

Open with Serenity Prayer

- **Read Step, Tradition and Concept of the month**
 - **Step Five: Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.**
 - **Tradition Five: Each group has but one primary purpose - to carry its message to the compulsive overeater who still suffers.**
 - **Concept Five: Individuals have the right of appeal and petition in order to ensure that their opinions and personal grievances will be carefully considered.**
- **Introductions:** First Name, ID yourself as a meeting Rep (which meeting) or visitor.
- Rename yourself if you are a meeting representative by placing an "(A)" before your name
 - 13 people in attendance; 7 group representatives
- Review of the meeting protocol (timer for meeting) and main motion process (3 pros and 3 cons per motion; 1 minute per person)

April Minutes – Approved by 7-0

April Treasurers Report – Approved by 7-0

- Ask for a volunteer to be timer - Claudia accepted

Chairperson Comments:

- **PTI OA Hotline is (727) 279-5630** – Plan is to change the voice mail message to a woman's voice. Hotline is active. Number can be shared and is visible on oapinellas.org.
- Meeting inventory and continuity audit. Shirley referred us to an existing document at oa.org. The plan will be to share this document with our meetings to encourage an annual meeting inventory and the continuity audit is to confirm and document any key information related to facility and meeting room access, rent, facility contact, room layout after meeting, etc..
- SunBiz – FYI - If you are incorporated in FL as a not for profit you have to file each year. Done for 2024 by Karen.
- Service Spotlight at Franciscan Event - JC, Shirley and Will are going to speak at about 8:30am on Sat, July 27th at the retreat about service experience and open opportunities.

Vice-Chair Comments:

- Devorah shared her service experience and her uncertain future regarding where she will live and how long she will be available to serve PTI. We are happy to have her as Vice Chair for as long as she is available.

Committee and Representative Reports:

- **JC World Service Report -**

JC Reported on her experience at the World Services Business Conference in New Mexico. She is now Subcommittee co-chair for young people's work. There is a letter of introduction about OA that they are now working to get to universities and other institutions.

There was discussion about barriers to recovery - language, access to meetings.

In addition to the one meeting = one group structure of OA with respect to service, there are other service bodies. For example, Special Focus Groups can have their own service bodies. There are Special Interest Groups, such as "90 day" programs. There are Service Language Bodies who have shared language - allows countries with few meetings to participate by working with other countries who share a language.

There were a number of basic Housekeeping motions, such as increasing the flexibility on how and where WSBC meets - conferences can now be virtual and the thought is to have in-person one year, and virtual the next.

Region IV is closing - they can't get enough volunteers at the region level.

There has been a change to contract service for financial services to save money.

Budget wise OA was able to meet budget primarily because investments grew, but in the future OA will need more contributions so as not to depend on return on investments. They are encouraging automatic recurring contributions for everyone's convenience.

OA has hired a new Managing Director.

There is extensive translation work going on to extend the reach of OA literature.

Once a major language has been done, then they are working on dialects. Artificial Intelligence is being used to make the process less expensive and faster, but AI is still not perfect, so staff and volunteers will be working through the materials after AI translation to correct any errors and maintain the integrity of the message.

OA has an email based newsletter that anyone can sign up for ([click here](#)).

OA FB has 17,000 followers - click ([here](#))

There will be two new pieces of literature coming: Books titled Abstinence 1 & 2. In general, Abstinence related literature can be found at oa.org ([here](#)).

Copyright infringement lawsuit over an internet image on an Intergroup's web site is going to cost OA \$2300. This may seem small, but it may open the floodgates of other claims. OA is asking that whenever an image is used on an Intergroup web site or a flier or any other use, always get permission and reference proof of that permission when using the image. JC is working on an education document to help Intergroups and committees navigate the use of third party images.

"Where do I start" pamphlet has been translated into 22 languages, in some cases using AI, and is available for download free ([click here](#)).

The OA Handbook is being revised.

OA is investing in Google ads

OA's Rainbow (LGBTQ+) Specific Focus Service Board has received some vicious, attacking emails from individual OA members. In response, a Letter of Support was written and signed by The Board of Trustees, Region Chairs Committee, and Unity with Diversity Conference Committee as well as 160+ delegates at the WSBC. To see the letter ([click here](#))

JC recommended that anyone interested in attending the World Service Business Conference in the future plan to invest a significant amount of time in preparation beforehand to get the most out of the experience. She watched the Meet the Maker Zoom meeting prior to the conference to prepare. JC has attended five WSBC's and found that in each case she came to the conference with an opinion on one of the issues being raised and then found that after the full discussion she changed her mind. She put in very long days because there was so much to experience and participate in. It was emphasized that attendees were not only representing their respective Intergroups, but were also there to serve OA as a whole and benefit the global OA family today and into the future.

One of the motions that came up related to not scheduling WSBC's on religious holidays. There was significant passionate discussion on both sides, including atheists who emphasized that their holidays were not less important than religious holidays. Initially the vote went one way, but then someone exercised their right to have a standing vote count and the vote went the other way. There was also an instance where a vote went one way, then someone who voted that way (the prevailing side) made a motion to reconsider. In the end the compromise was to attempt to schedule the conferences outside common holidays whether religious or otherwise. This helped OA avoid violating Tradition Ten.

A motion to remove “weight” from the Abstinence definition failed, as did a motion to allow groups who met multiple times a week be treated as a single group/meeting.

The motion to allow the Board of Trustees to decide to meet virtually passed.

Any change to The Steps would require 75% of all meetings to vote “YES” and at least 55% of all meetings would have to respond to the vote. The motion was to remove the requirement for 55% of the meetings to respond. This motion failed. This was relevant to the motion to change “Him” to “God”. That motion was withdrawn in part because of the impossibility of getting 55% of the meetings to respond when many of them are not active and therefore would be counted as “NO” votes.

There are currently 4 trustee vacancies. The board of trustees will appoint people. Applications are online.

There was a discussion of Tough Questions. For example, discussion of outside issues. People reported they were told they could not talk about topics like racism because it’s an outside issue. It was stated that individuals do have the right to talk about issues that affect them personally. OA does not have an opinion on outside issues, individuals members may have their own opinions.

There was a request that all Intergroups update their meeting lists regularly.

For more detailed information on the World Service Business Conference, please refer to JC’s full report that was sent to allpti@oapinellas.org on May 28th.

PIPO Committee Report:

Shirley Q. reported on PIPO activity. She participated in a very successful Health Fair at a Pasco County vocational school and had several hundred young people stop by her OA information table. They each had to listen to her explain Overeaters Anonymous to get a validation mark, so she had many excellent opportunities to share the message of our program.

Shirley also explained the power of the QR code flier she created and cited an example of its use already with a physician. The QR code can be shared with other members and outside professionals to help them quickly access OA resources. She encouraged everyone to download the flyer from oapinellas.org and put them in public areas such as gyms, libraries, etc.

Shirley reminded everyone who uses the Zoom virtual meeting platform to click on END MEETING FOR ALL if they are the last one out of the virtual room at the end of the meeting.

New Virtual Meeting: for newcomers and young people Mondays at 4:00 pm. See oapinellas.org meeting list.

Shirley is looking for someone with Graphics/Sign Writing abilities to update a prop she uses at PIPO events.

She has also arranged a meeting room for a meeting each Thursday mornings at 10:00am at 5035 US Highway 19, New Port Richey, FL 34652 Sunshine Health storefront.

EVENT: Conference Workshop in Palm Harbor – Theme “Before the Next B.I.N.G.E. (Believing I’m Not Good Enough)” Saturday, June 8 from 1-5 pm. Location: Palm Harbor Presbyterian Church 2021 Nebraska Ave., Palm Harbor. Flyer on oapinellas.org.

Old Business:

- Newsletter Discussion- moving forward - will publish newsletter as text only to start.

New Business:

- Proposal to increase MJ (Webmaster) payment to \$200 per quarter
 - Passed 7-0
- Three new buttons on website – “Service opps”, “Request a Sponsor” and “Events”.
 - Passed 7-0
- **Event Updates:**
 - **OA World Service Organization Convention** Aug. 21-23rd **2025** Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld® – any volunteers. SAVE the Date.
 - **Region 8 Business Assembly & Recovery Convention** in Boca Raton on 9/20 – 9/22. NOTE: The Regional Business Assembly is hybrid (In-Person and Virtual). The Recovery Convention is **IN-PERSON ONLY**.
 - Retreat at Franciscan Center
 - July 26th-28th (see oapinellas.org for registration flyer)
 - **Region 8 - Carrying The Torch: Finding Better Balance with Work/Life/Service**
 - Sunday, July 28th, 3:00-5:00pm Eastern Time
 - Meeting ID: 816 3916 8833 Passcode: Intergroup

Open Discussion:

Take back to your group:

- If your meeting does not have an InterGroup Representative please consider electing one to represent you at our PTI meeting.

Next Monthly PTI Meeting: NEW DAY/TIME: 7pm on Fourth Tuesday of Each Month - Tuesday, June 25th at 7:00pm-8:15pm, Meeting ID 840 2699 8998, Passcode: service

Motion to Adjourn: Motion @ 8:15 pm

Closed with Serenity Prayer