

Chair: Toni Ann A.

Vice Chair: Maria G.

Treasurer: Mark H.

Corresponding Sec.: Nancy A.

Recording Sec.: Jon K.

OAsis: Mary Ann C., Alison L.

Public Information: Terry P.

Parliamentarian: Andrea P.

Region 7 Delegates: Terry P., Maria G., Jon K.

Vanessa C., Mark H.

Opening – Meeting called to order.

OA Responsibility Pledge/Serenity Prayer: Toni Ann/Everyone 12 Steps: Robin 12 Traditions: Nancy

Concept of the Month: Toni Ann Unity with Diversity Policy: Toni Ann

**Introduction Roll Call:**

**Toni Ann A., Chair**

**Maria G., Vice-Chair, Region 7 Delegate**

**Andrea, Parliamentarian**

**Gail S., Thursday PM Relapse Meeting**

**Jennifer, Monday Lifeline**

**Joyce S., Tuesday PM Montclair Step/Tradition Meeting**

**Judy L., Events Chair**

**Lorraine, Tue/Thurs Montclair Step**

**Marcy, Wayne Tuesday 7:30PM Zoom Step Meeting**

**Mark H., Treasurer, Region 7 Delegate, Sat Cedar Knolls**

**Nancy, Corresponding Secretary**

**Robin, 12-Step Within Chair, Saturday AM New Providence Meeting**

**Steven S., Wednesday 8 PM Saddle Brook Men's Meeting, Zoom Committee**

**Terry P., Public Information Chair**

**Vanessa, Monday Livingston Meeting, Region 7 Delegate**

**Approval of August Meeting Minutes**

Motion to Accept: Judy Second: Maria

OAsis submittal correction due 12/1, not 10/1

Motion passed with 2 abstentions.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Treasury:** Toni Ann made deposit of checks, but they do not show on this month's report. Mark was able to get notes on donations and add them to report if they were added with donations. \$200 expense for Firelight space.

**OAsis:** Fall issue has been out. The new topic will be “Importance of Honesty in Your Program.” Submittals are due 12/1.

**Info Line/Telephone Committee:** Mark did report we had 1 phone call.

**Public Information:** Terry met with Central and South Jersey chairs about making more of an impact. Looking at billboards and what they cost will be.

**In-reach/12-Step Within Committee:** Robin reported that posters are out of stock. Will have zoom meeting with PI committee on Monday. 12/12 event planning has begun. The flyer will be available soon. Working on speakers. Contact Robin if you want to be a speaker for 5 minutes. 3 books were mailed out this month.

**Sponsorship:** Ilene shared that we have paired 64 (59 Female/5 Male) people year-to-date with sponsors, including 4 this month. Please go back to your meetings and sponsees to add their names to the directory for sponsors.

**Website:** Toni Ann shared that webmaster is great at putting things up in a timely manner. Getting great feedback.

**Zoom Committee:** Steven reported that we had one new request for coverage. Still looking for new volunteers.

**World Service Report:** Per Maria, OA World is working on a new piece of literature. Looking for stories of people with mental illness in recovery. Submittals due no later than November 30<sup>th</sup>. Events can be posted via website at [www.OA.org/calendar](http://www.OA.org/calendar). Lifeline stories are about Step 9 this month.

**Region 7:** Assembly was held on September 29-30. Mark shared that the Outreach committee worked on getting QR codes available on people's phones. Vanessa shared that convention committee is hard at work on planning a fun time. Other committees' notes can be found @ OARegion7.org.

### **NJIOA Events: (Judy)**

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- **Sunday October 15 – 11:00 AM:** Hike and Picnic at Tourne Park in Boonton. There will be a step 11 meditation at the top of the mountain for those who want to participate. Bring your own lunch. Even though rain may be forecast, we will try and meet.
- **Region 7 2023 Convention:** Sail into Recovery: Together We Get Better. This will be held in Ocean City Maryland from November 3<sup>rd</sup>-November 5<sup>th</sup>. Will be part of new business.
- **November 4<sup>th</sup> Firelight Meeting:** Will be from 7-9 PM @ Lorrimer Sanctuary (Franklin Lakes)

- **November 18<sup>th</sup> Idea Day:** 1-3 PM. 3 speakers talking about Abstinence and its importance to them. Great bolster to programs before the holidays.
- **December 12<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Step Within Day:** As shared by Robin earlier, we are planning an evening event to be sponsored by Tuesday PM Newcomer Meeting. Will be 7-8:30 PM. Flyer coming soon.

#### Old Business:

- **Star Lake Retreat:** Toni Ann will chair the Star Lake. Will be virtual sometime in February 2024. We need help to plan a great event. “Transition” may be the theme. We may still do a live retreat in Spring in addition.
- **Nominating Committee:** Lot of feelers are going out. We should be in good shape for next month.

#### New Business:

- **Region 7 Convention:** 163 people have signed up to date. Lots of great fun things planned. Dance party, DJ. The hotel is great, and there will be lots of options for food. Toni Ann is asking to sell off unused literature (books) at the convention. Proceeds will go to a 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition donation. Go back to with this to your meeting, Motion made by Andrea that when we sell literature, we have sign asking for “donation for your appreciation” (suggested donation). Motion passed with 8 yes votes, 2 no votes and 2 abstentions.
- **Scholarship for Region 7 Convention:** Can take money from our coffers to use for someone to attend the convention. Names would be submitted to Toni Ann and would be chosen by lottery. The motion was made by Andrea that we offer 2 scholarships to offer for this convention. Seconded by Robin. We will pay for 1 room (double occupancy) for both days, plus registration fees. This will be approximately \$400.00. The first person chosen will have the option of which sex to share room with. Motion passed with 11 yeses. If you want to be entered into raffle, send info to [chair@njioa.org](mailto:chair@njioa.org) by 10/27.
- **Raffle Basket for Convention:** Intergroups offer baskets for Saturday night’s evening program. Motion made by Andrea to give \$100.00 gift card to raffle. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

**Motion to Close: Robin**

**Second: Nancy**

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon K.