

**Minutes**  
OA Southern Maine Intergroup (SMI) Meeting  
**Saturday, September 12, 2015 at 11:30am-1:30pm**  
Maine General Medical Center, Augusta

*Present (IR= Representative to Intergroup):*

- George H., Chair
- Nancy D., Portland Tues. meeting IR
- Trish V., Scarborough Mon. and Thurs. meeting IR
- Cheryl, Brunswick Sun. meeting IR and Region 6 rep
- Quinn B., Treasurer, Region 6 rep, and Brunswick Thurs. meeting IR
- Susy K., Secretary, and Portland Fri. meeting IR
- Robin, Portland Sat. meeting IR

## **1. Opening and Introductions**

- 1.1. Serenity Pray and reading of OA's 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were read.
- 1.2. Personal introductions and affiliations of all in attendance was made.

## **2. Reports**

- 1.1. Secretary - Minutes of July 12, 2015, meeting approved as submitted.
- 1.2. Treasurer - See attached. Balance as of 8/28/15 is \$5,809.64. Report approved as submitted.
- 1.3. Retreat Committee - No report.
- 1.4. Region 6 - In October. Mainly elections of officers.
- 1.5. Chair

- 1.1.1. Portland Sunday meeting has voted to no longer be an OA meeting. The group consulted with World Service about some of their practices, and the reply from World Service indicated some possible issues with OA Traditions.

### 3. Old Business

- 1.1. **12 Step Inspiration Day: Next Saturday, Sept. 19, 9:30am-3:30pm, Rooms 2101 and 2103 on the second floor of Maine General Medical Center, Augusta** (by car, follow signs to “Main Entrance” and park nearest the roadside of the hospital. Enter thru main entrance or door marked “Prescott Educational Pavillon” and use elevator to second floor).

- 1.1.1. Trish was thanked for all the work that she’s put into this event. She reported that morning and afternoon sessions have come together with moderators and speakers.

- 1.1.2. Clothing swap - Cheryl reported that she is organized and accepting clothing which people can bring with them next week.

- 1.1.3. Greeting/greeters - Gina has commitments from four OA members to come early (8:45am) to greet and register attendees. It was suggested that one greeter be stationed just off the main road on the hospital’s road leading to various buildings to help guide folks to the proper building (three of us had difficulty finding correct building today). Another greeter can be in lobby to direct folks upstairs to second floor. Susy will work out written directions to get attendees to right place.

- 1.1.4. Trish has door prize tickets and two new OA books as prizes, banner and newcomer packets. She will create large print versions of day’s schedule to post near meeting rooms. She and Gina have speaker guidelines prepared. Nancy D. will make 50 copies of updated meeting lists and bring. We’ll use blue name tags for old timers; other colors for prospects to OA. Newbies will be invited to lunch with old timers.

1.1.5. Food - The hospital does not allow food to be served, other than by their own catering services. That cost (to have coffee provided on the second floor) is prohibitive, so folks will need to be content to get coffee, tea and other beverages from the cafeteria or their own supplies. This does not mean that we cannot bring individually owned beverages or lunches into the hospital. Folks can bring what they need or want for food, AND there is a very nice cafeteria with salad bar and hot bar and gluten free options, etc. on the ground floor.

1.1.6. In preparation, everyone, please: Attempt to reach one health care provider with flyer and please continue to ask members for old issues of Lifeline and donations for the clothing exchange (clean and sized garments).

**1.2. IDEA (the third Saturday in November) at Husson College, Westbrook near Maine Mall, Saturday November 21, 2015 from 1-4pm (come early to eat lunch and have fellowship)**

1.1.1. Trish will do fun sponsor skit with help of others.

1.1.2. Role playing "12 stepping a problem" will also be presented. See OA website for more on this. Quinn will organize.

1.1.3. Quinn will also put together a flyer to share at meetings.

1.1.4. Cheryl will chair the event.

#### **4. New Business**

1.1. Date/location change for next Southern Maine Intergroup meeting to: Saturday, November 7, 11:30-1:30pm, Maine Medical Center in Portland. (Regular meeting there is from 10-11am. Robin will clear room for our use for SMI from 11:30-1:30pm.) Bring your lunch. Susy will get together directions to guide those unfamiliar with the facility to the meeting room.

1.2. Consideration of locally produced literature being used by SMI group. We approved use of literature with one edit.

5. At next meeting discuss updating of OA Maine website.

6. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susy K., Secretary

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## **Calendar**

**OA 12 Step Inspiration Day is next Saturday, September 19 from 9:30am-3:30pm**, at Maine General Medical Center, Augusta (see minutes above).

TIME and LOCATION has been CHANGED: Our **next meeting of Southern Maine Intergroup is Saturday, November 7 in Portland: 11:30am-1:30pm**, Maine Medical Center, Dana Center, 2nd floor meeting room. If you wish to participate in the meeting remotely, please let Susy know by Friday, November 6 at 5pm. Email [susyk@gwi.net](mailto:susyk@gwi.net) and indicate if you can FaceTime (iPhone and Mac users only) or Skype (free account setup at [www.skype.com](http://www.skype.com)). Please come early to attend the regularly scheduled Saturday morning Portland OA meeting from 10-11am in the same location.

**IDEA DAY, Saturday, November 21, 1-4pm**, Husson College, Westbrook.