

Philadelphia Area Intergroup (PAIG) Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2024
7:15 – 8:45pm

Preliminaries

- Meeting started at 7:15pm
- Roll Call – done (16 participants total)
- Establish a Quorum? Yes
- Upcoming Events
 - **Save the dates!** (see also event flyers @ oa-phila.org/#events)
 - **2024 PAIG Retreat Kick-Off Meeting:** Wednesday, March 20, 2024 – 7:00pm. Mtg ID: 347 721 2196, Passcode: 724462 Dial In: 929-436-2866. All are welcome! Volunteers needed!
 - **Roxborough's Sat 10am 35th Birthday Party Hybrid Celebration:** Roxborough “Step of the Month” meeting will hold a workshop on Saturday, March 30th, 10am – Noon, *Speakers! Surprises! Sharing!* F2F St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 5720 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia or Zoom: Mtg ID: 834 5250 9983 (see Area Meeting List for passcode).
 - **R7 Virtual Spring Assembly:** April 12th & April 13th. For details: oaregion7.org. All are welcome to attend.
 - **PAIG 2nd Sunday Virtual Workshop:** Sunday, April 14th, 2:00pm – 3:30pm. *“Excuses, Denials & Loopholes, Oh My!”* Common scenarios & disease traps. See attached flyer for details & Zoom link.

Questions/Issues from Groups

There's a new face-to-face meeting in Perkasio on Wednesdays at 7pm.

Mary received an email with a question about starting a new meeting in Downtown Philadelphia. Upon request, PAIG does donate a one-time \$50 amount for literature only (for new start-up meetings).

Board Reports

Chair (Mary T.)

- See *New Business*.

Vice Chair (Wendy K.)

- Excused.
- Meeting list did not get sent out yet, however, it has been posted to PAIG's website.

Treasurer (Phil S.)

- Previous Balance: \$11,129.35
 - Income: \$783.74 (Group and Other)
 - Expenses: \$296.33
- Total Balance: \$11,616.76
 - Prudent Reserve: \$2,000.00
 - Delegate Savings Fund: \$3,240.00
- Total Operating Funds: \$6,376.76
- Natasha motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. Alice seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary (Shari B.)

- February's meeting minutes were sent out on March 3rd.
- Trish motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Ed seconded. Motion passed.

World Service & Region 7 Reports

WSBC Delegate A - OPEN

WSBC Delegate B - OPEN

Region 7 Rep A (Angela C.)

- Excused.
- R7 Virtual Spring Assembly taking place Friday night, April 12th and Saturday, April 13th. Register at <https://oaregion7.org/events/2024-region-7-spring-assembly/>
 - Anyone with 6 months of abstinence or more can become a Region 7 Rep. Positions are open.

Region 7 Rep B - OPEN

Region 7 Rep C - OPEN

Region 7 Alternate – OPEN

Committee Reports

AWARE (newsletter) (Chris N.)

- The March issue of AWARE was sent out on February 29th.
- Contains poems, articles and news events (including Save-the-Date for the “One Step at a Time” workshop that will be held in May).
- Includes memoriam piece for Anne W who passed away last month.
- If anyone has anything to be shared, let Chris know. It could be artwork, articles, blurbs, pet of the month, etc.

Program (Trish M.)

- The next Second Sunday Workshop will be held on. Sunday, April 14th, 2:00-3:30pm. The title is called *“Excuses, Denials, and Loopholes, Oh My!”*
- Flyer is in the AWARE and also on PAIG’s website.
- Workshop will have a little different format. No speaker but will role play scenarios with the theme of excuses, denials and loopholes.
- Saturday, 9am Willow Grove Meeting is working to put together a workshop to be held on May 11th (2nd Saturday of the month). Will be in person at Universalist Unitarian Church – same place as last year.
- If any groups need assistance from PAIG with planning an anniversary or special event, please feel free to reach out to Trish.

Retreat 2024 (Christina B.)

- The first meeting of the committee will be held on Zoom on March 20th at 7pm. Same Zoom link as the one used for PAIG meetings.
- All are welcome to attend.

PI/PO (Alice P.)

- Old Business – proposed to pay \$300 for a 1-minute spot on local radio station, WRDV. Mary reviewed radio station’s website and found out that in order to advertise, one needs to become a sponsor of the radio station.
 - Forwarded website to R7 Trustee, Bob L. to ask if this went against Traditions. He said: yes, it would be a break in the 6th tradition (requirement to become affiliated with radio station). OA can not endorse or be endorsed by outside media.
 - Hence, proposal is dismissed.
- Last month Alice posted tear-off flyers inside bathroom stalls in Willow Grove Mall. A few days after the PAIG meeting, Phil received a call from Willow Grove security with a complaint and notice that this can not be done in the future. However, someone showed up at Alice’s meeting because of a flyer in bathroom stall.

- Reminder: need to get permission before we post anything
- OA/World Service has a booklet on PI/PO. Ordered two and will give one to Alice.
- Changed tear-off flyers to orange paper. Has Phil gotten any additional calls? Did get 1 call from someone in Fox Chase area.
- Will focus now on libraries. Asking people in meetings if they're willing to post flyers in their local libraries. Text Alice if interested (215-407-1612).
- Also, wherever there's a community bulletin board, ask if flyer can be posted.

Speaker List (Maureen L.)

- Excused
- Speaker List is still being advertised. If you need one, reach out to Maureen.

Communications (*OPEN – Phil S temporary*)

- Received 1 call from person in Fox Chase.
- Anyone interested in stepping up to fill this position? Margie M. expressed interest and will reach out to Phil.

Web (Shari B.)

- Posted latest event flyers, meeting list, and minutes.
- Added Google Analytics to track number of website visitors and clicks on PAIG's website.
 - Gave stats report & demo
- Please email event flyers to Shari for posting on PAIG's website.

7th Tradition

Donations can be made via PayPal (treasurer@oa-phila.org)

Old Business

Already discussed PI/PO business in *PI/PO* section above.

New Business

Vote on World Service Business Conference Motions

Vote only on motions *to be discussed* at the upcoming WSBC. Mary created a Summary with highlights to discuss/vote on motions.

If more than 50% say 'yes', it could possibly make it to the Agenda. If more than 50% say 'no', it won't.

1st highlighted one is a policy amendment. Amend definition of abstinence by removing the word "weight". End with "healthy body" instead. Definition of abstinence was updated back in 2021.

93% voted yes, 7% voted no

2nd highlighted one revolves around the scheduling of the WSBC, to avoid religious holidays to support inclusivity.

93% voted yes, 7% voted no (14 – yes, 1 – no)

3rd highlighted one refers to changing the word "Him" to "God". Some IG's are already changing the word. Violates Tradition, 1, 4, and 10. Would affect multiple pieces of literature. Changes to Steps 3, 4 and 11.

- Trish's meeting discussed in detail. Some people may not like the word "God" so group had mixed feelings.
- Debbie mentioned that this came up before in WSBC and didn't pass. Also a cost to update literature but maybe it's time for an update. Rationale mentioned that this wouldn't take place until re-printing is needed (low inventory)

67% voted yes, 33% voted no

4th highlighted one similar to 3rd one but in the Traditions (Tradition 2).

67% voted yes, 33% voted no

Mary to forward voting results to World Service.

Closing

Shari motioned to close the meeting. Ed seconded. Motion passed.

Serenity Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 3, 2024