

## Greater Pittsburgh OA Intergroup Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2022 GPI Meeting held via Zoom

**NEXT MEETINGS:** 2022-no July meeting, Aug 7, Sep 11, Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4

**NEXT Mailing, Literature Order & Deadline:** unknown due to COVID-19

**ROLL CALL:** 16 people present (15 voting members)

**3 Executive board:** **Kristi K.** (Chair), **Linda A.** (Vice Chair), **Ruth D.** (Treasurer)

**3 Standing Chair(s)/Regional Reps/WSBC Delegates:** **Karen A.** (Outreach), **Kathi W.** (Speakers), **Tricia S.** (Region 7 Rep & WSBC Delegate)

**9 Reps:** **Lynn W.** (Sun 6p Brentwood), **Susan C.** (Mon 7:30p Brentwood), **Sheree C.** (Mon 7:30p Lower Burrell), **Louis S.** (Tue 10a Beaver), **Gene M.** (Tue 5:45p Monesson), **Dee C.** (Tue 7p Plum), **Elaine R.** (Thu 10a Aspinwall), **Elaine T.** (Sat 10a Monroeville), **Liv S.** (Sat 10:30a Castle Shannon)

Linda A. shared on Tradition 6

**ANNIVERSARIES:** none since last meeting

**MINUTES:** April minutes approved as submitted, Sheree C took minutes for June

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

**Chair:** report reviewed, no questions or additions

**Vice-Chair:** GPI survey was reviewed

**Treasurer:** Financial Statement was reviewed. Only atypical expense was for WSBC registration for WS Delegate Tricia S.

- YTD contributions are under budget compared to 2021, by about \$1686. This is a significant financial shortfall for the year to date.
- Q: Are extra-area attendees contributing? A: The only way to tell is if they send their contribution via Paypal or personal check.
- Note to Intergroup Reps: Let meetings know about the shortfall

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

**12th Step Within:** vacant, no report

**Outreach:** Long range goal is to find ways to help groups find ways to fulfill the OA Responsibility pledge.

**Speaker's Bureau:** speaker scheduled for today.

**VOR:** (absent, no report submitted): Shawn asked that folks submit a small blurb (one or two sentences) about the benefits of service. Deadline is Wednesday. Kristi added that the choice to focus on service was because the election cycle is approaching.

**Special Events:** vacant, no report

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

**Region 7 Representatives:** Region 7 Intergroup Renewal Committee is also soliciting stories of service (less than 350 words) by June 15.

**WSBC Delegates:** Because of Zoom, it was possible to have 21 countries represented at the WSBC.

It was decided not to reduce the number of trustees because the workload on individuals would be too great.

*The lack of people willing to give service isn't just a local problem. It is worldwide.*

Newcomers to the program will now be allowed 1 free download from the WSO website

**Webmaster/Administrator:** absent, report reviewed

## OLD BUSINESS:

- **Board Development:** on hold pending completion of the GPI inventory
- **Updating GPI Website:** No comments were offered. The Outreach Committee is working with the Webmaster.
- **GPI Intergroup Inventory:**
  - There were 15 surveys completed (that was 1/3 of those who had been given the link)
  - Feedback:
    - Liv: “Satisfied” answer was a large percentage, why was that so large?
    - Elaine T. asked about Q.48: Is intergroup helping to find sponsors? Some feedback was that there have been Sponsorship Workshops, and event sign-in sheets asked sponsors to identify themselves. It was wondered if we could ask within the website for available sponsors. This subject will be added to the August agenda for further feedback.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- **Upcoming Elections:** Upcoming elections were addressed, with a focus on the 12th Step Within and Events chairs. Local workshops, OA holidays and Retreat are not being planned or held. The Executive Board is not getting much positive feedback or interest.
- **Importance of hosting local events:** How important is it to have local events, in light of the ability to attend Zoom events anywhere in the world? IG Reps are requested to ask their groups about how they feel about the absence of local events. Does it matter at this point in time? Feedback bulleted below:
  - M Elaine: OA birthday worldwide event is very good (Hosted by LA Intergroup)
  - Liv: Likes local events, complement home groups and hates to see them go away. Events such as the picnic, workshops, etc., may not be well attended, but serve a purpose nonetheless.
  - Gene: Local events give folks a chance to do service and encourages service.
  - Sheree: Local connections are helpful, even when there is low attendance.
  - Elaine T: Hugs help produce serotonin, which many addictive persons lack. Also, that sense of belonging is important.
  - M. Elaine: IDEA Day remembrance was fun last year, although there were less than 5 people. Maybe we can combine with a regional or worldwide event until we are really past COVID.
  - Ruth D: Financially, events generate income. 2019 Antiochian Retreat netted \$1,400 in profit, 2020 a \$2,400 profit, (mainly because many people opted to donate their registration fees after the retreat was canceled). 2021: \$315 on a virtual retreat. Local events do generate income.
  - Karen: There are 11 Face-to-Face meetings and 20 virtual meetings currently on our meeting list. Suggested we think about hybrid events. She is struggling with how the Outreach committee can be involved, i.e. Retreat/gathering or workshops.
  - Kathi: Enjoyed special events and made local connections. Would like to see more groups get involved.
  - M. Elaine: Suggested that with fewer events, there are also financial savings with virtual events having no cost as opposed to in-person.
  - Tricia: Likes in-person events, retreats.
  - Chair decided that this is **To Be Continued. IGR’s to talk to their groups and return with feedback in August.**

## ASK IT BASKET/GROUP CONCERNS: none

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Monday night lower Burrell will be having Nancy B speaking on Monday, June 20. Nancy was involved in the early formative years of O.A. Roseanne was her sponsor. All are welcome to attend.

## Meeting adjourned

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### GPI Reports for 6/12/2022

VACANT: 12th Step Within, Special Events, Region 7 Reps-3 / Alts-2, WSBC Delegates-2 / Alts-2

#### Chair (Kristi K): April / May

- Attended the Executive Board Zoom meeting on 5/15/22, typed and distributed meeting notes
- Developed draft agenda for June GPI meeting
- Cleaned out Chair, Ex Officio and Executive Board mailboxes
- Check GPI website for documents that need to be updated

#### Chair (Kristi K): June Goals

- Be available to Standing Chairs
- Clean out mailboxes
- Prep agenda and facilitate monthly Executive Board Zoom call

#### Vice Chair (Linda A.) April and May:

- Cleaned out Mail Boxes
- Attended Executive Board Zoom Meetings
- Reviewed Survey Monkey
- Reviewed Website, especially documents that need to be updated
- Prepared Report for June IG Meeting

#### Vice Chair (Linda A.) June and July Goals

- Clean out Mail Boxes - including 12th Step Within
- Attend Executive Board Zoom Meetings
- Continue review of Policies and Procedures Manual, especially pertaining to Webmaster job description
- Prepare Report for August Meeting

#### Treasurer (Ruth D): April/May

- Paid all bills
- Deposited group contributions & was available to facilitate electronic donations by groups
- Updated spreadsheet, reconciled spreadsheet with bank statement
- Attended one Executive Board Zoom meeting
- Cleaned out Treasurer and Finance Committee emails

#### Treasurer (Ruth D): June Goals

- Clean out Treasurer and Finance Committee 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 Zoom meeting
- Be available to facilitate electronic donations by groups
- Create Event Expense Reporting Form to track all expenses
- Seek out potential candidates for next treasurer effective October 2022

#### Outreach (Karen A):

- All email boxes cleaned out
- The committee has not met since February but has been in communication and plans to meet Monday, June 13 at 2:30 p.m.
- Through email an article Karen had written around the topic of OA Pledge of Responsibility for VOR and GPIOA email was edited and approved by the committee. Karen submitted it to Shawn for the next VOR.

**Speakers Bureau (Kathi W):**

Obtained a speaker and chair for June 12 speaker meeting. There were no other requests.

**VOR (Shawn N): no report submitted****Region 7 Representative (Tricia S): April/May**

- Cleaned out 2 mailboxes
- Prepared Region 7 report to GPI
- Attended IGRC at Reg 7 virtual Assembly 04/2 thru 4-4-22
  - Guidelines for Hybrid Meetings approved and on oaregion 7.org website
  - IG and OA members please contribute to new pamphlet by writing briefly: How Service Saved Me Due: 6-15-22
  - Committee created topics to work and to decide at next meeting
  - Next meeting on 05/19/22
  - FYI: Anyone can join a Reg 7 committee w/o being a Rep
  - FYI: Join email list for ideas, meetings, help at: oaregion7.org
- Region 7 Assembly:
  - June: 12 Step within Committee to host workshop
  - 3 Elections at Fall Assembly at Bon Secours Retreat Center September 16-18: Chair, Treasurer, Recording Secretary. Applications due 7-17-22 If interested, contact Tricia for the qualifications
  - Free download on oa.org: Service, Traditions, and Concepts workshop
- Did not attend IGRC meeting on 5/19/22 (vacation)
  - Committee reviewed brief reports (6 topics) compiled in 4 pg doc and distributed to all IG's in Region 1.
  - Committee work on IG Chair Support Group meeting agenda
  - Next meeting on 06/16/22
- Beginners Mtg: 1st Wed of Month 7-7:30pm, Baltimore IG
- '22 Region 7 CONVENTION: Swimming the Seas of Recovery, October/November at Princess Royale Hotel, Ocean City, MD
- Mock Motion workshop to prepare delegates for WSBC 4-22 thru 29

**Region 7 Representatives (Tricia S): June Goals**

- Clean out all mailboxes
- Prepare Region 7 report to GPI
- Complete assigned tasks
- Next Committee meeting on 07/21/22

**World Service Business Conference Delegate (Tricia S.):****MOTIONS APPROVED:**

1. The Twelve Traditions Workbook of Overeaters Anonymous granted the Conference Seal of Approval.
2. OA Responsibility Pledge be included in all OA literature, social media, newsletters, and bulletins.
3. Where Do I Start? Pamphlet to be available as a free downloadable PDF
4. 11 Regions: 1 virtual and 10 geographic composed of IG's, groups, and Service Boards that fall within its region. Language Service Boards that span more than one region may choose to affiliate with any single region or choose not to be affiliated with a region
5. WSBC next or future meetings to be in Albuquerque, NM or at such place as the Board of Trustees may designate.
6. Added to who may address the Conference: interpreters for individual non-English speaking delegates and other special needs.

7. Kept a Board with 17 members. All trustees will be General Service Trustees.
8. Regions and Intergroups can make nominations to the Board of Trustees. Regions may nominate up to 3 persons.
9. Each Trustee will be assigned to a Region
10. For the purpose of amendments, the English version of official documents is considered the version of record and all amendments shall be made to this version of record. (OA is incorporated in the USA and that is the law)
11. Region 8 given more specific names for certain areas: US Virgin Islands, the Caribbean Islands
12. Unaffiliated groups not ready to form a service body or in area without any IG or national service board in their language may affiliate with any IG or national service board that supports groups in their language including translation of OA literature

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

- Website, gpioa.org email aliases, database & online archive current, pairList active, WSO meeting list up to date, Zoom account & calendar current
- All-GPI email sent announcing new website & requesting feedback
- Responded to email requests for meeting information, Jeanne H took over in May
  - 2022-5 sent: 0 Jan, 0 Feb, 1 Mar, 1 Apr, 3 May (as of June 9)
  - 2021-7 sent: 0 Jan, 0 Feb, 1 Mar, 1 Apr, 1 May, 0 Jun, 0 Jul, 2 Aug, 1 Sep, 0 Oct, 0 Nov, 1 Dec
- Jeanne H is checking voicemail & sending out meeting packets:
  - 2022-2 sent: 0 Jan, 0 Feb, 2 Mar, 0 Apr, 0 May
  - Add'l 2022 legitimate voicemails: 0 Jan, 0 Feb, 0 Mar, 0 Apr, 0 May
  - 2021-8 sent: 1 Jan, 0 Feb, 0 Mar, 0 Apr, 2 May, 2 Jun, 0 Jul, 1 Aug, 0 Sep, 1 Oct, 0 Nov, 1 Dec
  - Add'l 2021 legitimate voicemails: Aug 3, Sep 0, Oct 0, Nov 0, Dec 0
- Sent out all GPI emails re: upcoming events & announcements
- Minimally prepared for June GPI meeting: emailed task reminders, compiled all needed documents & posted online, cleaned email boxes & sent monthly reminder

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

- Keep website, gpioa.org email aliases, database & online archive current, continue work w/Tech Committee re: WSO meeting list & website, clean out email boxes, maintain Zoom account & calendar
- Continue work on PnP Manual & Bylaw amendments with Linda A & Katie H (particularly how to handle GPI Zoom Account including details on consistent committee Zoom meeting info, pairList approvals)
- Continue work on job description pending GPI inventory results & possibly set up an administrative committee
- Continue work with Executive Board on contingency planning issues such as approving all-GPI emails and maintaining GPI website
- (future goal) Create prototype of password protected online archive page for Exec Board
- (future goal) review GPI physical documents & scan for online archive