

November 20, 2022 6:00pm Agenda

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Topic: GMNI

Time: Nov 20, 2022 06:00 PM EST

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GROUP REPRESENTATIVES ARE NEEDED! Just Six Zoom meetings per year (every other month, usually one and a half hours). Each Group determines Group Representative requirements (abstinence, length of time in OA, etc.) or just be a Group member. More than one person can attend on behalf of a Group, but each Group has only one vote on matters requiring a vote. It is not enough to just have officers and committee chairs voting. Group Representatives are the lifeblood of Intergroups!!

Meeting Opening: Serenity Prayer

**Anyone can ask for the Serenity Prayer at any time during the meeting*

- Introductions/Check-ins/Welcome
- Reading of Concepts of Service 8 and 9
- Approve September meeting Minutes (including making any corrections), attached at the end of this agenda. Please read the Minutes before the meeting, and be prepared to bring forward any corrections or additions needed, so the vote can be taken without having to wait for people to read them. Thanks!

Reports

Treasury and Tradition 7 Reports – Amy B., treasurer.

Website report- Joshua

Phone report- Katrine

Old Business

2023 Budget discussion and vote. Please read the attached 2023 GMNI Budget Discussion Items, below the September meeting Minutes, and look at the Proposed Budget Spreadsheet, a separate attachment to the email that had this agenda attached.

Review the proposed budget, final discussions, then vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary Discussion- Sue

Tradition 7 donations discussion-Ad Hoc investigators

- How can GMNI incorporate a Funds Transfer app such as Venmo or PayPal, and/or an International Funds Transfer app to be able to accept Tradition 7 donations from persons outside of Vermont that attend meetings aligned with GMNI and wanting to donate to abstinence GMNI?

Service Positions within GMNI discussion:

- How can GMNI incorporate meeting attendees from outside of Vermont (International as well as within the US) as Service Position holders? *Note: This discussion is in regard to GMNI only. All Groups have OA Group Autonomy, thus, are free to make choices for their groups by use Group Conscious.*

Meeting List Holder position

- There is a need for someone to take on this Service Position. It is quite an easy task.

General Information: Update on GMNI's WSBC delegate.

If you have something you'd like added to this agenda, please contact Nance at nancewells@hotmail.com or call: 802-345-8737. Thank you!

GMNI MEETING
September 18, 2022 – 6 to 8 PM
On Zoom

Attending:

Nance – Chair

Sue – Secretary

Joshua – Webmaster

Amy – Treasurer

Karen – St. Johnsbury

Ramona – Middlebury

Shoshana – Burlington Tuesday AM (Canada)

Meeting Opening: Serenity Prayer

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- Introductions/Check-ins/Welcome
 - Reading of Concepts of Service 6 and 7
 - Approve Minutes July 2022 meeting. (*Minutes are available on our website*)
- Karen moved that the minutes be approved, Joshua seconded. Motion passed.

Reports

- Treasury and Tradition 7 Reports - Nance as *temporary* treasurer. (*Treasurer's Report is available on our website*). Joshua moved that the report be approved, Ramona seconded. Motion passes
- Website report- Joshua – Joshua reports hits to the website remain steady. He is working on cleaning up the website. Joshua and Sue will work on a newsletter with a goal of having it ready in January.
- Phone report- Katrine – No report

Old Business

- Sue has agreed to be GMNI's representative to the Region 6 Assembly in Fall 2022. It will be Virtual, on September 17. Sue reported that new officers were elected. Sue will continue to serve on the Twelve Step Within Committee.
- Karen G. of Saint Johnsbury and Nance have completed the forms and provide the necessary financial information to R6 requesting financial support for Karen's travel to the WSBC meeting in Albuquerque, NM in April 2023. Delegate to the WSBC meeting in Albuquerque in April 2023. Karen received a response that her application was received, and that a decision will be made after the R6 OA Fall Assembly in September 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION of Treasurer:

Amy B from the Middlebury meeting has volunteered to become our treasurer. Nance will help with training. Nance moved that Amy be elected as treasurer and Joshua seconded. The motion passed.

SELECTION of Meeting List Holder

This Service Position's duties are keeping two very short spread sheets on one's computer,

and that those spreadsheets would require only occasional updates/editing. Ideally, the person taking this on would be willing to do it for two years, though if someone can only give one year, that would be gratefully appreciated. To do this service, one is not required to attend GMNI meetings, though attendance occasionally would be welcome.

No one in attendance of the meeting volunteered, since all are already serving in Service Positions.”

Budget 2022 Discussion-Reprogramming unused and underused existing funds. This requires a vote by those present. It is desired for the following reasons:

- To underwrite the \$300.00 donation to FreeConferenceCall,
- Cover the increase of expected expenses for our WSBC delegate in April 2023.
- See “Budget Reprogramming Information” attached below.
- Expenses for the WSO Business Conference, April 26-29,2023.
- Ramona moved that we reprogram unused funds to underwrite expenses for our representative to the WSO Business Conference; Shoshana seconded. The motion passed.
- *Budget discussion notes are available on our website.*

2023 Annual Budget Introduction (Nance)

- A discussion of the budget for 2023. Input for ideas, changes are desired, and will be incorporated for presentation at the November 2022 meeting. Voting to accept a 2023 budget will be done at the November 2022 meeting following the second presentation of the 2023 budget.

International Contributions - A question was asked about how intergroups deal with donations from countries other than the United States in terms of currency exchange.

- Karen volunteered to contact the World Service Office and Region 6 about this issue.

General Information –

- **Lifeline** Is Returning! It has not launched yet, but submissions are desired. Go to <https://oa.org/lifeline> and there is a form to click on to make a submission.

Next Meeting

- Ramona suggested discussing outreach to the medical community.

Meeting closed at 7:15 PM with the Serenity Prayer (plural version).

Respectfully submitted,
Sue C, secretary

2023 GMNI Budget Discussion Items

For the 20 November 2022 meeting

This proposed budget is intended to be voted upon at this meeting.

All NEW items for the 2023 budget are highlighted in **YELLOW**.

Highlighted in **PINK** are funds getting *re-established after having had their 2022 funds re-programmed* to cover a donation to FreeConferenceCall.com and the 2023 WSBC Delegate attendance fund.

GMNI Outreach Projects, highlighted in **BLUE** is a combination of re-establishing funds (returning to \$500) used to fund the WSBC delegate and NEW addition of \$500 for funding a public and/or professional outreach project of some kind.

To fulfill this proposed budget, GMNI must receive \$5000.00 in Tradition 7 donations in the year 2023. This is a big ask. GMNI members need to be prepared to discuss reducing or eliminating items in this budget if Tradition 7 donations fail to reach \$5000.00. Those decisions must be made by all or a committee, not left to the Treasurer to solely decide.

This version of the proposed budget reestablishes budget items that were vacated or reduced in order to assure \$1500.00 was available for to WSBC delegate to attend in April 2023, and covers all GMNI's Non-discretionary and Discretionary items identified in the budget, assuming costs do not change radically from those of 2022.

1. "Non-Discretionary" items include the \$400.00 Prudent Reserve, and all services that GMNI uses. Those are: 1and1 Web/Internet, FreedomVoice phone answering, Zoom, FreeConferenceCall.com, or PO Box, and the State of Vermont. These costs amount to an expected \$1682.54, *assuming* that costs for all the services remain the same beginning 2023.

2. "Discretionary" items are things such as: Setting funds aside in case of bank charges/fees, Postage, sending representatives to Region 6 Assembly, Intergroup Leadership training, sending a Delegate to WSBC, outreach projects, and/or GMNI sponsored workshops.

3. This budget shows, as per the decision made at the GMNI September 2022 meeting to re-program some funds, that there are now funds in the 2022 budget to fund a \$300.00 donation to FreeConferenceCall.com (for services in 2021 and 2022) and to increase the funds available for our WSBC delegate to attend in April 2023 to \$1500.

4. This budget ASSUMES that GMNI will receive at least \$5000.00 in Tradition 7 donations from Groups and individuals in the course of the year.

NEW in the 2023 budget compared to 2022 are:

- Zoom accounts being paid Annually rather than monthly (saving \$90.00).
- State of Vermont Change Agent fee of \$25, will need to be paid in the Fall of 2023, when our current chairperson's term expires.
- Bank Charges and Fees are set aside in case of needing to return checks or stop payments. These fees increased dramatically in the last year (\$36.00 per "incident").
- Check printing prices increased, also.
- **Re-establishment of the different funds** used to pay FreeConferenceCall.com donation for 2021 and 2022 service, and to increase the WSBC Delegate fund. \$200/R6IGLeadership training, \$100/Workshop Support, \$72.00/GMNI Outreach Projects. As funds arrive in early 2023, these items will be re-funded, and will be shown on the spreadsheets used by the GMNI Treasurer.

NEW additions of funds are:

- \$500.00 to begin rebuilding the WSBC Delegate's fund, with the intent of sending a Delegate in 2025 or 2026, if the current funding amount remains at \$500 per year.
- \$50.00 to the State of Vermont, for "Assumed Business Change" if GMNI decides to move forward with a name change.
- **An additional \$500.00 to GMNI Outreach Projects** (bringing the total to \$1000.00). These funds were established "to carry the message of OA to those who still suffer". A Public and/or Professional outreach project (or projects) need to be decided upon and well described. The description is then used to request Region 6 PIPO funds can be requested up to double the amount of funds GMNI has available.

REMOVALS

- Mileage reimbursement for GMNI members attending GMNI meetings. Since we are now meeting by Zoom, and expect to do so for all GMNI meetings. The exception could be GMNI sponsored workshops, should those be started up again.

POTENTIAL ADDITION

- Mileage Reimbursement for GMNI officers and Committee Chairs for GMNI sponsored workshop attendance. In the past there would be three workshops, held in various locations around the State, in part so GMNI could be seen by Groups, as well as participate in the workshops.

This budget points out the need for at least two new committees in GMNI. They are:

- **A Budget Committee:** This could be a self-selecting ad hoc group or a standing committee. This group would work beginning in May each year, with the treasurer to put together a proposed budget for the coming fiscal year. The introductory presentation and discussion of the proposed budget would be at the GMNI September meeting each year. Voting on the final version, subject to changes from the September discussion, would be done during the GMNI November meeting each year.

and

- **A Public Information/ Professional Outreach (PIPO) Committee:** This group would formulate ideas for outreach projects to the public and to professionals, and where applicable, submit requests for matching funding from region 6 of OA's PIPO Blitz Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Nance K., GMNI Chair 2021-2023 and Temporary Treasurer

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