

Philadelphia Area Intergroup (PAIG) Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2024

7:15 – 8:14 pm

Preliminaries

- Meeting started at 7:15pm
- Roll Call – done
- Establish a Quorum? (3 Board Members & 8 Group Reps) Yes.
- Sign-in sheet (still working out some technical hang-ups for some folks)
- **Upcoming Events: Save the dates!** (see all event flyers @ <https://oa-phila.org/#events>)
 - **2024 PAIG Retreat Planning Meeting:** Wednesday, September 11, 2024 – 6:45pm. Mtg ID: 347 721 2196 Passcode: 724462 Dial In: 929-436-2866. All are welcome!
 - **PAIG RETREAT:** Friday, September 27 – Sunday, September 29, 2024, Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA. \$270 includes 2 nights lodging and 5 meals. This year's theme: "Embracing the Miracle". Register online through September 18th at <https://oa-phila.org/paig-retreat-2024/>
 - **Region 7 Fall Assembly:** Friday, September 27 – Sunday, September 29, 2024, Hybrid. \$45 to attend in-person in Winchester, VA. Free for visitors to attend via Zoom. Register online at <https://oaregion7.org/events/2024-region-7-fall-assembly/>
 - Trish is going to represent PAIG.
 - **Region 7 Convention:** November 1-3, 2024, Ocean City, MD. \$60 Early Bird Registration through September 30, 2024. \$70 through October 31, 2024. \$80 thereafter. Register online at <https://oaregion7.org/events/2024-region-7-convention/>
 - **Virtual Workshops in September** hosted by other Intergroups.
 - **September 8, 2024:** Steps 6 & 7: Seeking Spiritual Guidance – The Power of the Pause, 2-3pm ET, Zoom Meeting ID: 823 7817 6351, Password: 066712
 - **September 15, 2024:** Living the 7th Tradition, 2-5:00pm ET, Zoom Meeting ID: 827 6625 0383, Password: 054267

This Month's Principle (#9) in the Twelve Concepts of Service: Ability

Debby: ability is connected to service. It's important to know our limits. Could feeling pressure to continue to do service contribute to loss of abstinence in some cases if folks are afraid to step down? Also, some people are afraid to offer service because they fear they'll be asked to do something they aren't equipped to do. Shared service positions or shorter terms could make service more palatable.

Questions/issues from Groups

- Baskets are needed for the retreat! Please ask your meetings.
- Group discussed ideas for when having problems getting speakers. Options include:
 - Since so many people are on Zoom, speakers can be culled from any meeting
 - Ask Brandwine IG for their speaker list
 - Check with Region 7 to see if they have a list
 - Use OA Brown Book when no speakers are available
 - Play a podcast or speaker recording instead
- Quakertown's Tools Labor Day Workshop was great. They hosted *Toolia, the OA Tools Fairy!* Three people requested info about joining their group!

Board Reports

Chair, Shari B.:

She'll wait for Old Business.

Vice Chairperson, Wendy K:

Nothing new to report.

Treasurer, Phil S.:

See treasurer's report, attached. Natasha motioned. Trish seconded. Accepted.

Secretary, Chris N.:

Sent amended minutes to Shari. Table meeting minutes for later vote because of pending correction/amendment. Trish motioned. Wendy 2nd. Motion passed.

World Service and Region 7 Reports

WSBC Delegate A. (Trish M.)

Nothing to report. WSO will start to contact Intergroup Chairs in January.

WSBC Delegate B (Open)

Region 7 Rep A (Angela C.)

Angela is stepping down. Position now open.

Region 7 Rep B (Open)

Region 7 Rep C (Natasha M.)

Natasha will go to meeting at the end of the month.

- Trish: let's let newcomers know what R7 rep qualifications are. Shari will confirm and report.
- Synopsis: Region 7 holds two assemblies per year. They pass motions that affect PAIG by helping it grow, and handling the business side of things. Reps bring concerns, issues, etc. to the assembly, and they give voice to our membership and vote as well. *Note: while World Service posts issues ahead of the World Service Business Conference, R7 does not. They hear and vote in person*
 - Shari: R7 reps also join and participate in one of a number of committees. Angela was on Intergroup Renewal, which focuses on the challenges Intergroups are having getting people to give service. Other committees include Diversity, Bylaws, and Finance, and more. PAIG's Delegate Savings Fund will pay for R7 reps to attend in person.

Region 7 Alternate - OPEN

Committee Reports

AWARE (Newsletter) (Chris N.)

- Please send submissions and pet photos!!

Programs (Trish M.):

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

Retreat 2024 (Angela C.)

- Urged everyone to attend. Attendance is down: 52 people signed up so far.
- Baskets are needed to fund next year's scholarships. If your meeting is not able to donate a basket, a gift card is a great contribution.
- Bring gently worn clothing for a clothing swap!
- Single supplements are \$40 extra, however, best to not announce it widely as we'll run out of rooms.
- All scholarships have been granted.

PI/PO (Alice P.) (Excused)

- Shari: Alice put ads in Uptight Suburbanite and Carrier Pigeon.
- Alice has also put up a flyer at the Salvation Army at 13th and Brown and the Clay Studio.
- A Flyer and pamphlets for professionals went to Lutheran Settlement House in Fishtown.

Speaker List (Maureen L.) Excused

- People continue to contact her to ask for a copy of the list, and/or they ask to be added to the list. To obtain a list, text her your email information and she'll send it to you.
- If you have 30 days or more abstinence, you can be added to the list.

Communications (Mary T.)

- Two people contacted PAIG, one via call and one text. One was responding to one of Alice's flyers!

Web (Shari B.)

- As a reminder, events, minutes, and the AWARE newsletter are posted each month.
- If you have an event or anything that needs to go online, let her know.
- There were 1,225 page views on the website last month. People accessed the home page, the retreat page, and the meeting list.
- She's considering adding "Announcements!" to let people know when something is new on the website.
- Wendy: One of the meetings has cards with program sayings (i.e. First Things First, Easy Does It). Suggested creating cards with the website URL, encouraging folks to visit to read the AWARE, check out events, etc.

7th Tradition

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

Old Business

- Shari re: Fellowship Fun Days questionnaire. Highest interest was in game night. After retreat, around Halloween or beginning of November, PAIG could host a game night. Folks can bring their games, or we could do charades.
 - When? weekends were discussed; Sunday afternoons; evenings.
 - Where? Park pavilions were discussed, but because of weather concerns, inside might be preferable. Trish: UU church in Warminster and Willow Grove Baptist have rooms that could work.
 - Shari may send another questionnaire to clarify preferences re: time and place.
- Walks or hikes were also popular ideas.

New Business

- None.

Closing

- Motion to close was seconded and accepted.
- Serenity prayer.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 2, 2024.

Submitted on September 23, 2024 by Chris N.

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