

## Greater Pittsburgh OA Intergroup Zoom Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2025, Minutes taken by Sheree C.

### Serenity Prayer

### Reading of the twelfth Concept of OA Service

### ANNIVERSARIES SINCE LAST GPI MEETING:

**ROLL CALL:** (18 people present, 17 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.** (Outreach), **Susan C.** (Speakers), **Kristi K.** (R7 Rep), **Tricia S.** (WSBC Delegate)

**9 Reps:** **Lynn W.** (Mon 7:30p Lower Burrell), **Linda C.** (Tue 7p Butler) **Janine C.** (Tue 7p Plum), **Debbie E.** (Wed 5:30p Rostraver), **Jessica F.** (Thu 6p Bellevue), **Cinda B.** (Thu 6p Meadville), **Beth D.** (Sat 10a Monroeville), **Christine S.** (Sat 10:30a Cranberry), **Juanita K.** (Sat 10:30a Erie)

**1 Visitors:** Linda A.

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

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

**Chair** (Ro M.): Report Reviewed. We will be asking people to give us a minute or two background as we celebrate our anniversaries. We will also start in February with a mini workshop following the GPI business meeting. We are working in the Policy Committee on changes to the PnP and Bylaws to reflect the recent changes we have made in the organizational structure.

**Treasurer** (Dee C.) Current month's report reviewed.

**Secretary** (Sheree C.): Report reviewed, no questions.

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

**12th Step Chair** (Debbie B.): Report reviewed. Discussed upcoming events with committee. Reminder that 12th Within Day is this coming Friday, and there are events available on Zoom. The Monroeville (Murrysville) meeting will be hosting the OA 66th Birthday Celebration in their new location. Looking for a meeting to host Unity Day on a Saturday.

**Speaker's Bureau Chair** (Susan C.): Report reviewed. Susan will be contacting those on the Speaker List to be sure they still want to be listed. Also looking for new Speakers.

**Outreach** (Liv S.): Report reviewed. Two confirmed Health Fairs in March. Looking for people willing to help with the health fairs. Setting up a meeting with Ro about transit advertising and looking at sending out letters to healthcare providers.

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

**Region 7** (Kristi K.): Report Reviewed. Has the post-assembly packet. It is available on the R7 website. Two main items stood out: Our meetings disburse funds to the Region, and Region gives funds to World Service. There is a motion to give WSO \$20,000! There is an ad hoc committee to begin redesign of the Region website. This is a good way for people to find us.

**WSBC** (Tricia S.): Report reviewed. Tricia's subcommittee will be meeting in January and may continue until April, but there will be no report necessary to GPI.

**Webmaster** (Jessica F.): Report reviewed. Jessica is posting to social media every day to try to "get traction" on the platforms. Jessica explained her detailed report. She is using the stats to calculate how effective her efforts are and will tailor her work towards what works best. FB and Instagram do not report on location data,

but TikTok does. Jessica isn't really sure if she is reaching local people, however we are one of the top online OA creators in the digital world. This makes it even more important to have good Zoom security.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

### ● **GPI Roster Updates:**

Beth A. has stepped up to chair the Communications Committee. She will be reaching out for short shares that will be included in our post-meeting highlights.

Tricia S. is ending her official term as World Service Delegate. Tricia's position is open, and a volunteer would need to attend to it quickly, as the WSBC is in January.

- **World Service Business Conference Report:** Tricia S.: 3 pieces of literature were revised. Our "no opinion" statement was revised. Our Diversity Policy was revised to be more inclusive of those without a belief in God. WS is 29K short of their budgeted contributions. There will be updated treasurer guidelines available soon. There is a Strategic Planning Committee dedicated to growing the fellowship. The WSO news bulletin is mailed monthly with a wealth of information. Subscription to the bulletin has increased dramatically. Groups and intergroups are encouraged to send information to WSO for inclusion in the bulletin. There is a new Traditions Workbook and a Mental Health workbook available or in the works in committee from the bookstore and plans for a new Secular Daily Reader. It was suggested that people order directly from the OA Bookstore rather than from another retail source. It was suggested that there is a way to set up a vendor shop within Amazon or TikTok where the vendor gets more of the proceeds. It could further be suggested in the meeting format that if you do order through a third party vendor that you go online to WSO to make a concurrent donation.

- **2026 Budget:** Dee C.: Dee reviewed the line items on the budget.

Where you see 0's in the budget, it doesn't mean that we can't support those items, it means that as long as we have the funds in the unrestricted fund, we can fund those items. We are currently funding Outreach as well as the Social Media efforts at increased levels. The Executive Board determined that one of the best ways that we can support higher levels of OA is to attract new members and keep our local organization healthy. Region 7 will help with half the cost for the Transit ad. The budget was approved.

- **Retreat Scholarship Fund Update:** We decided to go back to the contributors of the Scholarship fund of 10 meetings and 1 individual. Three of the meetings have disbanded, and efforts were made to contact individual attendees. They have agreed to move those funds into the general fund. We are waiting to hear from a couple of contributors, and if anyone gave an individual contribution, please contact Ro with your choice.

### ● **Events**

- November 15: [International Day Experiencing Abstinence Workshop](#) sponsored by Sat 9am Serenity meeting (Zoom). It was well attended with 62 persons at one point. We had three speakers, a writing exercise, and plenty of sharing time built in.
- November 27: [Annual Thanksgiving Meeting](#) sponsored by the Thu 10am Aspinwall meeting (Zoom) was, as always, a special time of fellowship and thankfulness. It was noted that there were a lot of available meetings on Thanksgiving morning, which may have impacted the attendance level.
- December 12: 12 Step Within Day hosted by Fri 5:45p Pgh-E Liberty (Zoom)
- December 25: [Annual Christmas Meeting](#) sponsored by the Thu 10am Aspinwall meeting (Zoom)
- January 1: [Annual New Year's Day Meeting](#) sponsored by the Thu 10am Aspinwall meeting (Zoom)
- January 3: Saturday Monroeville (now Murrysville) meeting will move to Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, 4600 Old William Penn Highway, Murrysville, PA 15668
- January 9: Thursday 6p Bellevue 3rd Anniversary (Face to Face)
- January 17: 66th OA Birthday Celebration hosted by Sat 10a Monroeville (Face to Face)

- A meeting host is still needed for the Unity Day celebration on Saturday, February 28. Your meeting does not have to usually meet on a Saturday.
- Please notify Webmaster of your meeting schedules if they are affected by the holidays.
- **Service Opportunities**
  - Visit GPI's pages on Facebook, Instagram, Threads & TikTok and consider following us. You can help anonymously without following by viewing content (posts, reels, videos, etc.).
  - Contact Jessica or Debbie if you are interested in learning a graphics program called Canva.
  - Step up to fill open positions on an interim basis: World Service Delegate, Retreat Chair (reach out to [exec\\_board@gpioa.org](mailto:exec_board@gpioa.org))
  - Help a committee:
    - Brainstorm social media strategy/content (contact Jessica F. at [webmaster@gpioa.org](mailto:webmaster@gpioa.org))
    - Typing/printing outreach letters to health centers (contact Liv S. at [outreach@gpioa.org](mailto:outreach@gpioa.org))
    - Write a paragraph for the post-meeting highlights (contact Beth A. at [communications@gpioa.org](mailto:communications@gpioa.org))
    - Learn Canva program to help make event flyers.
  - Join our Speakers list (Susan C. at [speakers@gpioa.org](mailto:speakers@gpioa.org))
  - [OA.org](http://OA.org) is looking for submissions for a Secular daily devotional.
  - Have your meeting sponsor a Recovery from Relapse event/12th Step Within committee (Debbie B. at [12within@gpioa.org](mailto:12within@gpioa.org))
  - Volunteer to serve at a booth (contact Liv S. at [outreach@gpioa.org](mailto:outreach@gpioa.org))
    - Tuesday March 3, 11am-1:30pm Penn State New Kensington Campus
    - Wednesday March 25 11am-2pm Penn State Allegheny Campus in White Oak/McKeesport
- **Other Topics/Region 7 Journal**
  - Wednesday 10am Zoom (former Pittsburgh-East Liberty) meeting has closed
  - Next meeting February 1, 2026, immediately followed by a 45-minute workshop on Tradition 1
  - World Service 7th Tradition contribution form changing 12/3/25 [oa.org/contribute](http://oa.org/contribute)
  - Region 7 journal winner was Debbie E., intergroup representative of the Rostraver meeting.

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

**Meeting adjourned with OA Responsibility Pledge.**

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