**January 15, 2023 6:00pm Agenda**

**NOTE: This meeting will be held by ZOOM**

**Zoom Link:**

GMNI Zoom 1 is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.  
  
Topic: GMNI  
Time: January 15, 2023 06:00 PM EST  
  
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**GROUP REPRESENTATIVES ARE NEEDED! Out of our 13 Groups, we have only two Group Representatives that attend regularly. The job is EASY! Only 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, however, 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 12 and 1.
* Approve November 2022 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!

**Secretary election-** Nance lead

**Reports**

Treasury and Tradition 7 Reports, 2022 year-end wrap-up:

-Amy, treasurer.

Website report- Joshua

Phone report- Katrine

**OLD BUSINESS—**

**Tradition 7 donations discussion-**Amy

* 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

**NEW BUSINESS—**

* **WSBC voting items discussion-**Karen G., WSBC Delegate 2023

**New groups establishing!! These groups can use the support of anyone who would like to attend.**

* Cathleen B. is starting a Zoom meeting that will be on Saturday mornings at 8:30am, Zoom link and code TBD.
* Julie “Juju” M. has recently returned to Vermont, and is wanting to start a meeting in the Burlington area. She is still looking for a meeting site. This meeting will hybrid and use Zoom, day and time TBD, once a meeting place is found.

**Report on response from Group contacts and use of their contact information-** Nance

**Service Positions within GMNI discussion:**

* What can GMNI to encourage Group members from inside and outside of Vermont (including international) to participate in GMNI meetings and/or take on Service Positions? *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.

**Service Opportunity Available:**

**Meeting List Holder position**

* There is a need for someone to take on this Service Position. It is quite an easy task, just holding and occasionally updating an Excel spreadsheet.

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

**GMNI MEETING**

**November 20, 2022 at 6PM**

**On Zoom**

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**Representatives are the lifeblood of Intergroups!!**

**Attending**

Nance W - Chair

Sue C - Secretary

Ramona A - MIddlebury

Karen G – St Johnsbury

Katrine H - Telephone

Amy B - Treasurer

# Meeting Opening at 6:09 PM: Serenity Prayer

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**Introductions/Check-ins/Welcome**

**Reading of Concepts of Service 10 and 11**

**Approve September meeting Minutes** (including making any corrections). There were no corrections. Ramona moved that the minute be accepted; Karen seconded. The motion passed.

# Reports

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

* Question raised about the percentages sent to GMNI, Region 6, WSO. Karen confirmed that percentages are 60% to GMNI, 30% to WSO, 10% to Region 6.

Website report- Joshua

* Visitors average 20 per day.
* 8.9% are people accessing meeting lists.
* Joshua may need to hand off creating the newsletter.
* Make sure Joshua has the most recent meeting/contact list. Nance will review and confirm the present information.
* Joshua is willing to serve as the Zoom master for GMNI.

Phone report- Katrine

* Average of 3 calls per month.
* Katrine responds to every call received.
* Most calls looking for information about meetings/oavermont.org website.
* Questions about whose phone number should be listed on our website – contact for individual meetings or the phone number that Katrine monitors. Leave the website the way it is now. Make sure the information is accurate.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Review the proposed budget, final discussions, then vote.**

* GMNI needs $5000.00 in Tradition 7 donations for the 2023 budget approved at the 20 November 2022 meeting. The funds will allow GMNI to:
  + Pay all Non-Discretionary bills and Discretionary expenses expected in 2023.
  + Have enough funds to roll over into 2024 to cover expected Non-Discretionary bills and some Discretionary expenses (Tradition 7 donations will be needed to cover the rest of Discretionary expenses for 2024).
  + Send our Delegate, Karen G., to the World Service Business Conference (WSBC) meeting at the WSO, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in April 2023.
  + Re-establish funds that were reprogrammed to assure enough funds were available for our WSBC Delegate.
  + Workshop Materials for GMNI sponsored workshops
  + Food and mileage for R6 Leadership workshop attendees
  + Return the Public Information and Professional Outreach (PIPO) project fund balance back to its original $500.00.
  + An additional $500.00 to the PIPO fund for a total of $1000.00 for a public and/or professional outreach project in 2023, because, as it is said, “faith without works is dead”.
  + Begin rebuilding the WSBC Delegate fund with $500.00, with an eye on sending a delegate again in 2025 or 2026.
* Approval received from Region 6 for Karen’s travel expenses to WSO annual meeting.
* Sue moved, Karen seconded that budget be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Secretary Discussion-** Sue is in relapse and needs to withdraw as secretary. GMNI will need someone to volunteer to complete Sue’s position that will expire in September.

**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?
* Karen determined from Region 6 and WSO that the bank used will do the international exchange. PayPal does this. Region 6 provides a form to use for foreign currency/checks. We can set up an account for GMNI with PayPal and or Venmo. Amy will investigate and report back at the January meeting.

**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 Conscience.
* Make sure meetings understand that one does not have to be a Vermonter in order to serve as GMNI Rep, meeting secretary, treasurer, etc.
* How to make newcomers feel welcome and can be of service. Suggest having newcomers read Steps, Traditions, Promises.

**Meeting List Holder position**

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**Ideas for next meeting.** Think about outreach project, possibly outreach to medical community.

**Sue will set up GMNI meetings with the same link for each meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sue C, Secretary