

NJIOA Minutes
October 10, 2024

Chair: Jon K Vice-Chair: Susan S Treasurer: ToniAnn A

Opening - Meeting called to order at 7:31 pm

OA Responsibility Pledge/Serenity Prayer: Jon K

12 Steps: Robin

12 Traditions: Barbara R

Concept of the Month: ToniAnn A

Unity with Diversity Policy: Jon K

Introduction: Roll Call

Jon K, Chair

Susan S, Vice-Chair

Aggy, Sun AM Mountainside Hospital meeting

Andrea, Parliamentarian

Barbara R, Tues/Thurs 7AM Montclair Step meeting

Gail, Corresponding Secretary, Thurs relapse meeting

Ilene W, Event Chair

Jennifer, Mon AM Lifeline, Fri BB women's meeting

Judy L, Zoom committee

Julie, Tue PM Montclair Step meeting

June, Sun, There's a Solution Zoom BB meeting

Lorraine, Region 7 delegate

Mark H, Sat Cedar Knolls newcomers meeting

Michael, Wed 8 pm Saddle Brook men's meeting

Renee, Sat Montclair Step zoom meeting

Robin, 12-Step Within Chair, Sat AM New Providence meeting

Roz, Wed AM HOW meeting

Steven S, Website Chair

Terry P, Public Information Chair

ToniAnn A, Treasurer

Approval of NJIOA September 2024 Meeting Minutes

Not available. They will be sent out when available and presented at the next meeting.

Standing Committee Reports

Treasury: ToniAnn reported a deposit of \$1,252 did not clear until first October 1st; they will show up next month. Information on the M&T Bank account has been located; work is in progress. Details regarding meeting checks received is available upon request but will not be published to protect anonymity.

Oasis: The fall issue is out and can be read and printed from the NJIOA website. The topic for the winter issue is "God and Me, Perfect Together." Articles are requested by December 1st and can be written and sent via the website.

Agreed: Jon will follow up with Mary Anne regarding the technical problem that occurs when the issue is printed off the website.

Public Information/12 Step Within: Terry announced our intergroup will help man a table at the NJ Psychological Association conference on October 26th in Asbury Park. One or two volunteers are needed for an hour or two, 8-10 or 10-12 when the social workers come to the table to pick up our literature.

Phone line: No newcomer inquiries.

Scholarship: Two Big Books were mailed out this month. Members should be aware that a book will be sent to those who lost their copy due to the flood in Florida.

Website: Steve will be working on the recent inquiries and requested changes with Patrick.

Zoom: Steve will host this weekend's event. One or two more people are needed on the committee to help spread the responsibilities around.

Region 7: Loraine reported that the new Chair of Region 7 is Lee Ann S and Bob L's application for Trustee received approval and will move forward. The Region 7 Convention will take place in Ocean City, MD on November 1-3.

Motion: Expend NJIOA funds for a scholarship for 2 members to attend the Region 7 Convention, covering hotel and registration; any scholarship contributions received from meetings will be put towards food.

Motion: ToniAnn **Second:** Susan S

Motion passed.

Agreed: Jon will work on a flyer to go out to meeting contacts tomorrow; there is a 2 week deadline for scholarship applications.

Events:

Past: Judy reported the Self- Forgiveness workshop was attended by 114 people and very well received; recording will be available on website.

Coming Events: Ilene listed the workshops scheduled in October and November.

Sunday, October 13, virtual meeting, 2:00-5:00pm, *A Journey Through the 12 Steps; A Path to Recovery*

Saturday, November 2, 7:00-9:00pm, in-person *Firelight Meeting*, The New Weis Center, Ringwood, NJ

Sunday, November 17, 7:00-8:30pm, I.D.E.A. virtual workshop, *A Is For Abstinence*

Saturday, November 23, 3:00-5:00pm, *Staying Abstinent Through the Holidays & A Deep Dive Into Step 4*

New Business

Nominations/Elections: Jon reminded members November is the month when nominations for the new board. Chair responsibilities and copies of the bylaws are available on the website. Those currently completing one year can serve for a second year. Elections will be held in December.

Website: There are technical problems which are causing access to the website to be very slow. Steve will reach out to the Host to discuss technical adjustments. If the solution involves additional expense, that will be brought to a future meeting and a vote will be held.

Star Lake Winter Retreat: Susan reported the theme for the virtual event is *Feeling Groovy*; it will be held on Saturday, March 1 from 9am to 5pm. A Save The Date flyer has been distributed. There will be two keynote speakers and 5 workshops.

Proposal to Combine Two Committees: Robin proposed two committees with the same focus become one committee with two chairs: the 12-Step Within and the Events committees since both have abstinence as their focus.

Discussion ensued:

- The 12-Step Within is about creating a safe place for the person who is lost and Events also creates programs which are safe places; the two go together.
- The 12-Step Within is for people who have relapsed; Events reaches those not yet in program.
- These are standing committees in World Service and Region 7 and it is better if our committees match.
- If the committees are combined, it will be hard to separate them in the future.

Decision: Table to next month.

Oasis: Susan suggested the Oasis become available as a hard copy for the in-person meetings. The issue would be two pages in black and white with a meeting list on the last page. ToniAnn pointed out that there is a line item figure of \$400 in the budget.

Motion to close: Susan

Second: Judy

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Loraine B