

Greater Pittsburgh OA Intergroup Zoom Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2025, Minutes taken by Sheree C.

Serenity Prayer

Reading of the Fourth Concept of OA Service

ANNIVERSARIES SINCE LAST GPI MEETING: Juanita K. 36 years

ROLL CALL: (19 people present, 18 voting members)

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

5 Standing Chair(s)/Regional Reps/WSBC Delegates: **Debbie B.** (12 Step Within), **Liv S.** (Speakers), **Beth A.** (VOR Editor), **Kristi K.** (Region 7 Rep), **Tricia S.** (WSBC Delegate)

10 Reps: **Rebecca C.** (Mon 6:30p Sharpsburg), **Melanie G.** (Mon 7p Sewickley), **Lynn W.** (Mon 7:30p Lower Burrell), **Linda C.** (Tue 7p Butler), **Janine C.** (Tue 7p Plum), **Jessica F.** (Thu 6:30p Bellevue), **Shannon P.** (Sat 9a Bridgeport/Shadyside), **Beth D.** (Sat 10a Monroeville), **Christine S.** (Sat 10:30a Cranberry), **Juanita K.** (Sat 10:30a Erie)

Jessica F. (Webmaster)(voting as Bellevue Rep)

1 Visitor: **Linda A.** (Guest)

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

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

Chair (Ro M): Report reviewed. Scholarship fund will be invested in a 1-year CD and will be reviewed in a year. PnP and Bylaw amendments will be discussed and we will look to approve in July. Reorganization discussion was held and Ad hoc committee members solicited. Region 7 fund for outreach will be approached to help fund transit advertising.

Treasurer (Dee C.) Financials reviewed. Q: Would the Exec board consider asking for a 7th Tradition donation at the GPI Business meeting? Donations are down. In the past, we were receiving \$700-750 per month, and we are considerably short of that goal in recent months. The 7th Tradition donation will be taken under consideration.

Secretary (Sheree C): Report Reviewed.

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

12th Step Chair (Debbie B.): Report Reviewed. Sponsorship workshop flyer is pending.

Speaker's Bureau Chair (Liv S.): Report reviewed. No activity during the past two months, will be leaving her position in October but has enjoyed being the Speaker chair.

VOR Editor (Beth A): Report Reviewed. 4th Quarter is looking for submissions.

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

Region 7 (Kristi K): Report Reviewed. Region 7 Committee meeting in June. Is bringing attention to Region 7 resources, such as business cards to hand out/put on bulletin boards, etc. Linda A. added that they are still working on a virtual convention, and the decision is expected to be made by July 1. Journals are available, and being stored in Staunton Virginia, and the treasurer would be willing to meet someone halfway to avoid shipping costs. A member may be traveling in that direction this week and is willing to pick them up. There is a similar journal available from Region 1/Amazon if Region 7 is not going to continue printing them.

WSBC (Tricia S): Report reviewed. We qualify for four World Service Delegates and currently field one, and she will term out this year. There is a lot to be gained by serving in that capacity. WSBC will be in-person every other year, and is very beneficial to the delegates who attend.

Webmaster (Jessica): Report reviewed. Jessica would like to know whether it would be helpful to post a notice on our website under events for the monthly GPI meeting. Should she also post it on our social media pages?

Will it potentially attract people who are not attending for the right reasons? A show of hands indicated that most people would be agreeable to posting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Policy & Procedure Amendments:** World Service has asked us to go back to our Bylaws and be sure that they are in line with what World Service requires. Upon review, the decision was made to move the position descriptions to the PnP and give every position a statement of role, the qualifications for the role, and the duties of the role all in one location.
 - The proposed amendments were reviewed and we will vote to adopt the changes in July.
- **Organization Discussion:**
 - Executive Board minutes indicate an in depth discussion that was held of consolidating or discontinuing some positions in view of a lack of interest in filling positions.
 - We are looking for people who are willing to participate in an ad hoc committee expected to consist of three one-hour meetings over the course of the summer to discuss these issues.
- **Region 7 Resources:**
 - Resources on the Region 7 website were highlighted and screen shared.
- **Events & Activities:**
 - August 17: Virtual Sponsorship Workshop hosted by the 12th Step Within Committee : Panel of 3 speakers, topics of how to get started with a new sponsee, what it means to their recovery to have a sponsor/and to be a sponsor. There will be sharing time and a writing exercise.
- **Service Opportunities**
 - Participate in the Reorganization ad hoc committee (contact Ro)
 - Step up to a GPI service position (contact Ro, Sheree or Dee)
 - Encourage your sponsees to participate in GPI (e.g., join a committee, be an IR for a meeting)
 - Have your meeting sponsor a Recovery from Relapse event/12th Step Within committee (Contact Debbie)
 - Participate in the team that will put on the Region 7 Convention in November (contact Kristi or Linda)
 - Join our Speakers List (Contact Liv)
- **Other Items Discussed**
 - Fall assembly is still scheduled for October 3-5, so we will move our GPI meeting to Oct. 12. We will also move our GPI meeting to November 9 to accommodate the Region 7 Convention.
 - About half of our meetings are attending GPI, and to encourage attendance we will do a drawing for a Region 7 Journal each month. Beth D. won a Region 7 journal in the drawing.
 - We will be looking at the literature in the locker and sharing it with meetings.

A FOLLOW-UP EMAIL WILL BE SENT WITH ITEMS TO TAKE BACK TO MEETINGS

Meeting adjourned with OA Responsibility Pledge.

Next Meeting: July 13, 2025, 2-3:30pm, same Zoom info.

GPI Reports for June 1, 2025

VACANT: Vice Chair, Outreach, Events, Region 7 Reps-3/ Alts-2, WSBC Delegates-2 / Alts-2

Chair (Ro M.): April-May Accomplishments

- Finalized Scholarship Fund plan with GPI approval
- Continued reorganization discussion with IRs and Executive Board
- Began recruiting for October elections
- Initialized PnP amendments for Executive Board, WSBC, Region 7 and Finance committee positions for GPI review in June and approval in July

Chair (Ro M.): June Goals

- Assemble ad hoc committee to make, discuss & recommend reorganization
- Continue recruiting for October elections
- Finalize Bylaw amendments for GPI review in July and approval in August
- Request partial funding from Region 7 for OA transit advertising

Treasurer (Dee C.): April/May Report

- Current financial spreadsheet available at <https://gpioa.org/docs/gpimtgs/2025/2504n05Financials.pdf>
- Financial Facts: Report Date: May 25, 2025 GPI June 1, 2025 GPI Meeting
 - Current Balance: \$ 9,555.99
 - April Receipts vs Expenses: \$ 140.89
 - May Receipts vs Expenses: \$ -247.36
 - Receipts vs Expenses YTD: \$ -1,574.61
 - April Contributions: \$ 416.00
 - May Contributions: \$ 0.00
 - Contributions YTD: \$ 2,247.97
 - Average Per Month YTD: \$ 449.59
 - Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$ 4,771.99

Secretary (Sheree C): April/May Accomplishments

- Attended Policy Committee meetings
- Routine: Set up and prepared June meeting documents
- Frank G. responded to email requests for meeting information as of October 2024.
 - 2025- 0 Jan, 0 Feb, 2 March, 0 April, 2 May
- Shirley checked voicemail & sent out meeting packets as of June 2024.
 - 2025- 2 Jan, 0 Feb, 6 March, 3 April, 1 May

Secretary (Sheree C): June Goals

- Assist Treasurer with bank duties regarding Scholarship CD

12th Step Within (Debbie B): April/May Accomplishments

- Committee meetings held 4/28/25 and 5/19/2025
- Committee worked on the workshop format and agenda for the Sponsorship event to be held August 17, 2025 from 2-4pm.
- There were no requests concerning Temporary Sponsors: Newcomers' First Twelve Days. Link is available on our website. Contact 12 Step Within chair if you need help.

12th Step Within (Debbie B): June Goals

- Hold committee meeting scheduled for 6/23/2025. Continue work on sponsorship workshop event.
- Seek out meetings interested in having a "Recovery from Relapse" meeting.

Speaker's Bureau (Liv S.): April-May Accomplishments

- In April and May, there were no requests for the list or new people added.

Speaker's Bureau (Liv S.): June Goals

- The goal continues to be to increase the number of speakers on the list.

VOR Editor (Beth A.): April/May Accomplishments

- Draft of the third quarter VOR edition was worked on, adding pictures.
- Emailed request for submissions to list of past contributors.
- Please send any submissions on the theme of "Binge Eating" to vor_editor@gpioa.org by June 15, 2025 using any of these questions to help you get started:
 - Describe your recovery from Binge Eating
 - What do others in OA need to know about Binge Eating?
 - How did OA assist you with managing Binge Eating?
 - Why is Binge eating "not okay"?
 - Where did you find your strength and hope to recover from Binge Eating?
- You can submit anonymously upon request. If you don't consider yourself a writer, then just submit your thoughts in any form to vor_editor@gpioa.org and ask the editor to touch it up for you.

VOR Editor (Beth A.): June Goals

- Compile contributions for the VOR edition by deadline of 6/15/25.
- Type up VOR Q3 draft and submit to the VOR committee for proofreading asap after 6/15/25.
- Make needed corrections and finalize VOR Q3 edition for emailing on 7/1/2025
- Submit a copy to the Webmaster for publication on the website.
- Begin draft for VOR 4th Quarter edition.

Region 7 Representative (Kristi K.): April/May Accomplishments

- Attended the 5/18 Executive Board meeting to present highlights from the Region 7 Spring Assembly
- Found a resource to share at IG from the Region 7 website. There are OA Business cards to post on bulletin boards, etc. at <https://oaregion7.org/pdfs/PublicInfoCard.pdf>

Region 7 Representative (Kristi K.): June Goals

- Familiarize myself with another Twelve Step Within or Intergroup Renewal resource to share at the July GPI meeting.

World Service Delegate: Patricia S.: April/May Accomplishments

- Assigned to Bylaws Committee that met virtually before WSBC
- Workshops: Meet the Maker, All About Conference, Resources for outreach & 12 Within, Living the Principles to Carry the Message, Where Everybody Knows OUR Name
- Assigned & attended "Introduction to the Bylaws handbook" subcommittee

World Service delegate Patricia S.: June Goals

- Read OA Bylaws and Policies for subcommittee meeting
- Bylaws handbook subcommittee to meet 6/24/25 @ 7pm EDT (4th Tuesday)
- Work on report on WSBC meeting after receiving the final report from WSO

GPI Webmaster Special Worker (Jessica F): April/May Accomplishments

- Obtained QR code for GPI
- Reel with QR code & all Face to Face meetings added to Instagram, Facebook & Threads
- All other routine duties completed, nothing more to report

GPI Webmaster Special Worker (Jessica F): June Goals

- All goals as health permits
- Add Highlights to the top of our Instagram page with F2F Meetings & basic information
- Work with Exec Board to complete contingency planning and secure GPI documentation
- (ongoing) Move publicly available archive documents to GPI website from google as appropriate
- (ongoing) Work with Secretary & Treasurer to consolidate google archives into nonprofit google address
- (future goal) review GPI physical documents & scan for online archive