

## Greater Pittsburgh OA Intergroup Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2019 GPI Meeting

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**NEXT MEETINGS:** 2019 -- August 4, September 8, October 6, November 10 (Shadyside Hospital West Wing Classroom A/B behind the Starbucks kiosk), December 8

2020 -- January 5, February 2, March 1, April 5, no May meeting, June 7

**NEXT Mailing, Literature Order & Deadline:** delivered at Jul GPI meeting (deadline for submission Jun 15th)

**ROLL CALL:** 21 people present (20 voting members)

2 Executive board: **Linda A.** (Vice-Chair), **Ruth D.** (Treasurer)

6 Standing Chair(s)/Regional Reps/WSBC Delegates: **Beth D.** (12th Step Within), **Monica F.** (Public Info), **Elaine T.** (Speakers Bureau), **Jeanne H.** (VOR Editor), **Kristi K.** (Region 7 Rep), **Dorothy W.** (Region 7 Rep & WSBC Delegate)

12 Reps: **Jessica F.** (Sun 6p Brentwood), **Susan C.** (Mon 7:30p Brentwood), **Sue W.** (Tue 6:30p Bellevue), **Dee C.** (Tue 7p Plum), **Tricia S.** (Tue 7:15p Mt Lebanon), **Judy D.** (Wed 10a Pgh-East Liberty), **Gene M.** (Wed 6p Monesson), **Katie H.** (Wed 7:15p Franklin Park) **Elaine R.** (Thu 10a Aspinwall), **Sheree C.** (Fri 7:30p Vandergrift), **Donna G.** (Sat 10a Monroeville) **Cori K.** (Sat 10:30a Cranberry Twp)

1 guest: Jean P.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Dorothy W celebrated 38 years in OA

**MINUTES:** June minutes approved as submitted

### **REPORTS (Executive Board):**

**Chair:** Ruth D. chaired this month's GPI meeting

**Vice-Chair:** report reviewed, Linda A, Katie H & Jessica F will meet before the August GPI meeting re: PnP Manual updates, Linda A asked that all chairs review their position requirements in the PnP Manual to make sure they are up to date

**Treasurer:** report & financials reviewed, Tricia S asked if we can use Retreat Scholarship money to send people to other events -- we cannot because the groups donated for this specific purpose

### **REPORTS (Standing Committee Chairs):**

**12<sup>th</sup> Step Within:** report reviewed, 10/12/19 Serenity workshop from 9a-12p

**PO:** vacant, no report

**PI:** report reviewed, Monica may have an event in August, Jess will get new PI literature to storage locker before then

**Speakers Bureau:** absent, report reviewed, Jess will assist Elaine with updating the Speakers List

**VOR Editor:** absent, report reviewed, no questions

**Marathon:** absent, no report submitted

### **REPORTS (Other Trusted Servants):**

**Region 7 Representatives & Alternates:** reports reviewed, Kristi will forward contact info re: insurance to Linda A, Susan C will forward info from another group she is a part of, some meeting locations require groups to pay for insurance

**World Service Business Conference Delegate:** report reviewed, Dorothy reported that Lifeline will be discontinued in December of 2020, new literature was adopted, the 2020 World Convention will be held in Orlando, FL from 8/20/20-8/22/20, and that Hybrid meetings are meetings where a Face to Face meeting allows people to call in.

**Webmaster/Administrator:** report reviewed, she's working on the online archive login issues with Google

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and exploring other alternatives.

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### OLD BUSINESS:

- GPI Chair sign up sheet passed around, Beth D took August & Kristi K took September
- Virtual GPI Committee: Linda A, Katie H & Jessica F will start to address these issues at their PnP Manual meeting
- No new information on the Erie meetings joining GPI
- Liability insurance as suggested at the WSBC, no new information but the following discussion took place (Kristi has the contact info re: liability insurance and will forward it to Linda A for follow up):
  - Dee C asked if we need it as a group, and suggested that we get some kind of legal advice before proceeding.
  - Susan C reported that her local library had this issue, she will forward information to Linda A
  - Some individual GPI meetings are required to pay liability insurance as a requirement from their meeting place
  - Jean P raised concerns about yoga at the picnic, as she will be the yoga instructor

### NEW BUSINESS:

- October Elections: deadline for election applications to be submitted to the Executive Board is 9/22/19. Linda A (Vice Chair), Beth D (12th Step Within), and Dorothy W (Region 7 Rep) cannot run again for those same positions, and all current chairs are encouraged to be developing their replacements from within their committees
- Sheree has some OA recovery coins which were donated to her for distribution to GPI, she'll bring them the next time she is at the GPI meeting
- Linda A pointed out that the most recent Suggested Meeting Format from WSO suggests a \$5 or more contribution to the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition basket, which the Executive Board feels is excessive. During discussion, Kristi pointed out that fewer people attend face to face meetings, more virtual meetings take place than live meetings, and Dorothy W confirmed that contributions from virtual meetings to WSO are increasing; Dorothy will get more information and report back to GPI. It was agreed that this issue should be decided by each individual group conscience, as per Tradition 4. Jeanne H will write an article for the Q4 VOR & submit to the Exec Board for review before publication.

There were no ASK IT BASKET/GROUP CONCERNS or ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Meeting adjourned**

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### GPI Reports for 7/14/19

**VACANT: Chair, Professional Outreach, Region 7 Reps-2 / Alts-2, World Service Delegates-2 / Alts-2**

#### **Vice-Chair (Linda A): June**

- Worked on PnP Manual
- Attended Executive Board Conference Call, & cleaned out mail boxes

#### **Vice-Chair (Linda A): July Goals**

- Continue work on PnP Manual
- Meet or conference call with Special Worker and/or PnP Committee per PnP Manual
- Attend Executive Board conference call, prepare for August meeting & clean out mail boxes

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### Treasurer (Ruth D): June

- Cleaned out Treasurer, Finance Committee and Ex-Officio mailboxes
- Received mail from PO Box from Cecelia & paid all bills
- Deposited group contributions & available to facilitate electronic donations by groups
- Updated spreadsheet, reconciled spreadsheet with bank statement
- Attended Executive Board Conference Call
- Amended Annual 2018 GPI End-Of-Year Financial Report
- Finalized Retreat Scholarship Balance (1 double room \$189, 1 day tripper \$62, balance = \$584)

### Treasurer (Ruth D): July Goals

- Clean out Treasurer, Finance Committee and Ex-officio mailboxes
- Continue to receive and (distribute where appropriate) mail from PO Box
- Pay all bills and deposit group contributions and other receipts
- Update spreadsheet, reconcile bank statement with spreadsheet
- Attend Executive Board conference call
- Be available to facilitate electronic donations by groups
- Talk to Jessica F. re: Treasurer's archive issues and revised Budget form for 2020

### 12th Step Within (Beth D): June

- Cleaned out mailboxes
- A panel will discuss food plans as the program for the picnic, three speakers lined up & we'll have yoga.
- Worked on fall Workshop, topic is Serenity & we'll have 2 or 3 speakers who will tell how they work to decrease their expectations and learn to accept what they do not like.
- This workshop will be on Saturday Oct. 12 at South Avenue United Methodist Church in Wilkinsburg.
- Picnic and Sponsorship Day flyers ready to go.

### 12th Step Within (Beth D): July Goals

- Clean out mailboxes.
- Finalize plans for the picnic.
- Work on questions for writing for the fall workshop & look for speakers for workshop

### Public Information (PI-Monica ): June

- Cleaned out both email addresses
- Confirmed with Linda A, and Roger R to be speakers at the Oct. 8th Resource Fair. Paperwork completed & submitted by Linda & Roger to American Health-Care contact, Carla Clipper
- Investigated Health & Wellness Fair @ Market Square, every Monday 11 AM - 2 PM thru the summer (8 more weeks as of July 15th). Cost for non-profits is \$35.00 per week, which exceeds the remaining PI 2019 budget; OA would also have to provide table and chairs. PI Chair declined to submit application.
- Reached out to Micke J. PI/PO Chair in Southern NJ to continue to review other PI opportunities.

### Public Information (PI-Monica): July Goals

- Continue to research other PI opportunities

### Speakers Bureau (Elaine T): June

- Cleaned up mailboxes
- Lined up speaker for July GPI Speaker meeting
- Contacted everyone on last Speakers List (a few wrong numbers and some never responded)

### Speakers Bureau (Elaine T): July Goals

- Clean out email boxes

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- Line up speakers for future GPI meetings
- Get help with updating Speakers List for 4th Q mailing

### VOR (Jeanne H): June

- Cleaned out both mailboxes.
- The Q3 final is sent to Jess for July mtg packet.

### VOR (Jeanne H): July Goals

- Start soliciting for Q4 articles.

### Marathon (Lanie T): no report submitted

### Region 7 Representatives (Dorothy W): June

- Chaired a Twelfth Step Within committee meeting
- Submitted a proposed amendment to the Region 7 policy manual
- Obtained the name of a possible resource for information on liability insurance

### Region 7 Representatives (Dorothy W): July Goals

- Clean out mailbox

### Region 7 Representatives (Kristi K): June Tasks

- Prepped agenda for and chaired June 23 conference call with Region 7 Outreach Committee
- Provided PI Chair, Monica with ordering info re: Central Jersey IG promotional pens
- Drafted proposed amendment to Region 7 Policy manual and shared with Region 7 Board representative and committee
- Typed meeting notes and shared with committee

### Region 7 Representatives (Kristi K): July Goals

- R7 Outreach task - contact 3 IGs re: outreach resources
- Provide support to R7 committee member re: shared folder on Google Drive
- Create agenda and prepare for upcoming Outreach Committee conference call on August 11th
- Facilitate committee decision regarding submitted request for R7 Outreach Funding

### World Service Delegates (Dorothy W): June

- Cleaned out mailbox
- Attended and co-chaired the Unity with Diversity (UWD) Outreach subcommittee meeting
- Attended a Unity with Diversity Chair persons meeting

### World Service Delegates (Dorothy W): July Goals

- Clean out mailbox
- Confer with co-chair about agenda for next subcommittee meeting
- Attend and co-chair the UWD Outreach subcommittee
- Submit quarterly subcommittee report to the UWD chair

### GPI Webmaster/Administrative Special Worker (Jessica F): June

- Website, gpioa.org email aliases, database & online archive current, pairList active, WSO meeting list up to date, continued to check voicemail box & send out meeting packets as needed:
  - '19 11 sent as of 7/10/19: 2 Jan, 2 Feb, 1 Mar, 0 Apr, 2 May, 2 Jun, 2 Jul
- Sent out all GPI emails re: upcoming events & announcements
- Prepared for July GPI meeting & mailing: created reporting document, cleaned email boxes & sent monthly reminder, posted documents online, printed needed documents

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### GPI Webmaster/Administrative Special Worker (Jessica F): July Goals

- Keep website, gpioa.org email aliases, database & online archive current, continue work w/Tech Committee re: WSO meeting list, clean out email boxes, check voicemail regularly & send out meeting lists as needed
- Talk to Ruth D re: Treasurer's archive issues
- Work on PnP Manual updates
- (future goal) review GPI physical documents & scan for online archive