

Philadelphia Area Intergroup (PAIG) Meeting Minutes

July 3, 2024

7:15 – 8:13 pm

Preliminaries

- Meeting started at 7:15pm
- Roll Call – done (13 participants total)
- Establish a Quorum? (3 Board Members & 8 Group Reps) Yes.
- New sign-in sheet: some folks were able to log in and sign, others were not. Shari will troubleshoot.
- Upcoming events (All event flyers are available at <https://oa-phila.org>.)
 - **2024 PAIG Retreat Planning Meeting:** Wednesday, July 10, 2024 – 6:45pm (note new time). Mtg ID: 347 721 2196 Passcode: 724462 Dial In: 929-436-2866. All are welcome! Volunteers needed!
 - **Freedom From Bondage:** Thursday, July 4, 2024 – 9:15am Fellowship, 9:30 Meeting. Sponsored by Fellowship of Hope Meeting in Quakertown, Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88420627878?pwd=VlpHZkxDekU4ZXRVaTVxVE1MQVFSdz09>
 - **Virtual Workshops in July:** Several virtual workshops in July hosted by other Intergroups. See website for details.
 - **July 13, 2024:** Time for Service, 1p-3p EDT
 - **July 14, 2024:** The Psychic Change, 10am-12p EDT
 - **July 28, 2024:** Carrying the Torch: Finding Better Balance with Work/Life/Service, 3-5p

This Month's Principle (#7) in the Twelve Concepts of Service – BALANCE (New)

Trish M. Shared about not having balance before OA. Her recovery involves focusing on the gray areas instead of on black and white thinking. The gray areas are where the sanity is, not in *right vs. wrong*. Her HP is the fulcrum.

Questions/issues from Groups

Debby B. initiated a discussion about shrinking meeting size. 8 is about the maximum. Others concurred.

Ebb and flow of our demographic has had an impact. Older folks seem to prefer daytime; working people prefer evenings.

Further discussed dwindling volunteerism. Putting on holiday workshops helped Quakertown's face-to-face meeting to grow.

Board Reports

Chair (Shari B.)

- This is her first PAIG meeting as Chair. She has some new ideas. Details to follow.

Vice Chair (Wendy K.) (Excused)

- Per Shari, Wendy K. couldn't join us, but she just sent out the updated meeting list. There's a new meeting in Blue Bell! We can help each other out by attending!

Treasurer (Phil S.)

- Previous Balance: \$9,860.98
- Income (group contributions and interest): \$578.55
- Expenses: \$10.51
- Total Balance: 10,429.02
- Prudent Reserve: \$2,000.00
- Delegate Savings Fund: \$360.00
- Total operating funds: \$8,069.02
- Shari: we've talked about reducing prudent reserve because we have so few expenses. Phil concurred and said that PAIG could reduce it to \$1,000. He'll do an analysis and present it next month.)
- Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made, seconded and passed.

Secretary (Outgoing) (Shari B.)

- Meeting minutes were sent out on Monday, July 1st. No changes noted.
- Natasha motioned to approve the minutes. Trish seconded. Motion passed.

World Service and Region 7 Reports

WSBC Delegate A. (Trish M.)

- Nothing to report yet. She expressed disappointment that the WSBC meeting will only be held on Zoom.
- Shari: do we need to put aside so much money, then? If nobody's traveling for WSBC? (See prior discussion of treasurer's report.)
- Shari: there is still an opening for WSBC Delegate B. No response to request for volunteers.

Region 7 Rep A (Angela C.) (Excused)

Region 7 Rep B - OPEN

Region 7 Rep C (Natasha M.)

- Natasha: No report yet.
- The Region 7 Assembly dates conflict with those of the PAIG retreat. Since both reps hold positions on the Retreat's planning committee, both will be attending the retreat instead.

Region 7 Alternate - OPEN

Committee Reports

AWARE (Newsletter) (Chris N.)

- Please send submissions and pet photos!!
- Per Shari B.: Keep reminding people about the AWARE at your meetings.

Programs (Trish M.):

- Program Committee activities are suspended until after the PAIG retreat.

Retreat 2023 (Angela C.) (Excused)

- Natasha (2023 Retreat Chair) reminded everyone about the next planning meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 10th at 6:45pm. All are welcome. We need service!
- Trish added that the early bird flyer is on the website and in the AWARE. If you register early, you have a chance to save \$50.
- Shari: we can register online or send in a form. Share about this at your meetings!

PI/PO (Alice P.)

- She's been putting out flyers, mostly at WAWA. People take the fingers, and Alice replenishes. There are no WAWAs in Philly, though there are Starbucks.
- Will look into placing an ad in The Metro, a free Philadelphia newspaper.

Speaker List (Maureen L.)

- People continue to ask her for the list. She has found speakers there herself. Call her for a copy of the list, or you can be added if you have 30 days abstinence.

Communications (Mary T.)

- After initial difficulty figuring out the login procedures in the aftermath of Anne W.'s death, she retrieved one call and 3 texts re: login information, retreat information, how to begin in OA, and does PAIG have a 5:30 meeting? (No.)
- Per Alice's request, Mary said that she will ask callers how they heard about OA.

Web (Shari B.)

- Everything has been posted. Let her know if you need something posted, or some changes.
- Google Analytics: 500 page views on home page. 206 views of meeting list. That means nearly half are looking for meeting list.
- She'll look further into analytics for the AWARE.

7th Tradition

- PAIG's 7th Tradition \$ can be made via PayPal (treasurer@oa-phila.org).

Old Business

- We need a treasurer! Phil is on hand to answer questions. *No one will sink*. Spread the word in your meetings! There was even a notice in the AWARE!
- Reminder that we also have another WSBC position open as well.
- Trish: Has Region 7 had filled their treasurer position? Per Mary, Anne Marie T. is the current treasurer. Shari thinks she's stepping down. R7 is looking for a new Chair and whole bunch of other service positions too. Angela C. will know more and can give an update next month.

New Business

- Discussed new ideas
 - What can we do as a group aside from fundraising? How can we carry the message?
 - May want to enlist/recruit people instead of making announcements at meetings; possibly set shorter terms for service; how can we engage people?
 - Region 7 and WSO reps are assigned to work on a committee when they serve. Could PAIG do something like this? Committees could even meet in breakout rooms during part of the monthly PAIG meeting

- Also discussed “Fellowship Fun Day”; social events and gatherings
- An idea for a monthly meeting for newcomers was also brought up. Make it a Q and A. Reps could rotate on who would host.
 - Baltimore Area Intergroup currently does this on Zoom.
- Different people brought up current fellowship opportunities (i.e. monthly dinners)
- A suggestion for a “PAIG posse” to attend meetings that need support.
- Will send out questionnaire re: social activities and committees to gauge interest

Closing

Natasha Motioned to close the meeting, and this was seconded. (Trish and group: good job, Shari!) Serenity prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 7, 2024.

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