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

**Monthly Meeting – October 14, 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 10 and Concept 10 were read and discussed by Danielle.

INTRODUCTIONS

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

* Steve S., Elaine, Mikey (WSBC Delegate, Chair/Outreach, East Brunswick/Monday), Lucille (Recording Secretary, Asbury Park/Monday), Robin B. (Webmaster, Metuchen/Saturday), Mike M., Alex (Freehold/Monday), Ross (WSBC Delegate, Jackson/Wednesday), Bobbi, Joan, Lee Ann (Region 7 Rep.), Nick (Vice Chair), Frank (Red Bank/Thursday), Marybeth (Red Bank/Saturday), Sima (Cranford/Saturday), Rob L. (Region 7 Chair) and Gloria (arrived late).

A recording of the meeting was inadvertently delayed in being started so there is no information on the first two items:

REVIEW OF LAST MONTH’S MINUTES

PAMPHLET PROJECT

REGION 7 CHAIR

Rob spoke about obtaining a list of contacts for each Intergroup and also discussed the possibility of having a hybrid convention. Danielle asked about things Region 7 can do to help Intergroups. Rob stated he is still learning but there are lots of resources to help Intergroups. Lee Ann added the Region 7 Board is always looking at ways to help support the Intergroups and share practices and information. They are always open to suggestions and Rob put his email address in the Zoom chat so anyone can ask questions. Rob stated they are also looking at updating the Region 7 website. Danielle stated we still have one open spot for a Region 7 Rep.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Danielle stated the Ways & Means committee determined we are in the red and asked that everyone encourage people at the group level to contribute to the 7th Tradition. Ross did not agree and advised we have almost $20,000 as a working balance plus a prudent reserve of $4,000. He added that in-person meetings are no problem because a 7th Tradition is handled right there but when attending a Zoom meeting just once or if he is asked to speak he does not give. Ross added that we are really in good shape. Danielle said we need to encourage people to contribute to the 7th Tradition and it is part of our spiritual commitment to OA. Frank stated that it is healthy for the meeting to have something set up for people to give.

Danielle checked with the North Jersey Intergroup and they get the most money through Venmo and Barbara is going to look into that. Lee Ann asked if Venmo charges a fee and Danielle confirmed there is a fee. Robin added she is the Treasurer for her Sunday group and is willing to discuss how it is handled.

Danielle also advised there is a new 12 & 12 audio book and there is an in-person OA meeting on Thanksgiving at the First Baptist church on Maple Avenue in Red Bank. She asked for a Holiday update from any meetings on Thursday or Friday that may be affected so she can put it on the website.

VICE CHAIR

Nick stated he is on the Idea Day committee and Ross will talk about that later. He is working on getting a face-to-face retreat for the Winter Dreams again in January. He also needs to follow up with Karen B. who did not respond to his email about the By-Law changes.

TREASURER

Barbara was not able to attend the meeting so Danielle stated the report would be made next month.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Lucille stated there is no report at this time.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Bobbi advised there is a new live meeting on Monday at 8:00 am in Freehold and the Lakewood Wednesday night meeting is now in-person in a new building across the street from the hospital and Toms River on Monday 10 am meeting has gone on-line. Gloria stated she will not be able to be the Rep. for the Lakewood meeting now live. Marybeth asked about the name of the new building and Bobbi stated it is on the meeting list on the website. Ross asked how many meetings there are and Bobbi replied there are 45 total meetings, 3 are still inactive and 18 are now live. Robin added she submitted an application for St. Luke’s meeting to go live and will keep us posted once it’s official.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Robin B. reported the website continues to function fine.

Mikey reported the Literature event on September 24th was very successful and we made some money although there were not a lot of people there. He also stated there is an event next April scheduled with Resident who are specializing in psychology and another one with first year medical students at Robert Wood Johnson.

Ross reported from the Literature event there are 18 copies of the 12 & 12 first edition and 2 OA books third edition (free). He made a motion to bring these free books to the Region 7 hospitality room and Nick seconded it. The motion was passed unanimously with one abstaining. Ross then reported we have 14 copies of 12 & 12 second edition, 7 copies of For Today, 17 Voices of Recovery, 2 Abstinence second edition New Beginnings and 2 large shirts. Idea Day Committee are bringing this inventory to the event and he does not think we need another literature event. Ross made a motion he wants to post whatever $5 literature is remaining afterwards on the website and he will delivery it. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously with one abstaining. Danielle added the North Jersey Intergroup is willing to take anything we have left. Mike M. suggested we put together a basket of literature for the Region 7 convention to be raffled off. Danielle said we also need some donations for the raffle baskets – gift cards, wellness products, etc., by 10/21/22.

Ross reported there will be a 12th Step Within Day on December 12th and since it’s on a Monday night which is a work day so it will be online and the Freehold meeting agreed to have it from 7-8:30 pm. He will get a flyer together with Marty and Lusk.

NEWS - REGION 7

Lee Ann reported the Spring Assembly will be on February 17-19, 2023 at Bonsecor. Registration will start after the convention and is a little earlier than usual based on the facility availability. Let her know if you have any questions. Rob added the two positions that will be up for election are the Recording Secretary and the Vice Chair so please apply if you are interested. Lee Ann added that service had given her skills that she would not otherwise have developed.

Danielle read the Region 7 Assembly report – Terri rotated out and Rob is the new Chair, Annmarie was voted in to her first time as Treasurer, Lee Ann will be rotating out as Recording Secretary, Vice Chair position is open (apply 60 days prior), Karen B. will rotate out as Trustee after 2023 Assembly. West Virginia will create a new Intergroup and be part of Region 7, World Service will participate in the International Eating Disorder conference June 1-3, 2023 and Regions will also participate. The price of literature will increase due to the cost of paper. Treasurer report - $23,392 and expenses were $6,366.83 and they are good financially. Region 7 was struggling for quorum and the theme was encouraging service. WSO convention is in-person in New Mexico April 27-29, 2023. Intergroup challenge is to have an in-person workshop on any topic. Board members are willing to speak at meetings/events. A workshop about service included Robin, Mike and Danielle who worked together with Toni Ann and Maria from North Jersey and it was about promoting service through the 7th Tradition. CJI won an award for the Service workshop done by Mike and Lucille. There is an information exchange every couple of months where Intergroups share ideas. Stories of Service will be published as a pamphlet and there will also be an e-book. Convention committee (Robin) is November 4-6, 2022 at the Ocean Royal in Maryland and is expected to operate at a loss so need to encourage more attendance and the theme is Swimming through Seas of Recovery. Twelve Step Within Committee (Lucille) is working on an updated speaker list – must be abstinent for 6 months. Mike is on By-Laws Committee and they opted not to change the quorum requirements. Outreach Committee Lee Ann is liaison but no non-Board members were able to attend in-person therefore no business was able to be conducted.

NEWS - WORLD SERVICE ORGANIZATION (WSO)

Ross reported he is on the By-Laws Committee and support Sub-Committee and submitted a checklist he and others created and hopes it will be approved by Trustees for By-Laws that are already in place. The Sub-Committee working on motion about translation funds and asking it to be transferred to the office but don’t know if that will happen because Trustee Co-Chair is Bob L. explained it would be too much of a burden.

Mikey reported his Committee is working on procedures for contacting the medical community to make a presentation to be accessed at OA.org so anyone can use it as well as a new manual for professional outreach.

INSURANCE

Mikey did not have anything new to report.

ELECTIONS/NOMINATIONS

Mikey and Sima agreed to work together offline on this committee.

FUNDRAISING

Danielle is looking for someone to participate in a fundraising committee. Lucille agreed but stated she is moving so not sure when she would be available.

OA BIRTHDAY

Danielle stated OA’s birthday is January 19, 1960 and is looking to put together an event in 2023 to celebrate it. Robin agreed to participate and said she would need guidance and also asked if it would actually be done on a weekday or defer it to a weekend and Danielle said it would be up to the committee.

OA EVENTS/HOLIDAYS

* ***Idea Day*** – Mike reported he and Nick and Mike are on the committee and this event will be on Saturday, November 19th from 10 am – 3pm and bring your lunch. There are 3 speakers lined up and it will be great to be in person in at the Debows Methodist Church in Jackson. Ross displayed the flyer and a $5 suggested donation. Their next meeting will be on 10/18 and a possible panel will be held. They need help and Bobbi and Robin have volunteered but more help is needed. Bring your own k-cups for coffee and there is a restaurant across the street.
* ***Unity Day*** – Nick reported this is the last Sunday in February, 2023 and they will start working on it soon.
* ***12th Step Within Day*** – Ross reported Frank has stepped down from this Committee for this year.
* ***Winter Dreams*** – Nick reported that Bobbi is going to be stepping down from this Committee and he is going to be getting in touch with Stella Maris and try to get it in person this January, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS

Robin reported she will have something next month.

Lucille reported she spoke to someone at the North Jersey Intergroup and they have a Facebook account that is not connected to a personal account. But she reached out to the person who created it because she doesn’t know how it was done. Lucille stated she is scheduled to attend the Region 7 convention and is hoping to reach out there and find someone who has done this before. She made a motion to wait until after the convention to discuss further and Nick seconded and it was approved.

Marty could not attend the meeting so his report on surveys is postponed until the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Danielle asked if there was any new business and no one responded.

NEWS FROM GROUPS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sima reported Saturday morning in-person meeting they have consistently had 4 people at the meeting but have several newcomers who get it off the website. She said it might be a good idea to put it on the local patch website.

Gloria wanted to wish Joan a happy 80th birthday.

Marybeth said the Saturday morning Red Bank at the Baptist Church voted to stay there for a few months.

Danielle read Concept 10 and explained it and the Spiritual Principle of delegation. Karen is the Trustee assigned to CJI.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

November 19th – Idea Day

*General Note* - please remember to send all changes for group meetings (new, cancelled, changed times, locations, contacts, etc.) to BobbiLink@aol.com. Any flyers or other items to be posted to the CJI website should go to Robin B. at reb2670@gmail.com. Please let Danielle know about any meeting changes due to holidays.

Danielle adjourned the meeting early at approximately 8:30 pm after the Serenity prayer.

The next meeting will be on Friday, November 11, 2022, at 7:00 pm via Zoom.