

CJI AGENDA – December 2016

1. Open with the Serenity Prayer –

2. Welcome- As we extend the heart and hand of fellowship to those who still suffer, let us be mindful of OA's Unity with Diversity Policy, which respects our differences, yet unites us in the solution to our common problem. Whatever problem you may have with food, you are welcome at this meeting.

-We strive for consensus, fairness, and an informed group conscience within the spirit of the Traditions and Concepts, loosely following Robert's Rules. Majority rule is not the same as group conscience.

-Turn off all cell phones and texting devices at this time so that we can devote our full attention to working together for a positive and productive meeting.

-Please raise your hand to be recognized. No crosstalk.

4. Tradition of the month – 12. : Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all these Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Spiritual Principle: Spirituality

- We practice humility by remembering we are one among many, no better and no worse than others.
- We do not publish the names of speakers.
- We do not reveal members' names or personal information to those outside OA.
- We practice unconditional acceptance and trust. Our shares in meetings may include specific examples, but we save the more intimate details for our sponsors or another OA member.
- We do not gossip, criticize, or reveal what has been shared with us in confidence by other OA members.

5. Introduction of attendees- (and presentation of newcomer's packet as needed).

6. Review the minutes of Last Month

7. The Pamphlet Project – OA Handbook pgs. 30 How Apply the Twelve Traditions and The Twelve Concepts of OA Service through the group conscience. (Bobbi L.)

8. Intergroup Principles-

- A. OA has no power structure, only a service structure.
- B. Intergroup "has no power to enforce rules on OA groups or individual members." (OA 12 & 12, p 119)
- C. Disagreement does not equal personal rejection.
- D. Diversity can be our strength.
- E. If we all agreed on everything, we wouldn't all be necessary.
- F. Keep our discussions within the spirit of "I love you, but I disagree with you".
- G. When the group conscience is reached, let there be unity.

Strategic Goals

1. Help members strengthen their recovery.
2. Increase the number of sponsors.
3. Increase the number of newcomers.
4. Increase the retention of newcomers.
5. Help those in relapse.
6. Continue our Outreach to the Public and healthcare professionals.
7. Inspire people to give more service.

9. Officer Reports-

Chair- Christina — Idea Day, Holiday Meetings, R7 Workshops, Unity Day 2017

Anniversaries - 9 years, Tuesday Cranford 12/11/1991 25 years, Thursday Freehold 12/22/2001 15years, Monday Bradley Beach 12/30/1977 39years, Monday Bridgewater 1/15/2002 15 years, Friday Robert Wood Johnson 1/15/2002 15 years, Sunday Neptune Meeting 1/16/2002 15 years, Wednesday Matawan 2/16/1978 39 years, Sunday Robert Wood Johnson 2/23/2000 17 years, Saturday Princeton 2/24/1983 34 years, Tuesday Clark

2/28/1997 20 years, Friday Brielle 2/3/1987 30 years, Monday Freehold 2/7//2013 4 years, Wednesday Jackson 2/7/2013 4 years

Vice-Chair- - Mike M - New Telephone Service, Region 7 Convention

Treasurer- Bobbi -

Recording Secretary - Sima

Corresponding Secretary - Kim B.

10. Committee Reports-

-Web-Site- Kim B. –

-Today Newsletter- Brenda –

-Professional Outreach/PI- Mike J, -

Young People-

-12th Step Within-

Marathons-

a. IDEA DAY- Brenda S.

b. Unity Day-Christina

-Retreats and Events

a. TWC- Lee Ann

b. Winter Dreams- Kim B.

Working & Living the Program Events

November 23 – Westfield Attitude of Gratitude Meeting

November 24 – Thanksgiving Day AM meeting - Edison

December 12 - 12 Step Within Day

January 13-15 – Winter Dreams Retreat at St. Mary’s Abbey Retreat Center – Morristown, NJ

January 29 – Step Workshop in Neptune

February 25 – Unity Day

Region 7 Assembly - March 17-19, 2017

WSBC – May 1-6, 2017

10. 7th Tradition –WSBC travel expense

11. New Business-

1. Bylaw updates required by World Service – Ross
2. Elections of WS Rep
3. Nominations for Region 7 Repts

12. News from Groups/Announcements:

13. Concept of the Month - 12. The spiritual foundation for OA service ensures that:

- A. no OA committee or service body shall ever become the seat of perilous wealth or power;
- B. sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, shall be OA's prudent financial principle;
- C. no OA member shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority;
- D. all important decisions shall be reached by discussion, vote and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity;
- E. no service action shall ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; and
- F. no OA service committee or service board shall ever perform acts of government, and each shall always remain democratic in thought and action.

14. Adjourn with the Serenity Prayer

General Note: -Please remember to send all changes for group meeting times, locations, formats, contact persons, new meetings or cancelled meeting to the newsletter at **CJISecretary@yahoo.com**.

15. Parking Lot:

**Our next Meeting is:
January 13, 2017**