

TURNING POINT INTEGROUP
DRAFT Minutes for March
03/16/2025

Opening: Colleen opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer

Vision & Mission:

- Vision TPI: Invigorating our OA Community through Abstinence and Action
- Mission: Increase interest and participation in the meetings and activities of TPI and carry the message that long-term recovery is possible through abstinence and working the 12 steps.

Introductions: (Chair calls on Fellows): Colleen B., Ellen M., Martha D., Ellen T., Mara W., Elaine, Phil C., Lori P., Annie F.S.

Concept of the month: Ellen M. reflected on OA Concept 3: The right of decision, based on trust, makes effective leadership possible.

<https://oa.org/service-bodies/twelve-concepts/>

ACTION: Martha D. will discuss Concepts 4 [and 5] at our next meeting.

Approval of February Minutes: The minutes were approved as submitted.

Emergency New Business: The third Sunday of April is Easter so the TPI meeting will need to be changed from that day.

Reports

Chair Report: Colleen had nothing new to report today.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Lori had nothing new to report.

Treasurer's Report: Mara reported that in addition to our prudent reserve of \$3,500, our operating account totals \$5,011(all figures are rounded off). Our income from 7th Tradition, both individual and group, was \$703. We paid \$311 for Kerry's hotel stay at the Region 5 (R5) Spring Assembly held March 7th to 9th and \$1,713 to reserve our place for TPI's 2026 retreat in planning now. Mara will be sending \$630 to the World Service Office (WSO) this month. (Correct, Mara?)

Region 5 Spring Assembly Report: Kerry reported that R5 will hold assemblies twice a year, with the Fall's in person and the Spring's virtually, hoping the virtual assembly will encourage greater service through attendance. There is a new address for R5 7th Tradition donations: Region 5 of OA, P.O. Box 22175, Louisville, KY 40252. Please remind those donating to include the meeting or service body ID numbers. Also, the WSO suggests that the distribution of donations to Intergrups, WSO and Regions change from 60-30-10 to 50-40-10, respectively.

Literature purchases continue to decline so the World Service Business Office asks we purchase through it rather than Amazon. Also, the Board of Trustees asks that we discourage minors from

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attending meetings because of potential liability issues. Elections for R5 secretary and vice-chair will be held at the Fall Assembly. Kerry was nominated and accepted the nomination for secretary.

Kerry is the Volunteer Coordinator for the convention. If you are interested in volunteering for a 1- to 2-hour shift, please so indicate on your registration form. Willing and able speakers are asked to submit stories for consideration to: MyStory@oamilwaukee.org.

Finally, as baskets for raffles are being sought, we voted unanimously to submit between \$50 to \$100 to the convention committee so it can be used where it is most needed. **ACTION: Martha** will check with Kerry as to how much is a normal amount and to whom the donation should be sent.

Website Committee Report: Colleen reported she posted to the site the information about the R5 Convention. There were 76 sessions, 60 visitors and 166 page views to the website. The home page, events and meetings were the most visited.

Marathon Committee Report: Martha sent a flyer for the May 20 Spring holiday marathon to Lori and Colleen for posting by email and on our website. Chair persons for each meeting are being sought.

Retreat Planning Committee: Kerry presented an outline of the schedule for TPI's 2026 retreat. Planning is proceeding well.

April TPI Meeting: The group unanimously agreed to cancel the April TPI meeting.

Upcoming Events: Spring Holiday Marathon – 04/20/25, Meetings at 11 and 12 a.m. and 1 p.m.; R5 Convention in Milwaukee – 05/23 to 05/25/25; WSO Convention in Orlando – 08/21 to 08/23/25.

Adjourned at 11:35 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

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