***OA CJI (Central Jersey Intergroup)***

**Monthly Meeting – April 8, 2022**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chair, Danielle. Both OA Tradition 4 and the Spiritual Principal of Autonomy were read by Danielle.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Danielle asked all attendees below to introduce themselves:

* Mike M. (Brick), Lucille (Recording Secretary), Lusk (Pine Beach Thursday), Mikey (Freehold Monday), Bobbi (Corresponding Secretary), Gloria (Lakewood Wednesday), Elaine (Lakehurst Tuesday), Joan (Manahawkin Saturday), Marty (Lawrence Harbor Sunday), Marybeth (Red Bank Saturday), Robin (Metuchen Saturday), Ross (Jackson Wednesday), Barbara (Treasurer), and Sima (Cranford Saturday). Alex (Freehold Thursday), Nick (Vice Chair) and Lee Ann (Rahway Sunday) arrived late.

It was clarified that all Officers of the CJI Board are voting for their position – not for a specific OA group.

REVIEW OF LAST MONTH’S MINUTES

Lusk advised at the last meeting he requested materials and books for the Thursday, Pine Beach meeting, which is not a new meeting. Ross made a motion to approve the minutes with this correction and it was seconded. A vote was taken and the revised minutes were unanimously approved. It was acknowledged that Donna Lee and Robin B. worked on last month’s minutes and Lucille will make the corrections.

PAMPHLET PROJECT

Danielle stated since there was a long agenda for this meeting, the pamphlet project would be eliminated from the agenda and Mikey agreed to present it next month.

OA Intergroup Principles and Strategic Goals were read by Danielle.

OFFICER REPORTS

Danielle reported that she attended the Region 7 Spring Assembly last weekend and recommended it highly to anyone who has never been. A fill-in representative will be needed for the Region 7 Fall Assembly in September because someone is not able to make it. Region 7 Intergroup Renewal Committee is looking for “Stories of Service” by June 15th and the flyer will be posted on the CJI website. Danielle announced that CJI won the challenge for workshops two years in a row – the Principles workshop & the 12 Freedoms workshop. The current challenge is to do something on Service and Mike M. and Lucille volunteered. The Wednesday Westfield in-person meeting is looking for support, the Princeton meeting has updated information, and there is a new Concept Service Guide on OA.org. She advised that Brenda is stepping back from OA service and thanked her for all her years of service. Ross told a story about how Brenda talked him into becoming the Chair for CJI and he hopes she returns at some point.

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday - Berkeley Heights: April 9, 2019 (3 years), Wednesday - Lakewood: April 20, 2001 (21 years), Saturday - Flemington: April 21, 2001 (21 years).

New Business - Motions

Bobbi explained there’s a new Consent Agenda from WSO that includes Items 4, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15 and Item 15 was the only one that was not on our Consent Agenda before. A vote was taken and the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved. The following Motions were reviewed, discussed for pros/cons, and then voted on:

Motion A: unanimously approved - 16 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstained

Motion B: majority approved – 15 in favor/0 opposed/1 abstained

Motion C: majority approved - 15 in favor/1 opposed/0 abstained

Motion D: majority opposed - 2 in favor/13 opposed/1 abstained

Motion E: majority approved - 15 in favor/0 opposed/2 abstained

Motion F: majority opposed - 2 in favor/14 opposed/1 abstained

Motion G: majority approved - 10 in favor/6 opposed/1 abstained

Motion H: majority opposed - 0 in favor/16 opposed/1 abstained

Motion I: unanimously opposed - 0 in favor/17 opposed/0 abstained

*By-Law Amendments*

1st Motion: unanimously opposed - 0 in favor/17 opposed/0 abstained

2nd Motion: majority approved - 16 in favor/0 opposed/1 abstained

3rd Motion: majority opposed - 4 in favor/12 opposed/1 abstained

Item 4: included on the Consent Agenda (we previously voted 10 in favor/2 opposed/1 abstained on merit)

Item 5: Restructure Board of Trustees - 14 in favor/1 opposed/1 abstained

Item 6: Restructure Regional Participants - 12 in favor/2 opposed/2 abstained

Item 7: Restructure Nomination of Trustees - 11 in favor/0 opposed/3 abstained

Items 8, 9, 10 – included on the Consent Agenda

Item 11: Conference In-Person & Hybrid – 10 in favor/2 opposed/1 abstained

Items 12, 13, 15 – included on the Consent Agenda

Item 14: Unaffiliated Groups – 12 in favor/0 opposed/1 abstained

Danielle asked if there was any business that cannot wait until the next meeting due to time constraints. Mikey stated he needs to know ASAP if he can purchase reusable shopping bags for $300-$400 for a fundraiser. Barbara confirmed we have the funds but questioned how these items would be sold in order to recoup the cost. Robin B. advised she feels this would violate her anonymity and therefore would not purchase one. Lee Ann agreed with Robin B. but said it could be done in a more vague spiritual type of imprint and sold at a profit. Danielle added that whatever people put in an OA shopping bag could give the impression OA endorses that food. Ross said we should hold off on this and it should be raised by the Fundraising Committee. Mikey said he is not making a motion at this time and Nick made a motion to revisit a revised version of this idea in the future.

VICE CHAIR

No report due to time constraints

TREASURER

No report due to time constraints

RECORDING SECRETARY

No report due to time constraints

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

No report due to time constraints

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports due to time constraints

BY-LAWS

No report due to time constraints

INSURANCE

No report due to time constraints

MARATHONS

* *Unity Day (last weekend February)* – no report
* *Sponsorship Day (third weekend in August)* – no report
* *Idea Day (third weekend in November) –* no report
* *12 Step Within Day (12/12)* – no report

RETREATS & EVENTS

*Together We Can Recover* – Lee Ann reported the in-person retreat scheduled at St. Frances Retreat House in Easton, PA had been deferred due to COVID and the spot was lost. There are some other options such as the Upper Room in Neptune for a one-day fundraiser, or St. Joseph by the Sea in Mantoloking has reopened or look at LBI. We need to understand how much interest there is to attend and have a retreat. Danielle asked for volunteers to assist on this Committee and Elaine stepped up. Nick made a motion to continue exploring other possibilities and Bobbi seconded and it was approved.

*Winter Dreams* – no report at this time.

NEWS - WORLD SERVICE ORGANIZATION (WSO)

Danielle explained there is a need for a substitute delegate for the WSO Conference and someone is not able to attend. Lee Ann made a motion to elect Danielle. Ross requested clarification on the service requirements and Danielle explained Karen B. stated an exception can be made because she is only 6 weeks short of the requirement and also since there was not a large registration for the event people were being allowed to register past the deadline. Nick seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

NEWS FROM REGION 7

No report

NEWS FROM GROUPS or ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ross stated the Friday Jackson meeting began their writing format in-person and there were 12 people in attendance. Mike advised the Monday night meeting in Asbury Park at 7:30 pm, which is a hybrid phone/in-person meeting, is looking for speakers to qualify so please contact Mike or Lucille if you would volunteer. Ross stated he has an interactive speaker list and would send it to Mike and anyone else who wants it.

OLD BUSINESS

Robin will discuss the podcast issue next month.

UPCOMING

Sunday, June 12th – the History of OA (with one of Roseanne’s Sponsees)

Weekend of September 16-19 - Region 7 Fall Assembly (scheduled to be in-person)

Weekend of November 4-6 – Region 7 Convention

Good Friday – the Jackson meeting will be happening.

*General Note* - please remember to send all changes for group meetings (new, cancelled, changed times, locations, contacts, etc.) to BobbiLink@aol.com.

Danielle adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:58 pm after the Serenity prayer.

The next meeting will be on Friday, May 13, 2022 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.