

Chair: Jon K. OAsis: Mary Ann C., Alison L.  
Vice Chair: Susan L. Event Chair: Ilene  
Treasurer: Toni Ann A. Public Information: Terry P.  
Recording Sec.: Maria G. 12 Step Within Chair: Robin  
Corresponding Sec.: Gail Sponsorship: Polly HB  
Parliamentarian: Andrea P. Scholarship: Susan  
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Wld Service Delegate Maria G Zoom Chair: Open  
Website Chair: Open  
Region 7 Delegates: Joyce, Toni Ann A., Maria G., Vanessa C. Mark H

Opening – Meeting called to order at 7:32 PM by  
Jon K

OA Responsibility Pledge: Jon K  
Serenity Prayer: All  
12 Steps: Robin /12 Traditions: Judy  
Concept of the Month 4: Steve  
Unity with Diversity Policy: Toni Ann

#### **Introduction Roll Call:**

**Steve S Zoom Committee**  
**Michael Mens 8pm North Jersey (1<sup>st</sup> time at meeting)**  
**Ilene Event Chair**  
**Robin Sat. New AM Mew Providence 12 Step**  
**and PI Committees**  
**Mary Ann OAsis Coeditors**  
**JillAnne Friday PM Nutley Meeting**  
**Jennifer Monday 10a Lifeline and Friday 9:30a**  
**BB Meeting**  
**Toni Ann Treasurer**  
**Geri F Tues/Thurs 7a Montclair subbing for**  
**Loraine**  
**Maria G Recording Secretary, R7 Representative, World Service**  
**Rep**  
**Judy Zoom Committee**  
**Gail Corres Secretary, Thurs PM Relapse to Recovery**  
**Susan L Tuesday night Step Montclair Event Committee (but**  
**Joyce here)**  
**Mark Saturday AM Cedar Knolls, Hot Line**  
**Terri P PI Chair**  
**Polly HB Sponsorship Coordinator**  
**Joyce Tues night Step in Montclair R7 Rep, PI**  
**Committee**  
**Jon Chair**  
**Susan L Vice Chair**  
**Victor**

#### **Approval of March 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes:**

Motion to Accept: Robin Second: Gail (Minutes approved)  
(few abstentions due to not being at the March meeting)

#### **Standing Committee Reports:**

**Treasury:** Toni Ann Report on screen. \$2,980.05 Income Money transferred over from PayPal. TA will start the transfer earlier so it will show in April's report. Expenses this month paid post office box for 18 months, books for OA scholarship. Central NJ Unity Day- they paid for upgrade to Zoom we collected the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition we sent them ½. Design Foundry- we paid a few months to them for Website Upkeep. Storage Unit raised to \$119 per month for a tent and some supplies. Do we need this storage unit? For 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition TA did not put members names for anonymity and she can share the list of 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions from members to anyone who would like to see it.

No questions on Treasury Report

TA raised that the Budget needs to be worked on and for Committees to please contact TA for what your projected needs are for 2024 to get budget ready for approval

**OAsis:** Marianne OAsis Co Editor- SPRING the Oasis for Spring is out topic is Gratitude we had a good number of submissions. The SUMMER edition is going out June 21- TOPIC is LAUGHTER please submit by June 10<sup>th</sup>. Please send submissions. Short or long stories, poem, story, photos, cartoons all accepted. You can go to website and submit or send directly to Maryanne via email.

**Jon**-Spring Edition is on Website the Newsletter is beautiful. Great topic for you to break the ice and submit something

**Public Information:** Teri- The Committee has added a new member!! Last month we talked about going to Farmers Mkts. Central Jersey contacted TP about a health Fair on April 28 in Westfield at the Westfield YMCA we were invited to share the table with them. Very exciting my committee is going to participate. Our first activity of the year! Still working on the Farmers Markets will have more information next month. We will find out about more health fairs and the collaboration with Central NJ will grow. Great that we do these things together. Time is April 28 10a to 2pm. Robin 11a-2p clarified time. Gail had Cardiologists routine check up. Gail offered Dr to give out her number A-FIB clinic maybe OA can come to talk to a small group, but need to clarify if breaking any traditions Gail will talk to TP about it. Jon working on Insurance Certificate. Robin raised ? re: Storage Facility could we go to facility to check out what is there. We may need tent Robin might be able to store and check to see what else is in there. TP we are going to need brochures and literature for Farmers Mkt. will work out a time to visit storage facility.

**Info Line/Telephone Committee:** Mark no updates a few people called just 2.

**In-reach/12-Step Within Committee:** Robin- nothing new to add see PI above.

**Scholarships:** Susan S asked Jon to give the report- Sent out 2 BB's and one 12/12 TA took care of ordering books. Jon explained Scholarship program which is also on the Website.

**Sponsorship:** Polly HB. Pretty slow this past month. Only 3 people looking for sponsors. 2 People avail to sponsor. If we cant match you try What's App BB Sponsorship group and 2<sup>nd</sup> hour of Vision. Katie G has been helping from Massachusetts. Polly suggested maybe we need to add more questions to the form the sponsors and sponsees fill out. Jon explained the Sponsorship Program.

**Website:** Jon- Last month speaker program is uploaded. Sunday Hoboken meeting Jon will work on that issue. Dates for IG meeting needs to be updated. Jill Ann raised cyber security in the meetings. Steve talked about a Zoom bombing last month and working with that meeting. He and Jon are working on putting together something more formal for the website. Joyce mentioned there was a Zoom bomber in her meeting. On meeting list on our website they can see passwords if they are listed. Not sure how to resolve. Delve deeper on how we can protect ourselves with Virtual meetings. Steve will work on best practices. Judy mentioned that her meeting created a waiting room in Zoom and that has been working. Steve mentikoned that his Mens meeting had a few zoom bombings but changed their Passcode a few times that seems to work. Also look into training. Can trace an IP address? Steve We can't do that but you can report them and they can get banned- but they can make another Zoom account.

**Zoom Committee:** Steve is handling for now, but looking for a Full Time Chair. Most everything was covered in the above Website report. Judy- are we having a Zoom Committee meeting?

## **OA WORLD Service Report**

World Service Business Conference May 7-11 Albuquerque New Mexico- Maria is attending!

### **NEW SURVEY**

OA is revising a piece of literature "Recovery What Works for You." The survey focuses on what recovery actions are most helpful to our members. Takes less than 10 minutes. Share your experience of what works for you and how you work it. Your answers will provide valuable insight! Survey is open until June 15 Go to <https://oa.org/news/> and look for Recovery What Works for you OA Survey

### **REGION 7**

R7 Spring Assembly -Saturday April 13 Virtual (on Zoom) Everyone who has registered should have received info via email including the agenda for Saturday. If you are a Green Dot or a Newbee you start at 8a otherwise everyone else starts at 8:30a and it should be done by 5p. All the information is also posted on the Website. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Fall 2024 Assembly– September 27-29, 2024. Winchester, VA

SAVE THE DATE 2024 Region 7 Convention November 1, 2024 November 3, 2024 Ocean City Maryland

### **NJIOA Events: Ilene Chair Reporting**

#### **Past Events:**

Winter Retreat: Toni Ann. Time to Recover. Successful Retreat-116 registrants total \$2,185 last year 170 \$3,850. Out of 116 registered Canada, Israel and only 48 from NJ. Rest of participants from diff places around the US.

March 24 Incredible Story of Transformation- Harlan joined us 115 people give or take. Took a break inbetween wonderful 3 hours.

Sunday April 14 Body Positive: LIVE EVENT 2p-4p in Monclair.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

For the August 18 Sponsorship Day. NJIOA and Southern NJ IG partnering up and the Theme is page 181 from BB why Dr Bob Sponsors and his 4 reasons 4 speakers centered around that theme 9:30a-11:30a on Zoom.

September Workshop no info yet in works

Special thank you again to Susan and Alison for the flyers and for Steve for setting up the Zooms

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Keeping this on report even though it was not reported on.

June 23 2p-4p Relapse Prevention Keeping you Recovery in Tip-Top Shape Virtual/Phone

July 14 10a-noon The Psychic Change Sunday Virtual/Phone

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Outdated by Laws and Policies. They have not been updated in 4 years things have changed time to revisit the Policies we had and the bylaws that we have. Andrea and Jon will start taking a look at. If anyone wants to be part of the committee, please reach out to Jon. More details as process evolves.

Polly HB- Question Central NJ holding a vote to change certain words in steps. Change word HIM in steps. TA explained Tabled for later discussion.

Anything else...

Please get the word out about this event. A Day Trip to Stepping Stones June 8 Group of people visit historic home of Bill and Lois.

Geri F thanked us for having a very active NJIOA.

**O.A. Promise**

Full Group- I put my hand in yours, and together we can do what we could never do alone. No longer is there a sense of hopelessness, no longer must we each depend upon our own unsteady willpower. We are all together now, reaching out our hands for power and strength greater than ours, and as we join hands, we find love and understanding beyond our wildest dreams.

**Motion to Close:** Victor **Second:** Polly HB

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM. Respectfully submitted, Maria

G. See you May 9