

TURNING POINT INTEGROUP
Approved Minutes for January 19
01/19/2025

Opening: Colleen opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Vision & Mission: Mara W. highlighted our guiding principles.

- 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., Phil C., Elaine, Ellen T., Linda, Kerry, Lori P. Elaine, and Ellen T.

Concept of the month: 1. The ultimate responsibility and authority for OA world services reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship. (Linda)

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

ACTION: Phil agreed to present Concept 2 next month.

Approval of December Minutes: Kerry made the motion, Mara seconded it; the minutes were approved.

Emergency New Business (This is business that must be addressed today for the goodness of OA as a whole. Chair will ask. "Is there any emergency new business?" to the members present. Then the chair determines if this is indeed an emergency new business and where on the agenda it can be addressed.) None

Reports

Chair Report: Colleen None

Corresponding Secretary Report: Lori reported that the meeting list on the website should be updated. (Elaine noted one correction.)

ACTION: Lori will update it accordingly and send it out.

ACTION: Colleen will post the new meeting list.

ACTION: Lori confirmed that she can share the "Where do I Start" brochure and the Abstinence Workshop (even though it is not a TPI-sponsored event). Kerry explained that the brochure is a new and free download since, with Zoom meetings, we do not use Newcomer's packets as much.

The Call for Stories of abstinence is closed; there is a second one for long-term recovery that is open through March 2025.

TPI Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89729520791?pwd=cnBLV01sbEI5Zk5KTkE3SDBCNURVZz09>

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ACTION: Lori will get the link for long-term abstinence articles through March 2025 and share it with the fellowship (and double check to get live links).

Treasurer's Report: Mara reported a bank balance of \$10,209.05, \$3500.00 of which is the prudent reserve. Revenue last month was \$567.18. Our expenses were contributions to the Region and the World Conference at \$358.00. Mara asked if we could make this quarter's contributions now, rather than in March, to get our balance below \$10,000.

Kerry shared the upcoming expenses: \$311.39 for a room during the Regional Conference is due February 14; the WS Biz Conference registration is \$249.00; and the Retreat deposit (when the location is confirmed) will be 10% of an (as yet) undetermined amount.

Mara asked that these expenses be submitted and reimbursed before the end of the month. Accordingly, the March contributions will not be made until March.

ACTION: Kerry to register and submit the expenses.

Phil asked about donations from St. Luke's; Mara shared that unattributed donations are reflected as personal donations.

Mara confirmed that the PO Box is still working. (There was a reported undeliverable donation, so Mara provided her home as an alternate address since it is also the same address that the bank uses.)

Region 5 Report: Kerry provided a new flyer (with a Zoom link) for the All-Illinois Unity Day, with an emphasis on finding common ground while celebrating diversity.

ACTION: All download and share the new flyer with their meetings.

There is an agenda questionnaire for members to provide input about the Conference agenda and motions proposed for the World Service. Kerry will be hosting brainstorming and comment sessions: Th 1/30 at 7:00 PM, Fr 1/31 at 2:00 PM, or Sat 2/9 at 10:30 AM.

ACTION: Lori will provide a Zoom link for all three sessions and distribute the information to the fellowship.

Kerry explained that TPI will vote on the motions at the February meeting. Meeting representatives can vote then, or at any of the above sessions, or by email to OAPerson12@gmail.org.

ACTION: Lori to notify the fellowship with this information.

ACTION: Colleen to update the website with a link to the questionnaire and information as well.

Website Committee Report: Colleen asked if she could add an invitation to join the TPI mailing list by contacting OAPerson12@gmail.com.

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ACTION: Colleen to update the website with the above information.

Marathon Committee Report: Martha none

Retreat Planning Committee: Kerry asked for the attendees' input on the possible locations for the Retreat.

Upcoming Events: All Illinois Unity Celebration 2/22/25
Spring Assembly March 7-9 in Chesterton, IN.
Spring Holiday 4/20/25

New Business: none

The meeting adjourned with the Serenity Prayer at 11:30.

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