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

**Monthly Meeting – July 8, 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 6 and Concept 6 were read by Danielle because she got them mixed up last month. Danielle discussed the 6th Tradition and Concept in detail.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Danielle introduced herself and asked all attendees below to introduce themselves:

* Robin B. (Webmaster), Mikey (Chair Outreach, East Brunswick/Monday), Lee Ann (Region 7 Board & Recording Secretary, RWJ/Sunday), Alex (Freehold/Monday), Donna (Flemington), Barbara (Treasurer), Bobbi (Corresponding Secretary, Jackson/Friday), Elaine (Lakehurst/Tuesday), Joan (Manahawkin/Monday+), Lucille (Recording Secretary, Asbury Park/Monday), Marybeth (Red Bank/Saturday), Nick (Vice Chair), Mike (Region 7 Rep, Virtual (Zoom)/Tuesday), Ross (WSBC Delegate, Jackson/Wednesday), and Sima (Cranford/Saturday). Marty was in attendance from a remote location and therefore arrived after the meeting had started.

REVIEW OF LAST MONTH’S MINUTES

Donna stated that she did attend last month’s meeting but arrived late so was not listed. Ross moved to approve last month’s minutes with this change, and Marybeth seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes from June 10th were unanimously approved.

PAMPHLET PROJECT

Danielle reported that Lusk was unable to attend the meeting this month and would present his pamphlet project next month.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Danielle reported that she and Ross co-chaired the OA History Workshop and it didn’t go as expected. She explained some of the many issues that arose and advised that she and Ross were not comfortable with posting it on our website. Karen suggested CJI take a vote as to whether or not it should be posted. Ross also stated that he and Danielle did not really have any control since it was a joint event and made a motion not to put the workshop recording on our website. The majority voted and agreed not to post it. Danielle stated it was a service lesson for her and took ownership. Danielle requested to be notified whenever there is a holiday, and a group meeting is not going to happen, so she can send an email - the next one is Labor Day. There will be a special report from Frank at next month’s meeting as he is going to explain how to have a virtual Treasurer, so spread the word to anyone who be interested in attending.

VICE CHAIR

Nick is on vacation and couldn’t be at this meeting. Danielle reported he is working on Sponsorship Day with Joan and Alex, and Together We Can Recover event with Elaine, Sima, and Lee Ann.

TREASURER

Barbara advised our income was up in June and the expenses and income were more consistent with what we usually see. Ross proposed that we make an extra $2,000 contribution for Region 7 as well as an extra $2,000 for World Service Organization. Barbara made a motion to approve this proposal and the majority agreed.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Lucille stated there was no report at this time but reiterated that if anyone joins the meeting after the introductions have been made, they should notify her so it can be recorded in the minutes.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Bobbi had no report at this time.

LITERATURE EVENTS

Danielle reported there are three events scheduled where literature will be made available. One is for September 24th in East Brunswick and one maybe in Manahawkin and maybe something in the central area (Jackson or Freehold/Asbury Park). Ross asked about the possibility of having an event during the week rather than only on a weekend and Danielle suggested they discuss offline as there are pros and cons to both. Mikey discussed there was supposed to be a Literature Committee established and previously Lusk, Gloria, Barbara, Ross, and Lee Ann volunteered, and he wants to confirm they are all still available. The literature needs to be categorized as to “For Sale” if it is still valid or “Donate” because it is already obsolete. Lee Ann stated she would be happy to donate some of the literature to local libraries. Mikey is also planning to use all of his outreach materials as well. Questions about the name of the event and what type of event it would be, and Danielle said we have not come up with a specific name but maybe something like “Welcome Back Party.” Joan stated she is still looking for a venue and it was confirmed that October would be okay.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Robin B. reported she has changed the website so that when you click on Meetings it brings you to the Events flyer. Robin also mentioned that she is on the Planning Committee for Region 7 annual convention in November. If anyone has an idea for a workshop or would like to be a speaker, please let her know.

Mikey stated he is not really doing anything on the Outreach Committee because of not being able to get enough volunteers. He has been in touch with the new administrator for the RWJ Residents and is waiting for a date.

Ross does not have a report on the Twelve Step Within Committee and will hopefully have something to report next month.

NEWS FROM REGION 7

Lee Ann reported that due to several Board members being on vacation there is not another meeting scheduled until next week. She is still hopeful the Region 7 Assembly in September will be face to face.

NEWS - WORLD SERVICE ORGANIZATION (WSO)

Ross advised he is a lame duck Delegate as his term ends at the next WSBC but is still active on several Committees. He is on a subcommittee called By-Law Support Committee which met on June 23rd and there were 3 goals set and Ross suggested a 4th goal to help groups that already have By-Laws in place and he was moved to Goal #1. He put together a list of 5 questions and is waiting to hear back.

OA EVENTS/HOLIDAYS

OA Birthday – January

Unity Day – February

Idea Day – November

Twelve Step Within – December

Winter Dreams

* ***Sponsorship Day*** – Alex reported Nick has the flyer put up on the website and asked if anyone knows of potential speakers to let her know and they will keep working on the event. Alex, Joan, and Nick are on the committee.
* ***Together We Can Recover Retreat*** – Sima reported the date is September 10th it’s in person and the Upper Room in Neptune is booked. There are some ideas for the topic (meditation & prayer) and there are some speakers who have agreed to talk but the total program has not yet been finalized. There is a labyrinth that will be part of the programs. Elaine and Nick and Bobbi have volunteered to help.
* ***Service Workshop*** – Lucille reported the Trust About Service event is scheduled for Sunday, 7/17 via Zoom from 2:00 – 3:30 pm. There are 3 speakers lined up and they will be meeting next week to finalize everything prior to the event. The workshop will discuss service beyond the group level, at the group level and via sponsorship. Danielle thanked Lucille and Mike for their service on this event.

OLD BUSINESS

Robin reported on creating an OA podcast and provided details on pricing and features through Captivate which she felt was the best option. Costs would be $240 per year at $17 a month or $528 per year at $44 a month and the difference is how many subscribers you can have. These costs will increase as the number of subscribers goes up. She requires someone to help her design it and described other assistance she would need in detail. Robin asked that everyone consider these issues carefully if CJI decides to move forward on this project. Danielle offered to help on the artwork and asked for another person to give service and Mike volunteered. Robin suggested the design work be completed first before a motion for the financial commitment is presented for a vote.

Lucille reported on the subject of possibly setting up social media accounts for CJI on Facebook, Instagram, etc., and explained the idea came up when she attended her first Region 7 Spring Assembly. The Committee she was on asked her to post the flyer for the workshop they were planning on the CJI social media sites. When she found out that CJI does not have any social media accounts she thought it would be a good idea especially if we want to attract younger people to OA. A discussion ensued about how this should be handled and if there are other ways to communicate as well. Robin volunteered to help and Lucille made a motion to add social media and Marty seconded. A vote was taken and 4 no and 15 yes.

Marty reported on the topic of expanding Zoom for use by groups and stated it was very interesting to look at the Central Ohio Intergroup’s website where they have information on the 7th Tradition. It’s clear that any funds collected by an individual meeting is to be used by that meeting and any monies sent to Intergroup cannot be used for an individual meeting. So they set up special accounts and it is the Intergroup who decides whether to purchase a Zoom account. Another website stated that an individual can make a non-monetary contribution to a group such as their own Zoom account. Danielle advised she spoke to Karen about this matter and the groups should pay rent if the Zoom account is purchased by the Intergroup. Marty advised the cost for a Zoom meeting is $19.50 per month (cheaper if paid by the year) and you can only have one Zoom meeting at a time but several groups can use the same account. Questions arose and a discussion ensued regarding how this is different from the existing Zoom account that CJI already has and what if someone wants to start a new Zoom group meeting, who will do the service to manage it, if it isn’t’ broke don’t fix it, etc. In the past $60 was offered to new group meetings as reimbursement for literature but did not include Zoom costs. Marty made a motion that each group is autonomous and can decide to use someone’s personal Zoom account or purchase one. Danielle explained we can’t vote on a motion for that because an Intergroup cannot make rules about what a group does or doesn’t do.

Danielle advised that Sponsorship Day needs an extension to the Zoom account in order to accommodate more attendees. Robin made a motion that whenever this is necessary the Chair can decide to approve it in the future and Mike seconded the motion. It was passed by the majority of votes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike advised that every year he needs to update the CJI phone service and was informed that we need a new phone because the old one is no longer compatible with their service. It has been ordered but at this moment we don’t have any phone service (no cost for new phone).

NEWS FROM GROUPS or ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nothing was reported due to time constraints.

Danielle read Concept 6 (since she read 7 last month by mistake) and explained it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

Together We Can Recover Retreat – September 10th (in person)

September 16-19 - Region 7 Fall Assembly at Bon Secor (in-person)

Literature Event – East Brunswick, September 24th (in-person)

November 4-6 – Region 7 Convention in Ocean City, Maryland (in-person)

Mikey asked to confirm he will have help for the Literature Event on 9/24 or else he would need to cancel it and Danielle assured him there would be help and Lee Ann said we need to determine what there is in the boxes in order to decide whether it can be donated or sold and Donna also said she could find a home for some of it. It was suggested this discussion be continued off-line.

*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, August 12, 2022 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.