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

**Monthly Meeting – November 11, 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 11 and Concept 11 were read and discussed by Danielle.

INTRODUCTIONS

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

* Barbara (Treasurer), Mikey (WSBC Delegate, Chair/Outreach, East Brunswick/Monday), Robin B. (Webmaster, Metuchen/Saturday), Alex (Freehold/Monday), Ross (WSBC Delegate, Jackson/Wednesday), Lee Ann (Region 7 Rep., RWJ/Sunday), Lusk (Pine Beach/Thursday), Sima (Cranford/Saturday), Mike M and Marty joined the meeting later.

REVIEW OF LAST MONTH’S MINUTES

The review of last month’s meeting is postponed due to Lucille going through a move right now.

ONLINE TREASURER

The speaker for this topic was unable to attend tonight so hopefully it will be pushed back to next month.

QUORUM

Robin B. explained one of the challenges for in-person meetings (Region 7 convention) is there must be a minimum number of attendees in order to vote on an agenda. That number is at least 15% of the total number of the potential voting representatives. If there is no quorum then no vote can be taken on the agenda. It is important to have a quorum so a minority of people are not in charge and there is a true representative sample of the total body of meetings.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Danielle stated there will be an in-person CJI meeting on Thanksgiving at 10:00 am in Red Bank so spread the word – a flyer will be posted on the website. Also, on Thanksgiving the Red Bank meetings are at a different day/time, Freehold and Manahawkin are not meeting. Lusk reported the Pine Beach meeting will not be meeting on Thanksgiving but hope to meet on Wednesday night. Do not know if Highland Park, Lakewood and Hillsboro are planning to meet on the Holiday. In addition, for Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve need to know if those meetings are scheduled to happen on those holidays. Danielle stated the PNC Arts Center billboard is supposed to run the OA ad around Thanksgiving. Next CJI meeting is on December 9th so let’s bring back the tradition of wearing a holiday sweater.

VICE CHAIR

Nick was unable to attend this meeting but Danielle reported he has had no interest in Winter Dreams scheduled for January and is working on this event alone. Joan and Lee Ann offered to provide any help without actually being on the Committee. Danielle said there does not seem to be interest for people to attend. It was discussed about the venue being old and cold, plus concerns about COVID. It might be best to cancel it. No one made a motion and she will get back to Nick and see if he wants to continue on it.

TREASURER

Barbara reviewed the October financials and reported only $453 came in and there was a website cost of $500. November 1st is the beginning of a new fiscal year. Ways & Means – closed the year and we are $965 in plus with about $8,500 in income which is down from about $12,000 last year. We have a sound financial based to start the year. Please advise if you find any typos, etc. Mikey asked about Outreach Committee and expenses and was informed no money was requested for 2023 for Outreach. Lee Ann stated the budget is not set in stone so if there is a specific expenditure needed for Outreach it can be presented for approval. Barbara agreed if there is a strong need going forward it can be put up for discussion. Danielle apologized for the assumption there was no need for Outreach at this time. Ross also mentioned there was a reduction in World Service Conference expenses and there is a potential for more delegates to attend in 2023 so why would it not be increased. Barbara said it seemed there was a problem getting people to attend the WSC in person but we can always go back if needed and make adjustments. Barbara mentioned that an old printer had been passed on to her and she would like permission to donate or recycle it as it’s not able to be used and it was agreed. Danielle discussed the increased cost of postage, website, insurance, etc. Mikey would like a copy of any insurance increase. Lee Ann made a motion to no longer support hard copy receipts (email only). Barbara would like to send a paper receipt for cash donations if no email address is provided and Marybeth seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

RECORDING SECRETARY

No report due to Lucille not attending the meeting.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Bobbi was unable to attend the meeting but Danielle reported Princeton Saturday meeting is returning to in-person.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Robin B. reported the website continues to function fine and Bobby is good about sending her any changes to meetings but there may be a little lag time. She does get a monthly report on pressing issues from the website provider and they keep us safe from hackers.

Mikey reported there is nothing new with the Outreach Committee, basically everything is the same as he reported last month.

Ross reported the 12th Step Within Day will be held on December 12th in Freehold from 7-8:30 pm. The flyer is ready and waiting to hear from Marty. Once approved it will be posted on the website. It should be a good event.

NEWS - REGION 7

Lee Ann reported they actually made some money at the convention. She was unable to attend due to coming down with something and didn’t want to get anyone sick and someone was able to take her spot. Early registration is available for next year so take advantage of the discount.

NEWS - WORLD SERVICE ORGANIZATION (WSO)

Mikey did not have anything to report at this time but said there are about 7-8 people on the Committee actively working on how to tell medical professionals about OA and hopes to have something to report soon.

Ross reported he is on the By-Laws Sub-Committee and is working on a checklist for By-Laws that are already in place. The Sub-Committee is working on a motion about translation funds. Ross is winding down as WSC delegate and getting ready to rotate out.

Lee Ann reported on the Clark Tuesday night meeting as several members have moved away and this meeting will probably be disbanded. She is available in April to attend the World Service Conference this year and is finishing her term for one more year. Registration is in January. Ross added we could have one other delegate and have an alternate.

ELECTIONS/NOMINATIONS

Ross nominated Bobby L. for WSC delegate and she accepts. Danielle would like to nominate Mike M. and he accepted. One delegate for each 15 group meetings for a term of 2 years and qualifications are 1 year of abstinence and 2 years beyond the group level. If absent for 3 consecutive Intergroup meetings they would be disqualified. Voting is next month. There will also be upcoming nominations for Secretaries and Chair & Vice Chair. The voting for Region 7 reps is in January every 2 years. Mikey stated he and Sima are on the Nomination Committee and asked for more details and Danielle explained.

INSURANCE

Danielle advised this will be addressed next month.

FUNDRAISING

Danielle advised both she and Lucille are moving so this has been pushed to January, 2023. Ross reported on the OA books and shirts – no free books left and no more shirts. He has $40 in cash and provided a list of other literature that are remaining. Danielle mentioned she has some good literature and will try to bring them to the Idea Day event.

OA BIRTHDAY

Danielle stated OA’s birthday is January 19, 1960 and an online event has been suggested but nothing is final yet.

OA EVENTS/HOLIDAYS

* ***Unity Day*** – February of 2023 and Ross reported he spoke to Rachel at the Lakewood meeting and since it is on a Sunday, they were hoping to use that location but it’s not possible. Mike said they should discuss it at Idea Day and also with Toni Ann as she wanted to be involved.
* ***Sponsorship Day*** – nothing to report at this time.
* ***Idea Day*** – Ross reported he is waiting for final approval from Mike and Nick on the agenda but everything is set up. There will be 3 speakers in the morning and another long-time speaker in the afternoon. He needs help so if anyone would like to show up early it would be appreciated. Please tell everyone at your group meetings so there is a good turnout.
* ***12th Step Within Day*** – Ross previously reported on this event.

OLD BUSINESS

Podcasts - Robin reported she is stuck and if we move forward with doing podcasts someone would be need to be responsible to que the podcasts as they come up. She can come up with a budget but there is also concerned about the quality of the audio files and that there is not much new stuff being loaded. Marty stated in Colorado they have two Intergroups who maintain audio files on speakers around the country so it may be something we might consider. Lee Ann added that audio files and podcasts are two different things but since it requires someone to provide service and it’s a push process. She said Robin’s opinion of whether it is a good fit may be correct. There is a service commitment involved in both. Danielle asked if Robin wants to keep this item pending and she agreed and asked if Marty would sent her a link to the Colorado audio files.

Social Media – this report is postponed until next month as Lucille is not at the meeting.

Surveys – Marty shared his screen and reported on the possibility of surveying people anonymously about whether they prefer in-person, hybrid, or online meeting/workshop using Survey Monkey and include results in Chair’s monthly report. He reviewed details of the questions included and asks for reason for not attending a live or hybrid workshop/meeting and the multiple-choice responses. It would also include contact information for the Chair. Danielle provided suggestions on possible changes to the survey. Marybeth added that people may be afraid to attend in-person meeting due to COVID or other health issues. Lee Ann made a motion for Marty to make the changes recommended and move forward with the survey. The motion was passed by majority.

NEW BUSINESS

Danielle stated because the meeting is running late there is no time for new business.

NEWS FROM GROUPS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alex reported the Freehold Thursday night meeting will change their format no longer be a Beginner but will be a hybrid ready and sharing from 12 & 12 and she will provide a flyer to Robin and tell Bobbi to update meeting list.

Danielle read Concept 11 and explained it and the Spiritual Principle of humility.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 19th – Idea Day & Thanksgiving - in person meeting & Region 7 Assembly – February, 2023

*General Note* - please remember to send all changes for group meetings (new, cancelled, changed times, locations, contacts, etc.) to [BobbiLink@aol.com](mailto:BobbiLink@aol.com). Any flyers or other items to be posted to the CJI website should go to Robin B. at [reb2670@gmail.com](mailto:reb2670@gmail.com).

The next meeting will be on Friday, December 9, 2022, at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Please wear a holiday sweater.

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