

## Greater Pittsburgh OA Intergroup Zoom Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2025, Minutes taken by Sheree C.

### Serenity Prayer

### Reading of the Second Concept of OA Service

**ANNIVERSARIES SINCE LAST GPI MEETING:** 1/9 Jessica F. 30 years Abstinence

**ROLL CALL:** (18 people present, 16 voting members)

**3 Executive board:** **Ro M.** (Chair), **Dee C.** (Treasurer), **Sheree C.** (Secretary)

**4 Standing Chair(s)/Regional Reps/WSBC Delegates:** **Debbie B.** (12 Step Within), **Beth A.** (VOR Editor), **Kristi K.** (R7 Rep), **Tricia S.** (WSBC Delegate)

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

**9 Reps:** **Lynn W.** (Mon 7:30p Lower Burrell), **Jessica F.** (Thu 6p Bellevue), **Cinda B.** (Thu 6p Meadville), **Shannon P.** (Sat 9a Bridgeport WV), **Judy D.** (Sat 9a Pgh-Shadyside), **Beth D.** (Sat 10a Monroeville), **Mary Ann C.** (10:30a Castle Shannon), **Chris S.** (Sat 10:30a Cranberry), **Juanita K.** (Sat 10:30a Erie)

**2 Visitors:** **Linda A.**, **Autumn B.**

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

**REPORTS (Executive Board):** All officers' reports reviewed.

**Chair (Ro M):** Report reviewed. The Policy Committee is still working on the PnP manual. Scholarship Fund/Retreat proposal ad hoc committee is being formed. Thirty two mailings for College Health service departments have been prepared.

**Treasurer (Dee C.)** Financials Reviewed. Contributions were down for January. The large negative amount balance for the month was due to payment for our two year's subscription to Pair network and our liability insurance for the year.

**Secretary (Sheree C):** Report Reviewed. Beginning to investigate holding a Traditions workshop.

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

**12th Step Chair (Debbie B.):** Report Reviewed. 12th Step Within is hosting a Zoom meeting for Unity Day on 2/23/2025 from 2-3pm. Looking for meetings interested in holding a Recovery from Relapse program.

**Speaker's Bureau Chair (Liv S.):** Report reviewed.

**VOR Editor (Beth A):** Report Reviewed, newsletter was January 1. Good idea from Kristi K.: the latest edition of the VOR was used as a literature topic for a meeting. Next issue submissions needed by March 15.

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

**Region 7 (Kristi K):** Report Reviewed. Region 7 Spring Assembly packet now available. Kristi put highlights in her report. There is a move afoot to move the Convention inland to be more accessible to Western PA folk.

**WSBC (Tricia S):** Report reviewed. Tricia is working on Health fair support for the WSBC. Tricia and her committee have created a virtual welcome room on OA.org that can be accessed for intergroup use.

**Webmaster (Jessica):** Report reviewed.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

#### ● **Events & Activities:**

- Bellevue 2nd Anniversary 1/9 (recap) Special in-person gratitude meeting, and fell on a member's anniversary, which made it extra special. They had some extra attendees.
- OA Birthday by Monroeville 1/18 (recap): Focus was on the Promises, and was very helpful and well attended. There were also coloring pages and a gift card that was exchanged with someone next to you.

- February 23: OA Unity Day sponsored by our 12th Step Within Committee: Committee will meet 2/10 to finalize plans for virtual meeting. The purpose is to get together to say the Unity Prayer with OA around the world at 2:30.

- **Service Opportunities**

- Have your meeting sponsor a Recovery from Relapse event/12th Step Within committee
- Write a Q2 VOR article on “My Spiritual Condition”. Deadline is March 15 for submissions.
- Staff an OA booth at the American Health Care Where to turn Fair, date TBD. We will need volunteers if we want to staff a booth/table.
- Join our Speakers’ list
- Support new meetings in Sharpsburg, Scottdale (Scottdale is a women-only meeting) and Ligonier
- Volunteer to play some role in a retreat (2026) If interested, reach out to Ro.
- Start a face-to-face meeting in Southeastern Allegheny county or in the city of Pittsburgh
- Apply for open positions: Outreach, Events, Vice Chair and Region 7 Reps and World Service Delegates
- Help Liv update the Speaker's List

- **World Service Business Conference Motion Review:** Questions gone over and will be filed with WSO (all approved)

- **Member Retention Discussion Follow-up:** Castle Shannon got posters and placed them. They also did a basket with member’s phone numbers with a promise to call the recipient during the week. Cranberry sends out cards to members that have been absent or ill.

- **Other items for future discussion: Traditions, group consciences, etc.**

- **Other Issues & Concerns:**

- Members planning to attend the World Service Convention in August: If anyone is planning to go, reach out to Tricia and let her know.
- **Jessica on our Social Media initiative:** GPI is now active on both Facebook and Instagram. Our website posts only events in our intergroup area, but there are links for other regions or the World Service Events Calendar, but we may post specific events from outside our intergroup area on our Facebook and Instagram pages. Anyone can see the information without liking or following the page. Our Instagram page is only available to Instagram users, so Jessica shared it with us on a screen share. At some point Jessica will share a meeting list through an Instagram Story function. There are icons at the top of our home page that link to our Facebook or Instagram pages.
- The contact member for the Castle Shannon meeting needs to be changed. All meetings are encouraged to let Jessica (our webmaster) know of any changes to meeting information.
- A question was asked about how the hybrid meetings were going. Meadville rep said that they have regular attendees using the hybrid capability. They have been meeting virtually only during the winter months but are going back to hybrid. Castle Shannon is getting occasional attendees online as well.

**ITEMS TO TAKE BACK TO MEETINGS:**

- Follow up Email will be sent with take-aways.

**Meeting adjourned with OA Responsibility Pledge.**

**Next Meeting:** March 2, 2025, 2-3:30pm, same Zoom info.