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

**Monthly Meeting – June 10, 2022**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chair, Danielle, after a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. The Unity with Diversity policy, OA’s Tradition 7 and Concept were read by Danielle because she got them mixed up and she stated she will read 6 next month. Danielle discussed the 7th Tradition in detail, especially related to individual members paying for a group’s Zoom account. The Spiritual Principal of Responsibility was also read by Danielle. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the Zoom account issue.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Danielle asked all attendees below to introduce themselves:

* Joan (Manahawkin/Thursday), Nick (Vice Chair), Mike (Telephone/Tuesday), Marybeth (Red Bank/Saturday), Lusk (Pine Beach/Thursday), Lee Ann (RWJ/Sunday), Marty (Lawrence Harbor/ Sunday), Elaine (Lakehurst/Tuesday), Ross (WSO Rep./ Jackson (Wednesday), Daria (Lakehurst/ Tuesday), Alex (Freehold/Monday), Sima (Cranford/Saturday), Bobbi (Corresponding Secretary/Jackson (Friday), Robin B. (Webmaster/Edison (Sunday), Lucille (Recording Secretary/Asbury Park (Monday), and Frank (Red Bank/Thursday). Donna (Flemington) arrived late but was also in attendance.

REVIEW OF LAST MONTH’S MINUTES

Nick questioned the way something was written in the minutes about the “Together We Can” retreat and Lee Ann explained things changed after the meeting, so the minutes are correct. Robin B. moved to approve last month’s minutes, and Lee Ann seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes from May 13th were unanimously approved.

PAMPHLET PROJECT

Danielle encouraged everyone to read the OA Intergroup Principles and Strategic Goals on their own.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Danielle reported the Cranford Saturday meeting and Red Bank Saturday meeting are now back meeting in-person, and Red Bank Thursday meeting is now in-person and via Zoom. She spoke to Mikey about literature distribution and presented a proposal to be voted on. Some of the material may already be outdated and some will become outdated with the new definition of abstinence. Danielle stated she feels spending $200 per month to continue to store this literature is not viable long-term. She proposed we do three (3) events in different areas of the Central Jersey Intergroup. The three events would be held to sell and/or give away the literature and it would be the first in-person event since the pandemic. Two speakers would also be incorporated in the event, and it could be a shot in the arm for people to come to an in-person event or get involved in service.

There was a back-and-forth discussion as to whether outdated literature should be given away for free, ask for a donation, or just recycled. Lee Ann made a motion that unexpired literature be sold at a discount and expired literature be marked as such and donated. The motion passed by a majority vote. Danielle next asked if the Central Jersey Intergroup should continue to purchase and store literature. Several members spoke about the pros and cons of this, as well as increased interested in the electronic version of books versus the actual physical books. Lee Ann made a motion that the Central Jersey Intergroup refrain from purchasing and maintaining literature at this time, except potentially for an in-person event, and revisit this again in 6 months. The motion was unanimously passed.

VICE CHAIR

Nick stated it has been over 30 days since the proposed/amended By-Laws have been on the website. Bobbi summarized the big change that was recommended by our Trustee was rewording needed in the section about amendments. We state the Central Jersey Intergroup (CJI) cannot amend the Traditions and Steps, as that must come from World Service, but we failed to say we also cannot amend the Concepts. The other item that was suggested was to put the Steps, Traditions and Concepts in a separate section by themselves. There was also some redundant information that was removed, and some spelling errors and format issues were corrected. Information was added regarding virtual meetings as well as sending updated/revised information to each group meeting Secretary and/or Contact. Ross brought up the matter for the next time the By-Laws are reviewed in two (2) years if an Officer of CJI misses three (3) meetings in a row they are considered to have resigned, and also the same for a Region Representative, but there is nothing for a WSO Delegate. Ross made a motion to accept the By-Law changes and Daria seconded the motion. The motion passed by a majority vote. Nick stated he will send the approved amended By-Laws to WSO and also that he, Alex and Joan are working on the Sponsorship Day workshop in August and anyone else is welcome to join.

TREASURER

Barbara was unable to attend the meeting, but her report is posted on the website. If you have any questions you can either speak to her offline or wait until next month’s meeting.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Lucille stated there was no report at this time.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Bobbi reported the Cranford Saturday meeting went live, Shrewsbury Saturday meeting has permanently moved to Red Bank and they have gone live, Shrewsbury Monday meeting has permanently moved to Asbury Park and are still live and hybrid via telephone, Red Bank Thursday meeting went live yesterday, and a new online meeting was formed in Red Bank yesterday, which brings us to 46 total meetings. Of those 19 meetings are live and 3 meetings are still inactive – Aberdeen/Matawan (Tuesday), Clark (Tuesday), Cranford (Tuesday) so we have come a long way!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Robin B. explained the meeting list has been revised several times recently and the version listed on the website can be trusted as the most accurate and current. She also discussed the Events page on our website and advised is has been getting very cluttered with flyers about new meeting announcements. Robin would like to make changes to the Meetings page to include the flyers there and add information and/or a link on the Events page to redirect them to the Meetings page and will review next month.

Frank did not have anything to report on 12 Step Within at this time.

NEWS FROM REGION 7

Lee Ann reported there are already 35 confirmed rooms at the Bon Secure retreat house, and she encouraged everyone to register at the end of the month. She also said the Outreach committee recently completed instructions on how to ask a local radio station to run an OA public service announcement and would be happy to provide to anyone who is interested.

Danielle reminded everyone that Wednesday is the deadline to submit stories of service and the flyer is on our website.

NEWS - WORLD SERVICE ORGANIZATION (WSO)

Ross asked Danielle to make a change for next month that it is only him and Mikey as the current WSO delegates. He then reported it was a pleasure to serve at the 2022 online WSO conference were there were 218 delegates, which was down from last year, possibly due to the last-minute change from a hybrid to a totally virtual format. There was a strong international presence with 21 countries represented and there were interpreters for the first time. Ross described in detail the different committee sessions and meetings that were held during the conference, many of which lasted 2 hours or longer. He also explained

four new Trustees, including Bob L. from SJI, were elected and they also added another one. There are now 17 Trustees, based on the new amendment starting next year, and there will be general service Trustees assigned to regions and at least 2 must be outside the U.S. The motion for July to be a service month was defeated and also the motions for the conference to be face-to-face in 2023, hybrid in 2024 and virtual in 2025 were defeated and are now in the hands of the conference planning committee and the Trustees.

EVENTS

* ***Service Workshop*** – Lucille and Mike discussed this event called “The Truth About Service,” which will be held Sunday, 7/17 via Zoom at 2:00 pm for 90 minutes. Robin B. volunteered to speak about service beyond the group level (Ross advised this is now the proper term) and Joan also offered to be a speaker. The flyer is posted on the website.
* ***History of OA –*** Danielle reported on this event that she and Ross have been working on and the flyer is on our website. She explained it is a two-part event and CJI is sponsoring the first portion in the afternoon and the Houston Old Timers group is doing an even that evening which will include a video from Roseanne. It is being held this coming Sunday and she needs permission to expand Zoom. Lee Ann made a motion to increase our subscription for the month to cover this event and Ross seconded. The motion was passed by majority vote.

NEWS FROM GROUPS or ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nothing was reported due to time constraints.

OLD BUSINESS

Danielle stated Robin will report on a podcast at next month’s meeting and Lucille will discuss Social Media options then as well. She asked if anyone knew anything about an OA Book Club but no one responded.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing was discussed due to time constraints.

Danielle read Concept 7 (should have been 6) and explained it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 12th – the History of OA (never done anything like this before)

Region 7 Service Workshop – Sunday, 7/12 via Zoom

The Truth About Service - Sunday, 7/17 via Zoom at 2:00 pm

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

Weekend of November 4-6 – Region 7 Convention

Danielle thanked everyone for their spirituality and collaborative nature, even when we don’t all agree, and stated is it a beautiful thing and she is so grateful for the energy and contribution everyone makes in this intergroup.

*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 8:30 pm after the Serenity prayer.

The next meeting will be on Friday, July 8, 2022 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.