

**NJIOA Minutes
November 14, 2024**

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

Opening

Meeting called to order by Jon.

OA Responsibility Pledge: Jon

12 Steps: Judy

Concept of the Month: Gail

Serenity Prayer: All

12 Traditions: Mary Ann

Unity with Diversity Policy: ToniAnn

Introduction: Roll Call

Jon K, Chair

Susan S, Vice-Chair

Aggy, Sun AM Mountainside Hospital meeting

Barbara R, Tues 7AM Montclair Step meeting

Gail, Corresponding Secretary, Thurs Relapse meeting

Ilene, Event Chair

Jennie, Visitor

Judy L, Zoom committee

Julie, Tue PM Montclair Step meeting

June, Sun 9:00 PM, There is a Solution, BB meeting

Loraine, Region 7, recording secretary

Mark H, Sat AM, Cedar Knolls Newcomers meeting

Mary Ann, Co-Chair, Oasis

Maryjean, Fri 7 PM, Sat 8:30 PM zoom meetings

Michael, Wed 8 PM, Saddle Brook Men's meeting

Polly, Sponsorship Coordinator

Rebecca, Sun AM, Visitor

Renee, Sat AM Montclair Zoom Step meeting

Roz, Wed AM HOW meeting

Steven S, Website Chair

Terry P, Public Information Chair

ToniAnn A, Treasurer

NJIOA October 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes were approved

Motion: ToniAnn; Seconded: Gail

Standing Committee Reports

Treasury: ToniAnn reported checks deposited in the end of September cleared this month. There were a number of expenditures in October including the Region 7 Assembly delegate expenses and convention scholarships. Of the \$312 for the scholarships, \$200 was donated by meetings. The firelight event had to be cancelled due to the current statewide fire hazard; the site will be contacted to obtain a refund of the \$75.00. Donations of 30% to World Service and 10% to Region 7 will be made at the end of the year.

Oasis: Mary Ann reported the Winter issue will be coming out before the end of the year. The topic is "God and Me, Perfect Together." Articles are requested by December 1st and can be written and sent via the website. There will be a look into the analytics of the Oasis to see how

many visitors to the website opened the Oasis, how many read it and what pages were viewed for the longest time. That should provide an idea of what members like to see.

Public Information/12 Step Within: Terry shared that the committee participated with South and Central Jersey intergroup at the social workers convention. There were about 100 attending and about half of them visited the OA information table. There is great benefit to OA from attending conferences, making contact with social workers and medical professionals. Our committee will continue the collaboration of shared expense and work with the other intergroups. Terry asked for help; there is a lot of service which does not include traveling; there are many ways to carry the message and we need more help to do that.

Scholarship Coordinator: Susan reported four books were sent out. She is out of Big Books and waiting for a new shipment. The cost of this service is being covered by a donation received from a California intergroup.

Sponsor Coordinator: Polly reported nine people reached out for sponsors in October. Presently there hasn't been new contacts from members wanting to be sponsors. Polly has outside sources within OA she gives to the sponsees to contact.

Suggested: To maintain local connections between sponsors and sponsees, try speaking to the sponsor coordinator in a HOW meeting, maybe that person would be willing to help. HOW coordinators make a note of people able to sponsor.

Website: Steve acknowledged that the website slowness is still a problem. He will follow up with Patrick. He will also look into getting the analytics data for the Oasis; he is not sure if an analytics was set up for the account, if not he will work on setting it up. An update on the recording of DonC: it will be on the site soon but he needs editing to remove the disruptions.

Zoom: Steve and Judy will be work to set up the voting for next month and next year's schedule. There are two events in November, the 17th and 23rd. He asked if someone could step in and take the November 17th 7 PM event as he has another commitment at that time. ToniAnn volunteered but will have to check her calendar to be sure.

Region 7: Loraine reported the 2024 Convention was a success with approximately 200 members attending and 135 names on the WeCare list. The 2025 Convention will be held November 7-9 in Bethesda, MD.

Events: Ilene reported that the October 13th workshop was great; DonC was the speaker and 114 people attended. The recording will be on the website shortly.

Coming Events:

11/16 IDEA

Sunday, 11/17, Virtual Workshop: A is For Abstinence, 7:00-8:30 PM

Saturday, 11/23, Virtual Workshop: Staying Abstinent Through the Holidays & A Deep Dive Into Step 4, 3:00-5:00 PM

Thursday, 12/12, 12th Step Within, details TBA

Saturday, 3/1, Virtual Workshop, Feeling Groovy: The NJIOA Winter Retreat, 9:00am-5:00pm
Susan reported a Save The Date flyer is on the website. Music will be part of the event; there will be two keynote speakers and speakers from other parts of the country.

Needed are volunteers to help for an hour or hour and a half during the day. Contact Susan if you can help.

New Business

Nominations/Elections: Jon stated he will not be taken a second year as NJIOA Chair. He thanked everyone for their trust saying it has been an honor and privilege to serve. We will need a new Chair for next year. Anyone interested can have a conversation with me, it does not have to be a decision made today.

Nominations:

Vice-Chair: Susan nominated by Jon; Gail seconded; unanimous approval

Recording Secretary: Loraine nominated by ToniAnn; Susan seconded; unanimous approval

Corresponding Secretary: Gail, nominated by Jon; Susan seconded, unanimous approval

Treasurer: Eileen, nominated by Susan, Judy seconded, unanimous approval

Parliamentarian: ToniAnn, nominated by Susan, Gail seconded, unanimous approval

Special Election: It was agreed to hold the election for this position now, the nominee cannot attend on December 5. ToniAnn was elected Parliamentarian unanimously.

Events: Judy, nominated by Susan, ToniAnn seconded, unanimous approval.

Oasis: Mary Ann, nominated by Jon, Susan seconded, unanimous approval.

Website: Steven, nominated by ToniAnn, Susan seconded, unanimous approval.

Public Information: Terry, nominated by ToniAnn, Susan seconded, unanimous approval.

12TH Step Within: OPEN Position

Region 7 Representatives: OPEN Positions, to be addressed in December

Appointed Positions:

Sponsorship Coordinator, Polly is willing to continue

Phone Line: Mark is willing to continue

Scholarship: OPEN Position; responsibilities: mail soft cover book, one at a time; expenses reimbursed; let Jon or Susan know if you are interested by 12/5

Zoom committee: OPEN Positions; need someone to take it over to make sure zoom events have coverage, intergroup meetings are recorded, and help is available for virtual meetings with technical issues. Training is provided.

Oasis Outreach: NEW Position; print and mail copies of quarterly Oasis to in-person meetings; expenses are reimbursed. Let Jon know if you are interested.

Chair's Comments: The next meeting is December 5th; elections will be held. Please reach out to anyone you think would be a good fit for any of the positions.

Meeting closed with the OA Promise.

Motion to Close: Susan Seconded: Polly

Respectfully submitted,
Loraine B, Recording Secretary