

Philadelphia Area Intergroup (PAIG) Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2024
7:15 – 8:45pm

Preliminaries

- Meeting started at 7:15pm
- Roll Call – done (18 participants total)
 - Introduced Christina B who will be a 2024 Retreat Co-Chair. Welcomed Celestine W as a new PAIG rep
- Establish a Quorum? Yes
- Upcoming Events (all event flyers are available on oa-phila.org)
 - **64th Annual In-Person OA Birthday Party:** “Together We Get Better” January 12-14, 2024. Hosted by the Los Angeles Intergroup & held at the LAX Hilton Hotel. Online registration @ oabirthday.com.
 - **A New Year: A New Beginning: Hybrid Workshop,** Saturday January 20th, 10am – Noon. In Person: Hope United Methodist Church, Room 11, 700 Cooper Road, Voorhees, NJ. Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2284671262?pwd= SXBNT E43T3ZvdFZabUwwa1MwOWFGUT09&omn=81231582188>, Meeting ID: 228 467 1262, Passcode: recovery.

Questions/Issues from Groups

Brought up topic of billboards. Brandywine sponsored a billboard that generated a lot of hits on their website. Chris N will follow up to find out more details and update us at a later date. This information will provide more input on whether PAIG is to spend overage funds on a billboard or donate to WSO.

Sat 11am, “I Put My Hand in Yours” meeting is officially Hybrid. The in-person location is Gloria Dei Church on Welsh Road, near Huntingdon Pike. Meeting has been updated on WSO. Details are in the latest edition of AWARE.

Sat 9am, “One Step at a Time” meeting is Hybrid the first Saturday of the month (Willow Grove Baptist Church) and Zoom only on all other Saturdays.

Anne, Communications Chair, is currently incapacitated. Will need a new Communications Chair. Questions raised about that position and how PAIG’s phone number works.

Board Reports

Chair (Mary T.)

Reminder that since it's January, it's a popular time for newcomers to consider OA. The "Where Do I Start" pamphlet might be beneficial for meetings to buy a copy of or share a free PDF copy in the chat at zoom meetings.

Vice Chair (Wendy K.)

- No changes to the meeting list. Latest version is on PAIG's website

Treasurer (Phil S.)

- Previous Balance: \$8,995.65
 - Income: \$584.26 (Group and Other)
 - Expenses: \$113.34
- Total Balance: \$9,466.57
 - Prudent Reserve: \$2,160.00
 - Delegate Savings Fund: \$2,520.00
- Total Operating Funds: \$4,946.57
- Natasha motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. Trish seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary (Shari B.)

- December's meeting minutes were sent out by Chris N. on 10/2.
- Trish motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Wendy seconded. Motion passed.

World Service & Region 7 Reports

WSBC Delegate A - *OPEN*

WSBC Delegate B - *OPEN*

Region 7 Rep A (Angela C.)

- A Special Assembly will be held on Zoom on Friday Night, January 5th at 7pm. They need people so anyone who wants to attend and represent PAIG can do so. Region 7 wants to nominate someone to be a candidate for the Region 7 Board of Trustees position. They have 2 positions open: Convention Chair and Apprentice Treasurer (will work with the Treasurer).

- Angela is working with the Outreach Committee on Roundtable discussion to be held on the 3rd Tuesday in February about setting up information booths and tables at Health Fairs.
- Note: A Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo is coming up again in 2024. Perhaps PAIG can look into getting a booth there. Wendy and Alice expressed interest in helping out with this. [Wendy found out that it'll be in Minneapolis, MN in October so not an option for 2024]

Region 7 Rep B (Anne W.)

- Not Present. May need new rep.

Region 7 Rep C - *OPEN*

Region 7 Alternate – *OPEN*

Committee Reports

AWARE (newsletter) (Chris N.)

- Excused.
- Current issue of AWARE was sent out on Monday (December 31st) and is on PAIG's website.

Program (Trish M.)

- The next workshop will be held in early Spring. Trish will send an email to committee to schedule the next meeting (on Zoom). If anyone's interested in helping with the planning and creative brainstorm, please contact Trish.

Retreat 2023 (Natasha M.)

- Final meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17th at 7pm. Email was sent. Same meeting ID and password as the one for the PAIG meeting.
- Christina B. will be one of 2 co-chairs for next year's Retreat. Other co-chair will be Suzanne M. who was not able to make it to this month's meeting.
- This was Natasha's final appearance as Retreat Chair at PAIG meeting – thank you!

PI/PO (Alice P.)

- Alice attends 3 or 4 meetings per week and asks how people heard of OA. Most answers include “word of mouth” or “Google”. Alice will continue to ask the question to see if the tear-off flyers are worthwhile posting or not.
- Alice took on the job of a newcomer contact for her Group OA meeting. She makes sure to call newcomers the next day. Discussion about making this a position at meetings since calling newcomers is an important task.
- Discussion about viability of tear-off numbers. People are tearing off the PAIG information from the sheets but may hold on to the number for a while before they take any action. The tear-offs DO help. We may not know how but they do help.

Speaker List (Maureen L.)

- Contact Maureen for a copy of the list or to be added.
- Reminder that recordings of speakers can be found on PAIG’s Speaker web page. This is useful in case a speaker is not available for a particular meeting.

Communications (Anne W.)

- Not present.
- Phil still has access and reports no calls were received last month.
- Discussion on how the phone number works. It uses the free Google Voice app. A call can be answered or it can go to voice mail. Contact person can also respond to texts. Usually, people are looking for information.
- Margie M is interested in getting more information (to take over position from Anne W). Phil S. will provide.

Web (Shari B.)

- In the process of posting latest event flyers, meeting list, and minutes.
- Also in the process of deleting old meeting lists while keeping back-up lists in an archive.
- Will post last year’s and this past year’s Retreat speakers on the website as well.
- Email event flyers to Shari for posting on PAIG’s website.

Old Business

Proposed 2024 PAIG Bylaws Amendments: Proposed changes were presented for review only. Voting on the proposed amendments will occur at the February meeting. This year there are only minor format changes (i.e. grammar, punctuation etc.) and they will be voted upon as a whole and not individually discussed.

No content changes this year.

Thanks to the committee – Mary, Maureen, Trish, Jaqueline and Anne W.

New Business

None

Closing

Wendy motioned to close the meeting. Trish seconded. Motion passed.

Serenity Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 7, 2024