

Philadelphia Area Intergroup (PAIG) Meeting Minutes
April 3, 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 Meeting:** Wednesday, April 17, 2024 – 7:00pm. Mtg ID: 347 721 2196, Passcode: 724462 Dial In: 929-436-2866. All are welcome! Volunteers needed!
 - **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.
 - **MayDay! MayDay!...calling Higher Power!! In-Person OA Workshop:** The Saturday, “One Step at a Time” meeting is hosted an IN-PERSON workshop on Saturday, May 11, 2024 frn 9:00am-Noon at the BuxMont Unitarian Universalist Church, 2040 W. Street Road, Warrington, PA, 18976. Speakers, Breakout Sessions, Raffle, Open Sharing and Fellowship.
 - **Memorial Day Workshop:** Monday, May 27th sponsored by the Fellowship of Hope meeting. More details and flyer will follow.

Questions/Issues from Groups

Debbie B: The Elkins Park/Moss Rehab meeting on Monday night has been a hybrid, meeting in person and also using PAIG’s conference phone line. The meeting was phone-bombed two weeks in a row. The Saturday morning “I Put My Hand in Yours” meeting uses the same conference phone line but that meeting has never been phone-bombed.

Tom S. is the new contact person for the Monday night meeting. His phone number is (267) 626-3688. Call Contact person for meeting information. They may try to get another conference line.

If anyone wants to attend this Monday’s meeting, contact Debbie beforehand.

Mary: The conference line is a free service and it’s easy to get a new number. Also, someone – whoever set up the conference line – should be getting an email with a list of phone numbers of people who attend the meeting. Not sure who that person is currently.

Board Reports

Chair (Mary T.)

- Under *Old/New Business*

Vice Chair (Wendy K.)

- Will put in new contact person for the Monday night Elkins Park meeting in the next update of the meeting list
- Also, the “Friday Night Live” night meeting is no longer a hybrid (Zoom only)
- A new meeting list will be sent out over the next day or not.

Treasurer (Phil S.)

- Previous Balance: \$11,616.76
 - Income: \$3,136.96 (Group and Other)
 - Expenses: \$116.46
- Total Balance: \$14,637.26
 - Prudent Reserve: \$2,000.00
 - Delegate Savings Fund: \$3,600.00
- Total Operating Funds: \$9,076.26
- Trish motioned to approve the Treasurer’s report. Alice seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary (Shari B.)

- March’s meeting minutes were sent out on April 1st.
- Helene motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Chris seconded. Motion passed.

World Service & Region 7 Reports

WSBC Delegate A - *OPEN*

WSBC Delegate B - *OPEN*

Region 7 Rep A (Angela C.)

- Excused.
- The R7 Virtual Spring Assembly will be taking place on 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.

- Mary forwarded an email from the Region 7 Trustee about the open Vice Chair position on R7's Board

Region 7 Rep B - OPEN

Region 7 Rep C - OPEN

Region 7 Alternate – OPEN

Committee Reports

AWARE (newsletter) (Chris N.)

- The April issue of AWARE was sent out on March 31st.
- Included story about Step 4 from *Lifeline*, a new meeting in Perkasio, upcoming events, new ways to contribute to World Service, a new survey from World Service, and more.
- If anyone has anything to be shared in the next edition, 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!*"
- This workshop will have a little different format. No speaker but will role play common scenarios with the theme of excuses, denials and loopholes.
- Saturday, 9am Willow Grove Meeting is hosting "MayDay! MayDay!...calling Higher Power" workshop to be held on May 11th from 9am-Noon. It will be in person at the Universalist Unitarian Church – same place as last year. There will be speakers and open sharing.
- If your group wants to put on a program and need help, let Trish know and she can assist.

Retreat 2024 - OPEN

- Natasha sent out meeting minutes from the kick-off committee meeting. It's on PAIG's Google Drive.
- Talked about ideas with regards to new ideas for this year's retreat.
- Need a Retreat Chair. Both co-chairs had to step down for various reasons. Ask around for someone who may be interested. Natasha will make herself available to guide new Chair. Not labor intensive. 6-month abstinence requirement.

- All steps/processes are documented and “set in stone”. It’s a GROUP effort. Doesn’t have to solely rest on the Chair’s shoulders
- The next meeting of the committee will be held on Zoom on April 17th at 7pm. Same Zoom link as the one used for PAIG meetings.

PI/PO (Alice P.)

- The word is getting out. Flyers are being posted and tear-off’s, being taken.
- Phil suggested Alice call to test the Google Voice phone number.
- The new focus is on laundromats that have a community bulletin boards.
 - NA has fancy professional flyers.
- Starbucks gets a lot of college students but no one’s taking any of the tear-off’s.
- Mary still needs to get PI/PO book to Alice (already purchased).
- Chris N – there are PSA posters that can be printed from WSO’s website
 - Would need to have someone print them out and give to Alice for distribution
- Shari: what happened with the billboard idea?
 - Communication breakdown (no one returned call from Brandywine)
 - Mary looked online but found nothing further
- Chris – asked if take poster to Staples, can they print out a number of them? She will reach out to Alice.

Speaker List (Maureen L.)

- People are contacting Maureen for the Speaker List. It’s definitely being used.
- If you need one, reach out to Maureen.

Communications (*OPEN – Phil S temporary*)

- Received no calls
- Anyone interested in stepping up to fill this position? Margie M. is still interested and will contact Phil for more information.

Web (Shari B.)

- Posted latest event flyers, meeting list, and minutes.
- There have been no numbers for Google Analytics; Shari will look into this further.
- 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

2024 WSBC Agenda Questionnaire Results were sent out to PAIG's Google Group by Mary. This means they will be put on the agenda; not necessarily that they will be discussed. It will depend on timing.

PAIG Operating Fund Balance – reconsider distributing a portion of our excess operating funds to WSO

- All funds set aside for Delegate Savings Fund are not being used since PAIG doesn't have a WSBC delegate and only 1 out of 3 R7 delegates is filled
- Also, re: prudent reserve – PAIG's current expenses do not equal the \$2,000 that's being set aside. If we set aside \$1,000, that would be well above what's needed for 3 months. Donations to World Service and Region 7 are not expenses – only donations if funds are available.
- Chris N. offered to find out more information about billboards for the next PAIG meeting. Mary suggested forming a committee to discuss.
 - Not many meetings in Philadelphia. They're getting smaller.
 - Interested reps in being a part of the committee – Lana, Alice
- PAIG can allocate a certain amount of money for advertising but to sit on a lot of money is not in keeping with the Traditions.
- Trish: these funds are separate from PAIG's Retreat Account but maybe money could be donated to the Retreat Fund to look for a different location?
 - Retreat and PAIG finances are separate. Retreat fund already has \$6,000 over what's needed.
- Trish: is there anything we could do Fellowship-wise? Like Bowling Night? Or something else social?
- More discussions, no finite plans
- Shari made motion to donate \$5,000 to World Service. Natasha seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

New OA “Welcome” Text for Suggested Meeting Formats – paragraph is stated in the Agenda and also at the following link:

<https://oa.org/news/new-welcome-text-added-to-suggested-meeting-formats/>

Your meeting may want to consider adding it to the format.

Opportunities for Service – accepting nominations formally at next month’s meeting. Chair, Treasurer, R7 Rep & WSBC Delegate positions are open. PAIG can have two R7 and two WSBC delegates + an alternate.

Abstinance requirements for WSBC rep is 1 year. 6 months for Region 7 Rep. Guidelines suggest haven been a region rep but this is not mandatory. Please announce at meetings.

Service above the group level is also requirement to be a WSBC Delegate. 2 years of service above the group + currently 6 months serving as a PAIG rep (per bylaws). Qualifications can be reconsidered for prospective candidates.

Shari talked about her experience as a Region 7 and WSBC rep.

Closing

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

Serenity Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 1, 2024