



Step 4: Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

Tradition 4: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or OA as a whole.

Overeaters Anonymous		April 2012
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<p>Pinellas Traditions Intergroup meets every third Friday of the month. EVERYONE is welcome to attend. The next meeting will be:</p>		
<p>Friday, April 20th at 6:30PM Morton Plant Hospital 1st Floor – Tuttle D Auditorium 300 Pinellas Street/off Ft. Harrison Clearwater, FL 33756</p>		
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A Tisket A Tasket, What Is In Your Basket?

We'll be calling you to check what you've decided for your theme of your basket. Are you ready?

Also, all you artist and crafters out there, please consider donating some wonderful pieces of your work for our silent auction. You can bring them to Intergroup or the first Friday meetings of the planning committees at Morton Plant.

Thank you all so much for participating! Any questions or concerns, please call Joan 785-9208 or email russelljo1@verizon.net or Carol at 570-213-2747 or email carolsch@ptd.net. Thank you.

SOAR8 and PTI Meetings Combined, Meetings Now Begin at 6PM

We are now combining our Pinellas Traditions Intergroup meetings with our SOAR8 Convention planning meetings on the third Friday of each month. The meetings will still be held at the Tuttle Auditorium of the Morton Plant Hospital but will start at 6 PM, 1/2 hour earlier than previously. The April PTI meeting was held in conjunction with the April 13 SOAR8 planning meeting, so the scheduled April 20th PTI meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be held on Friday, May 18th.

Stephanie will head up the committee to organize the August retreat at the Franciscan Center in Tampa. She feels that there was not enough advertising for the event last year and that with better publicity the event can be far more successful this year.

The Thursday night Beginners in Action meeting has reopened at the Anona United Methodist Church 13233 Indian Rocks Road in Largo at 7 PM, which needs attendance as does the Pinellas Park Library Meeting on Saturday at 9:30 AM.

We need donations of wire coat hangers for our boutique at the SOAR8 convention. We would also appreciate if people could lend us additional clothes racks.

At the SOAR8 planning meeting we discussed the possibility of holding a prom night on the Saturday night of the convention. The idea was received with considerable enthusiasm and any help in planning this event will be appreciated.

CHAIR CHATTER APRIL 2012

Where does the time go??? The Holidays have come and gone. Here it is April 10th and I'm just getting my article together.

We attended the St. Pete College Career Day and handed out 60 meeting lists, OA Cares leaflet and Introducing OA. I love doing this because you see how many people "out there" don't know about us. It's a rewarding day. Next one will be in October sometime.

April 20-22 is our retreat to Anna Maria Island. Come and have fun in abstinence... we'll show you how!!!

The August retreat is being planned. I hope everyone can attend. It is a great weekend full of spirituality and program. I'm looking forward to the weekend. Look for the flyer that will be coming out shortly.

If anyone is interested in helping plan any events, please come to the intergroup meetings at Morton Plant Hospital, Tuttle Auditorium. This month's meeting was combined with the April 13 SOAR8 planning meeting.

In May, we will again meet on the third Friday of the month, May 18th. The meeting will start at 6 PM, ½ hour earlier than usual as it will also be combined with the SOAR8 planning meeting. Come join the fun!

Take part in the planning and hosting the November 2012 Convention and Business Assembly.

Love N Hugs,
Linda H.

SOAR8 Planning Meeting Notes 3-2-2012

SOAR8 Planning Meeting held at Morton Plant Meeting room outside cafeteria at 6:00P Monday 3/2
Opened with the serenity prayer. 20 members were in attendance and ready with ideas for committees and service.

Claudia our chairperson reported that a taping company was engaged to record workshops and speakers.

Committee broke into small groups for development of budget and to brainstorm on ideas.

Each Committee chair reported to group and submitted a budget to Linda H to total.

We still need help and support to make this event a great success so plan to come to next planning meeting on FRIDAY APRIL 13 AT 6PM AT MORTON PLANT CAFETERIA.

Adjourned at 8:10PM

Cynthia - Acting Secretary

P T I Minutes 3-16-2012

Roll Call

1. Dawn B./Secretary
2. Beth C.
3. Paula
4. Diane C./Region 8 Rep Alt
5. Toni/Region 8 Rep
6. Stephanie D./Rep Focus on Abstinence
7. Judy S./Sat AM Meeting
8. Linda H./Chair
9. Linda Mc. Treasurer

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer at 6:30pm. The third step was said then the third step was read by Stephanie, Third tradition was read by Dawn, and the third concept of service was read by Judy. Linda H read the Secretaries minutes from last month. Stephanie motioned to accept minutes as read, and Judy seconded. Treasurer's report was delayed and presented later in meeting.

New Business:

Reports from Soar 8 Convention- Judy presented her report on the conference highlighting the workshops she attended and the recovery ideas presented. Toni our Region 8 Rep presented her business report from the Raleigh Soar 8 convention. She states there are a total of seven committees included in the business assembly.

Scholarship limit of monies- Linda addresses the question of the P T I group setting a limit of 200.00 dollars to be awarded for one scholarship applicant. It is proposed that we incorporate a proposed amount in our yearly budget. A discussion followed and it was decided to ask for group conscious at each meeting asking questions as follows: What events do us want it to cover the cost of? How to collect monies, e.g. send envelope around or include in seventh tradition. It was decided that each meeting should decide how this is collected.

Career Day March 27,2012- This is a great way to do service we need volunteers to man an information table at Saint Pete College this is a Tuesday please contact Linda H if you want to volunteer.

Soar 8 November 2012 Planning Committee- The next scheduled planning committee is April 13th 2012, due to Good Friday falling on the first Friday of the month.

Suggestions for P T I fundraisers- please remember to announce at meetings that we are looking for ideas for fundraisers to enhance our treasury.

Old Business:

Franciscan center retreat- Linda H cautions the group about this being too large a project with the production of the November 2012 Soar 8 Convention she is worried that we will not have a large enough turn out and end up paying an extra charge. Stephanie offers to head up the committee to organize and present the retreat. She states that last year she felt there was not enough advertising for the event. A discussion follows revisiting the actual attendance and facts from last year's retreat.

Oversight of payment to Friendship church- Diane brings up the fact that the Friendship United Methodist Church has not been paid as of yet for the February workshop that was held there. We apologize for the oversight and tell her a check will be issued as soon as possible. She states she does not want this to reflect badly on us as a group or to have a problem with church scheduling future events.

Non for Profit report- Linda H asks if it has been filed yet. Linda MC. informs her that it isn't due to be filed until May.

Introduction of P T I flyer- Linda H introduces a P T I flyer to the group she asks if this would be something we may want to get copies of to introduce to meetings. She passes it around.

Treasurer's Report- Linda Mc presents last month's report as well as passes out copies to everyone.

Announcements to go back to meetings-

1] The Thursday night beginner's in Action meeting reopened at Anoana Church at the same time 7 pm. It needs attendance also the Saturday am Pinellas Park meeting is in need of attendance both are struggling meetings.

2] Lifeline subscriptions- please remember that this is Oa's primary fundraiser so announce about it at meetings.

3] Please announce collections for items for gift baskets for Soar 8 convention we are in need of donations.

Meeting closed with Serenity Prayer at 7:58 pm.



PINELLAS TRADITIONS INTERGROUP
Treasurer's Report for January 2012

Beginning Balance		\$4,182.69
Receipts		
Meeting Donations	\$	444.92
Scholarship Donations	\$	95.02
	Total	\$ 539.94
Disbursements		
WSO 7th Tradition (Jan)	\$	133.48
Region 8 -7th Tradition (Jan)	\$	44.49
	Total	\$ 177.97
Beginning Balance		\$4,182.69
Receipts		\$ 539.94
Disbursements		\$ 177.97
Ending Balance		\$4,544.66

Submitted by Linda Mc



March 1, 2012

Meeting Donations December 2011							
#	Day	Name	Amount	PTI	WSO	Region 8	
48303	Monday	Voices of Recovery	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$6.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
47788	Monday	Focus on Abstinence	\$53.92	\$32.35	\$16.18	\$5.39	\$5.39
46184	Tuesday	Lifeline	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
41039	Wednesday	Renewed hope	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
49784	Steps to Freedom		\$21.00	\$12.60	\$6.30	\$2.10	\$2.10
51708	Beginners		\$35.00	\$21.00	\$10.50	\$3.50	\$3.50
9412	Friday	PTI	\$15.00	\$9.00	\$4.50	\$1.50	\$1.50
27235	Saturday	Serenity	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Totals			\$444.92	\$266.95	\$133.48	\$44.49	\$44.49

Quarterly Appeal

Scholarship Funds December				Scholarship Balance	
Meeting #	Day	Name	Amount	Balance Nov	
47788	Monday	Focus on Abstinence	\$ 18.40	January PTI Scholarship	\$ 263.51
49784	Thru	Steps to Freedom	\$ 56.62	PTI Scholarship - disbursement	\$ 95.02
27235	Saturday	Saturday Serenity	\$ 20.00	PTI Scholarship Balance	0
Total			\$ 95.02		\$ 358.53

PINELLAS COUNTY MEETING LIST

DAY	TIME	MEETING NAME	MEETING TYPE / NOTES	LOCATION	CONTACT
Mon	10:15 AM OA#46182	Just For Today	1-Step/ 2-Lifeline/ 3-Lit/4-BB/5-Speaker *	Lutheran Church of the Resurrection 1555 Windmill Pt Rd., Palm Harbor	Mary Ellen 781-2597 Joan 785-9208
Mon	12:00-1 PM OA#48303	Voices of Recovery (Candlelight Meeting)	Literature / Step *	Jewish Community Center 5023 Central Ave., St. Pete 33710	Linda H. 647-8280 fdnymom@msn.com Ann G 212-399-7099
Mon	7:00 PM OA#47788	Focus on Abstinence 	Speaker Meeting Speaker Abstinent 90+ Days *	Friendship United Methodist Church 2039 E. Druid St., Clearwater <i>(Between Belcher & Hercules)</i>	Stephanie 442-9855
Mon	7:00 PM OA#01530	Search Out Serenity "SOS"	Leader / Discussion Jackson Street entrance *	St. Anthony's Hospital, Classroom B 1200 7th Ave. N., St. Petersburg	Cynthia 561-254-3642 MaryLou 323-6880
Tues	7:00 PM OA#46184	Steps, Traditions and Principles	Steps, Traditions and Principles *	Windmoor Health Care of Clearwater 11300 U.S. 19 North, Clearwater	Linda Mc 804-4610 Donna D. 480-0865
Wed	6:45 PM OA#10359	Madeira Beach Beach Bunch	On sand on the beach <i>(Bring chair and look for flag on pole)</i> *	On beach behind Archibald Building 15100 Gulf Blvd., Madeira Beach	Linda H. 647-8280 fdnymom@msn.com
Thur	11:00 AM OA#40873	Key to Freedom	Literature Meeting *	First Presbyterian Church 455 Scotland St., Dunedin <i>(Downtown Dunedin)</i>	Pat 733-6858
Thur	5:30 PM OA#49784	Steps to Freedom	Focusing on Steps 1, 2, 3 90 Day Meeting *	St Cecelia's Church, Room A 820 Jasmine Way, Clearwater	Mary Mc 319-4321 Stephanie 442-9855
Thur	7:00 PM OA#51708	Beginners In Action 	1-Step/ 2-Traditions/ 3-Big Book/4-OA Brown Book/5-Speaker *	Anona United Methodist Church 13233 Indian Rocks Road, Largo	Dawn 743-7590
Thur	7:30 PM OA#46183	First Fellowship	1-step/ 2-speaker/ 3-lit/4-BB/5-Lifeline *	Palm Harbor Presbyterian Church 2021 Nebraska Ave., Palm Harbor	Diane S. 781-1814
Fri	6:00 PM OA#49602	Nitty Gritty	A.A. Big Book Study *	Unity Christ Church 6168 First Ave. N, St. Pete	Ellen L. 381-8043
Fri	6:30 PM	Pinellas Tradition Intergroup Meeting	Third Friday Only All OA's welcome *	Morton Plant Hospital, 1st Floor Tuttle D Auditorium, Clearwater	Linda H. 647-8280 fdnymom@msn.com
Sat	9:30 - 11 AM OA#36776	Great Reality	Beginners Step Mtg. *	Pinellas Park Public Library 7770 52nd St. N., Pinellas Park	Linda H. 647-8280 fdnymom@msn.com
Sat	10:00 AM OA#45426	First Fellowship	Step/Tradition Mtg. *	Palm Harbor Presb Church 2021 Nebraska Ave., Palm Harbor	Pat 784-3375
Sat	10:30 AM OA#27235	Saturday Serenity	Big Book *	First Lutheran Church 1644 Nursery Rd, Clearwater	Betsey 466-9277 Judy 442-9234
Sun	6:00 PM OA#32923	Clearwater Oasis	Big Book (90 day) **	Morton Plant Hospital, 1st Floor Tuttle A Auditorium, Clearwater	Claudia 781-7411 Stephanie 442-9855
Sun	6:30 PM OA#49012	Joy of Abstinence	Leader/Discussion *	Gulfport Neighborhood Center 1617 49th St. S., Gulfport	Linda H. 647-8280 Stan M. (813) 839-7587

*open to all **OA members only

If this is your first time attending a meeting listed, please be sure to call to clarify directions and meeting specifics.

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