

# Philadelphia Area Intergroup (PAIG) Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2024

7:15 – 8:34 pm

## Preliminaries

- Meeting started at 7:15pm
- Roll Call – done (18 participants total)
- Establish a Quorum? (3 Board Members & 8 Group Reps) Yes.
- Upcoming events (All event flyers are available at <https://oa-phila.org>.)
  - **NEW – Sign-in sheet:**  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14j4u1u4Dxy1aU4xEUwVcv6jKcqxmMx0BWVzMt5mCbBM/edit?usp=sharing>
  - **Sponsorship Day: 2 workshops**
    - All-New-Jersey Event: Sunday, August 18, 9:30-11:30am, Zoom Meeting ID: 896 9924 0927, Password: 202408
    - Baltimore, Northern VA, Annapolis Sponsored: Sunday, August 18, 3-5pm, The Serenity Center, 9650 Basket Ring Rd, Columbia, MD 21045 – *IN PERSON ONLY*.
  - **2024 PAIG Retreat Planning Meeting**
    - Wednesday, September 11, 6:45pm. Same meeting info as the monthly PAIG meeting. Volunteers are welcome!
  - **Virtual Workshops in August that are hosted by other Intergroups:**
    - August 24, 2024: Embracing Abstinence – Shopping and Chopping, 1-3pm ET, Zoom Meeting ID: 837 1100 7258, Password: 082424
    - August 24, 2024: Parenting in Abstinence/Sobriety, 2-3:30pm ET, Zoom Meeting ID: 895 9578 4130, Password: 963315
  - **Working Together Workshop** presented by the Quakertown meeting on Labor Day (9/3/24) from 9:30am – 11:30am. Three speakers. Time for sharing. Judy will send flyer to Shari for inclusion in PAIG google group, R7, and WSO.

## NEW – This Month’s Principle (#8) in the Twelve Concepts of Service: DELEGATION

Angela C.: As a volunteer, she knows the importance of delegating. We share benefits, responsibilities and service work to benefit ourselves and others. We get out of it what we put into it. But we all need to know when to erect a boundary and when to take a break. She’s grateful to be chairing the Retreat Committee. They’d already done a lot of work by the time she joined! Trish added that it can be an exercise in humility to delegate to someone who has a particular area of strength, recognizing when “*we ain’t got that!*”

## Questions/issues from Groups

- Should each group bring their operating funds to zero?
  - Some do, monthly or quarterly. Some do not. Each meeting is responsible for its own treasury.
- Will PAIG bring its current balance from \$8,000 to zero?
  - No, per Chair & Treasurer.
- Discussion about insurance policy required for meetings.
  - It’s held by PAIG; meetings do not carry the cost. A copy of the certificate is available. (Debbie B. needs one for St. Alberts. Mary T. will provide.)

## Board Reports

### **Chair (Shari B.)**

- Encouraged all present to speak up if they learn of health fairs or expos where PAIG can consider having a booth.

### **Vice Chair (Wendy K.)**

- The Monday, 6pm Big Book meeting is withdrawing from membership to join the Virtual Intergroup
- A meeting can't be in more than one fellowship at once. To start a new meeting, contact WSO to be assigned a meeting number. To withdraw, notify the affiliated intergroup and WSO.

### **Treasurer (Phil S.)**

- Previous Balance: \$ \$10,429.02
- Income (group contributions and interest): \$ \$1,283.74
- Expenses: \$ \$373.01
- Total Balance: \$11,339.75
- Prudent Reserve: \$2,000.00
- Delegate Savings Fund: \$ \$720.00
- Total operating funds: \$ \$8,619.75
- Phil presented his analysis of the current prudent reserve re: assess the safety of reducing it from \$2,000 to \$1,000, referencing 22 expense categories including insurance, PAIG'S PO Box, Dreamhost, and Zoom subscription. (*Ask Treasurer for copy if so desired*)
- AWARE cartoons price went up to \$15.00/each, per Chris N. Was paid by editor as 7th tradition. Will start submitting for reimbursement. Per Phil: buy a bundle and save \$.
- Members discussed other expenses, worst-case scenarios, historical spending. Total expenses are currently about \$2,000/year. The prudent reserve has never been touched.
- Assuming "prudent reserve" means 6 months' worth of expenses, \$1,000 should suffice.
- Mary T. made a motion to reduce PR from \$2,000 to \$1,000. Helene seconded. Motion passed. None opposed.
- Re: current \$8,000 balance, a future discussion about its appropriate use was tabled.
- Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made, seconded and passed.

### **Secretary (Chris N.)**

- Meeting minutes were sent out on Wednesday, August 7th. No changes noted.
- Wendy motioned to approve the minutes. Trish seconded. Motion passed.

## World Service and Region 7 Reports

### **WSBC Delegate A. (Trish M.)**

- Nothing to report until she attends the event.

### **WSBC Delegate B (Open)**

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

### **Region 7 Rep B (Open)**

**Region 7 Rep C (Natasha M.)** Excused.

## Region 7 Alternate - OPEN

### Committee Reports

#### **AWARE (Newsletter) (Chris N.)**

- Please send submissions and pet photos!! Took a show of hands. Lots of pets. Wendy K. has kittens!
- 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 early.

- Trish M., Shari B., Mary T.: Registrations are currently low, at 23. Scholarships are available, and the deadline to apply for one is August 15th.
- Reminder: Cost to attend is \$270, (\$20 less than last year). Includes two nights, five meals, keynote speakers, panels, workshops, fashion show, talent show, and more.
- Donations from groups will be used for raffle to raise next year's scholarship funds. Please talk to your meetings about donations!

#### **PI/PO (Alice P.)**

- Alice continues to post flyers, and tear-offs are being taken, but no calls to PAIG.
- The publisher of the Carrier Pigeon and Uptight Suburbanite monthly newspapers has agreed to run OA ads under the banner of Community Events for three months. The cost is free!
- Uptight Suburbanite reaches 4,000 mailboxes/mailrooms in Bucks and Montgomery Counties.
- The Carrier Pigeon has a circulation of 5,500 drop-spots including convenience stores, grocery stores, and train stations.
- Alice plans to meet with the Northeast Times in October.
- Discussion ensued:
  - The Metro's rates were too high
  - Looked into ads on a radio station but wanted PAIG to be a "sponsor" (which is against Traditions)
  - Anne Marie recommended The Herald in Quakertown.
  - Judy recommended Penny Power in Coopersburg.

#### **Speaker List (Maureen L.)** Excused

- Shari B: people continue to ask Maureen for the list. It's a great resource.

#### **Communications (Mary T.)**

- PAIG received 3 calls. One re: PIPO service opportunities; another out of curiosity and for retreat registration help; and a third from a new PAIG rep wanting info about how to join the Google Group.

#### **Web (Shari B.)**

- Flyers and AWARE were uploaded.
- 1,368 page views is a significant uptick. There were mostly searches for general information and retreat information.

- Fellowship Fun Days: people looking, some without responding. If you have suggestions, let her know!
- If you have news or upcoming events, notify her so she can post it.

### **7th Tradition**

- PAIG's 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition \$ can be made via PayPal ([treasurer@oa-phila.org](mailto:treasurer@oa-phila.org)).

### **Old Business**

- Phil is still treasurer. No one has responded to requests to take over; he suggested that he would continue, and that this item could be removed from the agenda.
- The results of the Fellowship Fun Days questionnaire:
  - Game night was popular, including board games and bingo.
  - Walk/hike was popular too, as was gathering for meals.
  - Volunteering, Arts and Crafts, and a visit to a museum were a 3-way tie.
  - PAIG members can discuss further after the retreat.

### **New Business**

- None.

### **Closing**

- Mary T. motioned to close the meeting, and Anita seconded. Motion accepted.
- Serenity prayer.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024.

Submitted on August 31, 2024 by Chris N.

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