

Philadelphia Area Intergroup (PAIG) Meeting Minutes
May 1, 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 Planning Meeting:** Wednesday, May 15, 2024 – 7:00pm. Mtg ID: 347 721 2196, Passcode: 724462 Dial In: 929-436-2866. All are welcome! Volunteers needed!
 - **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 frm 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 OA (May 27th) Workshop:** Hosted by the Quakertown “Fellowship of Hope” meeting. Flyer & more information to follow. Details now on PAIG’s website.
 - **Hybrid workshop sponsored by South Jersey Intergroup:** Saturday May

Questions/Issues from Groups

None

Board Reports

Chair (Mary T.)

- Has one month left in her term as PAIG Board Chair. Her report is under “*New Business.*”

Vice Chair (Wendy K.)

- Excused
- Meeting list has been updated to include a new face-to-face meeting in South Philadelphia (Jefferson Methodist Hospital). New meeting list was sent out and is on PAIG’s website.

Treasurer (Phil S.)

- Previous Balance: \$14,637.26
 - Income: \$571.72 (Group and Other)
 - Expenses: \$5,257.27
- Total Balance: \$9,951.71
 - Prudent Reserve: \$2,000.00
 - Delegate Savings Fund: \$3,960.00
- Total Operating Funds: \$3,991.71
- Helene motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. Trish seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary (Shari B.)

- April's meeting minutes were sent out on April 29th.
- Chris motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Natasha seconded. Motion passed.

World Service & Region 7 Reports

WSBC Delegate A - OPEN

WSBC Delegate B - OPEN

Region 7 Rep A (Angela C.)

- Attended R7's Spring Assembly. Wrote a report that was included in agenda.
- Call-out for R7 Rep position – you get to meet new people and learn more about what's going on in the whole region.
- Served on Intergroup Renewal committee. Working on 2 PowerPoint presentations. One focuses on encouragement for service beyond meeting level. The other focuses on sponsorship (sponsors can encourage their sponsees to do service). Committee will work on the presentations over the next 6 months.
- Tiffany G. is now the acting Board Chair of R7.
- Vice Chair, Treasurer and Apprentice Treasurer positions are now open, along with Chair.
- Region 7's Fall Assembly will be held September 27-29 and will be a hybrid. All voting members need to be present in person in Winchester, VA.
 - *Angela not able to attend the Assembly*
- R7's Convention will be held the 1st weekend of November at the Princess Royale Oceanfront Resort in Ocean City, MD. The Convention committee is looking for additional members. You don't need to be a Region 7 rep to be on the committee.
- Contact Angela with any questions

Region 7 Rep B - OPEN

Region 7 Rep C - *OPEN*

Region 7 Alternate – *OPEN*

Committee Reports

AWARE (newsletter) (Chris N.)

- The May issue of AWARE was sent out on April 30th.
- This edition includes stories about Step 5; highlight on the Newton meeting & new South Philly meeting, upcoming events, and fun items towards the back.
- We need stories from e-v-e-r-y-o-n-e.
- 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.)

- \$61 was collected from the last 2nd Sunday Series workshop. Had 88-89 people attend. It was amazing. People from the UK and other states attended. Was great to see people outside of PAIG.
 - Mary: workshop included role-plays of different scenarios; people loved it. We really don't talk about the thoughts that go on in our "crazy" heads. Also included the recovery-based thoughts. Discussed recording the scenarios and place on PAIG's website.
- July 14th would be the next 2nd Sunday Series workshop. No topic as of yet. Hoping to send out a flyer about the next planning meeting. Always looking for people to join the planning committee.
- Saturday, 9am Willow Grove Meeting is hosting "MayDay! MayDay!...calling Higher Power" workshop to be held on May 11th from 9-11am. It will be in person at the Universalist Unitarian Church – same place as last year. There will be two speakers and three breakout tables (something new). Attendees will rotate between tables after 15 minutes per table. In-person only.
- If a group wants to put on an anniversary meeting or a different program and need help, let Trish know and she can assist.

Retreat 2024 - *OPEN*

- There aren't any co-chairs but we do have a committee. Natasha took minutes and they're on the PAIG's Google Drive.
- Theme is "Embracing the Miracle"

- Still need a chair or co-chairs to volunteer. 6 months of abstinence is required
- Discussed new ideas – one is to have a slumber party instead of DJ on Saturday Night. Another is to have a clothing swap / boutique.
- Early Bird flyer should be coming out for the next edition of AWARE
- Price will be lower this year than last (\$270 vs \$290) due to food costs being lower than expected
- The next meeting of the committee will be held on Zoom on May 15th at 7pm. Same Zoom link as the one used for PAIG meetings.

PI/PO (Alice P.)

- Flyers are being posted and people are taking tear-off's. Word has been getting out.
- Most of the meetings are outside of the city. If post within the city, there are only 2 meetings within the Philadelphia area – South Philly and Roxborough.
- Received PI/PO book that Mary sent.
- Would like to put ad in the Metro paper. Alice will find out the prices for the different sized ads.
- Anita: at the church where Saturday morning Willow Grove meeting meets, the pastor offered to include call-out for OA in their monthly newsletter + to post flyer on their bulletin board. Anita will follow up with the church.
- Mary: Church where the Friday night meeting in Langhorne posted the OA meeting on their website.
- Judy: A newcomer has medical issues – explained to 2 doctors how OA is helping her and both asked for more information. Alice can send brochures and flyers to Judy for distribution among professionals.
- Chris: at oa.org / “Document Library”. In search, enter “poster” – will see a dozen of posters that can be printed out and distributed. Can put contact info on the poster and people can take a photo with their phone. [included further discussion about using items in the Document Library as resources]
- 12-Step Within outreach – Alice calls people that haven't been attending meetings and the meeting has expanded because of this. Outreach is important and worthwhile.

Speaker List (Maureen L.)

- Periodically getting requests for the list.
- If you need one, reach out to Maureen.

Communications (*OPEN – Phil S temporary*)

- Received no calls except for Alice who called to test the line.
- Still open

Web (Shari B.)

- Posted latest event flyers, meeting list, and minutes.
- Shari fixed Google Analytics and will report next month
- 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

None

New Business

Call for Nominations for PAIG Officers (Even-Numbered Years):

Chairperson and Treasurer: At the time of nomination, six months of current abstinence and six months service to PAIG within the last two years (i.e. retreat committee, PAIG rep, etc).

Call for Nominations for PAIG Board Members:

WSBC Delegate "A & B": At the time of nomination, one year current abstinence & two years of service above the group level & six months of service to PAIG within the last two years. (It is recommended that a WSBC Delegate have current or previous experience as a Region Representative).

R7 Reps "A" & "C" - Six months of current abstinence & two years of service above the group level & six months of service to PAIG within the last two years.

*See attached section of Bylaws for additional qualifications, and duties and responsibilities.

Call for Nominations; accepting all the way up to the June meeting for a call to vote.

Natasha nominated for the Region 7 Rep - Accepted

Trish nominated for the WSBC Rep – Accepted

Shari nominated for the Chair position - Accepted

Chris N. nominated for the Secretary – Accepted

No nominations for the Treasurer position. Will need a volunteer.

A term is 2 years. Officers can run for 2 terms, a max of 4 years. Then 1 year hiatus before being able to run again.

Announce at meetings about open Treasurer position, WSBC Reps and R7 Reps.

Closing

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

Serenity Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 5, 2024