- PO (Professional Outreach): Susan is working on the campaign to reach student services departments at post-high-school educational institutions. If you are interested in helping with this project, contact Susan.
- The WSBC Agenda Questionnaire was explained.
 - Susan will send a thumbnail document and the original propositions to help with the discussions at your meetings. (There are 13 proposals.)
 - SNI will vote on whether each proposal should be placed on the WSBC Agenda and collect comments on the proposals at the March 1st meeting.
- Any time you attend an OA meeting, you are supporting not only that meeting, but also your own recovery!

The next SNI meeting is scheduled for **February 1**, 10 am – Noon, hybrid at Kingswood United Methodist Church, 401 W Dundee Rd, Room 114, Buffalo Grove, IL, followed by our recovery event: WE STOOD AT THE TURNING POINT.

Closing:

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

Susan M :-)

SNI Acting Recording Secretary

January 2025 SNI Vice Chair Report

- I **corrected a typo in our Bylaws**, page E-7, Article IV, Section 5, B, where changed “tow (2)” to “two (2)”.
- I reviewed our **Bylaws and Policies** and found some issues to be resolved. I have emailed the Region 5 Trustee Liaison to get her opinion before writing motions. We are planning to discuss these issues next week.
- The **Agenda Questionnaire** is due to be posted on Sunday, January 5, and the results are due on March 5. Hopefully, we will have our March meeting on March 1, so we can vote then and still be counted. I plan to send you the Questionnaire along with a summary as soon as possible, so you can start asking questions. Perhaps we can call a special SNI meeting to help representatives (and/or other members) understand the proposals so we can get our votes in. February we are hoping to have a shorter SNI meeting because our in-person event starts earlier than usual. If you have other ideas of how to facilitate our processing of the Agenda Questionnaire, please let me know.
- Paul A has volunteered to be our **Public Information Chair** (and has been acting as our Twelfth Step Within Chair). To make both positions official, we will need to vote on Saturday. Meanwhile, Paul plans to post our February 1st Event information on a local information channel this week.
- The speakers for the February 22nd **All Illinois Unity Celebration** haven’t been finalized, so there may still be opportunities for those with diverse stories to tell them! Let me know if you or someone you know might be a candidate.
- I have been working out reaching out to student support staff at higher educational institutions to share the letter that was created for this **professional outreach (PO)** by the World Service Conference Young People’s Committee. I reached out to a committee member yesterday to get a few questions answered before I start sending out the letters, and received answers right away! I plan to start getting these PO emails out this week. This is an open service opportunity, as there is more to be done.
- I spent some time in the Emergency Department of a local hospital last weekend, and received a favorable response when I gave the doctor the latest issue of **The Courier**. While the issues usually become available early in the year (or as late as March), this issue became available in December!
- I continue to be blessed by **service work** as I work on a Region 5 Subcommittee which is reaching out to intergroups who haven’t been represented at recent assemblies. This is Step 12 work, but it is not necessary to finish the first 11 before starting Step 12. My first sponsor told me that while we take the steps in order, we can practice steps 10, 11, & 12 right away.
 - Step 10 to keep from adding to the wreckage of the past while waiting to finish Step 9, by making amends immediately when we are wrong.
 - Step 11 to keep in conscious contact with HP to help us through the first 10 steps.
 - Step 12 to support our abstinence with service to OA and our fellows.
- All this, and I was afraid I would have nothing to report this month!

Thank you for your service!

Susan M. :-)