

Greater Pittsburgh OA Intergroup Zoom Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2024 Minutes taken by Sheree C.

Serenity Prayer

Reading of the Ninth Concept of OA Service

ANNIVERSARIES: Beth A. 9 years in meetings, Ro 30 years in program

ROLL CALL: (15 people present, 15 voting members)

4 Executive board: **Ro M.** (Chair), **Dee C.** (Treasurer), **Sheree C.** (Secretary) **Kristi K.** (Ex-Officio)

3 Standing Chair(s)/Regional Reps/WSBC Delegates: **Liv S.** (Speakers), **Beth A.** (VOR Editor), **Tricia S.** (WSBC Delegate),

Jessica F. (Webmaster) (Voting for Thu. 6p Bellevue)

8 Reps: **Melanie G.** (Mon 7p Sewickley), **Debbie B.** (Mon 7:30p Lower Burrell), **Janine C.** (Tue 7p Plum), **Jessica F.** (Thu 6p Bellevue), **Judy D.** (Sat 9a Pgh-Shadyside), **Beth D.** (Sat 10a Monroeville), **Mary Ann C.** (Sat 10:30a Castle Shannon), **Juanita K.** (Sat 10:30a Erie)

No Visitors

MINUTES: Motion made/accepted to approve August minutes as submitted.

REPORTS (Executive Board): All officer's reports reviewed.

Chair (Ro M): Report reviewed. no questions.

Ex-Officio (Kristi K): Report reviewed, no questions.

Treasurer (Dee C.): Financials Reviewed.

Secretary (Sheree C): Report Reviewed, no questions.

REPORTS (Standing Committee Chairs): All chairs' reports reviewed.

12th Step Chair (Linda A.): Linda was absent. Report reviewed. Other meetings were encouraged to hold the Recovery from Relapse meetings. Two are currently scheduled. Still looking for a meeting to sponsor IDEA Day in November.

Speaker's Bureau Chair (Liv S.): Report reviewed. No new speakers added, no requests.

VOR Editor (Beth A): Committee has decided on 2025 themes. Deadline for current newsletter is coming up on September 14. Please tell groups that Serenity/Courage are great principles. Would love to have more articles. Beth is willing to help edit if someone is hesitant to write an article.

REPORTS (Other Trusted Servants): All trusted servants' reports reviewed.

Region 7 (Kristi K): No activities in the past month. Fall assembly will be September 27-29. Kristi is registered to attend. There is a Region 7 workshop on the benefits of Face to Face meetings posted on R7 website and available for use. <https://oaregion7.org/resources/> Kristi would appreciate feedback on the PowerPoint.

WSBC (Tricia S): Report reviewed. Tricia was able to attend a committee and subcommittee meeting. Subcommittee is Medical and Professionals. She is looking for outreach resources for intergroups.

Webmaster (Jessica): report reviewed. Jessica has discovered an issue on the editable election form on the website and will update it with an editable PDF version after the meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Chair Role/Ro M.** Ro gave a comprehensive synopsis of her duties as Chair, a report on what GPI is doing to attract new members, and ways she has worked to help make the meetings concise, interesting and informative. We are now sending out an email with highlights of the meetings. Ro went over the small but important GPI roles that are available that would take minimal time commitments.

- **Region 7 Convention, November 1-3:** Items will be collected for a Pittsburgh-themed basket. Contact Liv to get items to her.
- **Upcoming elections/open positions:**
 - **Vice chair:** Attends GPI and Executive Board meetings, as well as chairs the Policy Committee.
 - **Outreach:** Standing chair position. There is a manual available for the position, as well as Public Service Announcements and posters available from World Service. Dorothy W. will man the CMU Health Fair.
 - **Events:** Gene and committee were working to put together a retreat, but he had to step down as a result of a serious traffic accident and injuries. If someone is willing to take the position and take care of IDEA and Unity Day, Picnic, etc., we can separate the position from the retreat.
 - **Treasurer:** While Dee is willing to continue as treasurer, she is also willing to give it up if someone is interested in taking this position.
 - Please submit applications for all positions before the September 22 Executive Board meeting. Position requirements are listed in the PnP manual. If a person is interested in serving a second term, they will still need to submit an application.
- **Encouraging more meetings to send an IR to GPI**
 - Only about half of our meetings send representatives to GPI. We are asking reps to attend one of these meetings to encourage them to send a representative to GPI. A chart of meetings that do not currently have a rep is included in the agenda. Contact Ro if you are willing to participate.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - 9/13-9/15 10th Annual “Just Rustic Enough” OA Men’s Retreat at Laurel Hill State Park
 - 9/21 Fun Not Food Picnic sponsored by Cranberry & Butler meetings at North Park
 - September 27-29 Region 7 Assembly, Winchester, VA
 - September 28, Recovery from Relapse meeting, Monroeville 10 am Saturday meeting
 - October 3, Recovery from Relapse meeting, Aspinwall 10 am Saturday Zoom meeting
 - October 30: GPI booth at the CMU Health Fair
 - November 1-3: Region 7 Convention, Ocean City, MD
 - November 16: IDEA Day - *looking for a meeting to sponsor this event*
 - January 18: OA Birthday sponsored by Monroeville Saturday 10 am
- **Other Issues & Concerns:**
 - New OA book, Diverse Voices & Common Solutions, \$13.50 hard copy, \$9.00 digital copy

ITEMS TO TAKE BACK TO MEETINGS:

- Follow up Email will be sent with take-aways.
- Contact Ro if you are willing to reach out to meetings without an IR rep.
- Share your thoughts on Serenity and Courage in OA with the VOR. Contributions are needed by September 14.
- Donations for a Pittsburgh-themed gift basket for Region 7 convention can be coordinated with Liv S
- Consider increasing your OA contribution to \$5/week to support the various levels of OA

Meeting adjourned with OA Responsibility Pledge.

Next Meeting: October 6, 2024, 2pm, same Zoom info.