**GMNI Minutes 7/16/2025**

Attending:  Karen G (chair); Aileen (Sat am Colchester online meeting); ME (Thurs pm speaker online meeting); Sue C (Wednesday noon Big Book); Sue R (Essex Junction in-person meeting). Carrie (treasurer) joined late.

Karen opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer, followed by the reading of Service Concepts 6 and 7.

MINUTES from last meeting were approved.

REPORTS:

* **Chair:** Karen stated that this is an important time of leadership rotations in the Intergroup. Elections for new a Secretary, Webmaster, and Chair will made at our next meeting in September. Karen asked for volunteers to please come forward. Sue C volunteered to take on the Secretary job, and Karen thanked her.
* **Website:** Karen reported for Joshua that the GMNI Website update work has been successfully completed. Documents for our regular meetings (minutes, agendas, treasurer’s reports) current and going back years, are now available to our members on the website, and do not require any password for access. Meeting list, newcomer resources, and email links are all current and functional. Karen thanked Joshua for all of the work. Karen reminded the group that we are looking for a new Webmaster, whom Joshua will orient to the role to transition. Also, Joshua told Karen that there was no change in hits to the website; almost all are looking for meeting info or links.
* **Phone:** Karen reported for Katrine that phone call activity remains consistent at 1-4 calls per month.

OLD BUSINESS:

* **PIPO Blitz Fund:** Karen explained that while working on the Blitz Fund Report for Region 6, she confirmed that we had not used all of the funds from our GMNI budget and the Blitz grant. Paid newspaper ads are running until the end of July in the Brattleboro and Bennington papers, but total expenditures come to $465. We budgeted $200 from our budget, and R6 then added $424. Before accounting to R6, Karen asked what to do with the $159 we committed to R6 we would be spending on the campaign, but in fact have not spent. Sue C moved that we reach out to VT Digger for an on-line opportunity, and that if they take paid ads, we spend the $159 there. Aileen seconded, the motion passed.

[NOTE: Other discussion took place regarding the possibility of engaging a reporter to write a feature story about OA for SEVEN DAYS. To be revisited.]

* **WSBC Report:** ME deferred her report on the OA World Service Business Conference to the next meeting after the summary report is available from WSO.

NEW BUSINESS:

* **R6 Fall Assembly:** ME and Sue C both expressed interest in attending in Albany on Saturday September 20. They will consult their calendars and get back to Karen. GMNI can send 2 reps.
* **Rotation of Phone Service Role:** Katrine is stepping down as Phone Person for GMNI, and Carol C from the Saturday am Colchester meeting wants to take it over. Currently our Freedom Voice account is setup to send a voice-to-text transcription to Katrine’s email and cellphone number when someone calls the OAVermont number. She then returns their calls. Karen asked if the Intergroup wanted to keep this way of operating or change to a more direct forwarding of calls to our volunteer. The group decided to table that question until the September meeting. Until then, Karen will leave the current setup in place, but have Freedom Voice send the transcribed messages to Carol instead of Katrine.

[NOTE: Both Sue R and ME expressed interest in serving as the phone coverage person in the future. To be revisited.]

**Treasurers Report:** With Carrie now in attendance, the Treasurer’s report was shared. Seventh Tradition amounts are low. YTD income is $702, YTD expenses are $1089. The reps shared how each of their meetings asked for donations, and only one names a suggested amount in the format. Everyone was encouraged to discuss the importance of Seventh Tradition contributions back at their meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

* OA Rainbow Service Board support needed. See OARainbow.org website. Workshops going on this weekend.
* R6 Fall Assembly September 20 in Albany, NY.

**Next GMNI meeting is 9/17/25 7:30-9pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen G, Chair