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

**Monthly Meeting – January 13, 2023**

**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 1 and Concept 1 were read and discussed by Danielle.

INTRODUCTIONS

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

* Bobbi (Corresponding Secretary, Jackson/Friday), Elaine (Lakewood/Tuesday), Karen B (Region 7 Trustee Liaison), Lee Ann (Region 7 Board Member, RWJ/Sunday), Mikey (WSBC Delegate, Chair Outreach, East Brunswick/Monday), Mike M (Brick/Tuesday night phone meeting), Annmarie T. (Region 7 Treasurer), Ross (WSBC Delegate, Jackson/Wednesday), Alex (Freehold/Monday), Frank (Red Bank/Thursday), Marty (Lawrence Harbor/Sunday), Marybeth (Red Bank/Saturday), Robin B. (Webmaster, Metuchen/Sunday), Sima (Cranford/Saturday), and Barbara (Treasurer).

REVIEW OF LAST MONTH’S MINUTES

Danielle asked if there were any changes to the December minutes. Mikey stated it should say Mike M. was going to follow up on the OA phone number change and Ross mentioned it should be WSBC. Lee Ann made a motion to accept the December minutes with these changes and Marybeth seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

Karen B., Trustee, spoke about stepping down after almost 6 years. She also discussed how difficult it can be to rotate out of service. Karen also said to think about OA Concepts, Steps and Traditions as they all go together. In the spirit of helping to do things that extend beyond what a job description entails. Things can be changed and change is part of the growth process of recovery. Karen stated the Region 7 Board is always available to help with anything – all you have to do is ask. She knows most of the people attending this meeting and consider many of them friends and very special to her. The Region 7 Assembly is happening in February and we need a quorum so please plan to attend. It gives you a chance to see how things work beyond the Intergroup level. We are a community and these meetings are important. She encouraged everyone to continue to participate in service as it is an important part of the recovery process. Danielle added there is a really good Power Point presentation on OA.org on the Concepts and Traditions and she uses this information when discussing these areas. Karen added there will be a new revised version being presented at the WSBC this year. There currently is a pamphlet and there is a Service Traditions and Concepts guide.

Mikey asked about information on the upcoming W

SBC and Karen replied the registration and other information is already on the website. She explained the law will not allow mandating masks but they will be encouraged and hand sanitizer will be included in packets. Ross asked about any literature proposals and Karen explained they don’t come out on the agenda questionnaire as those are administrative motions the Board has to vote on at their next meeting and then it’s placed on OA.org.

Danielle read the Intergroup Principles and Strategic Goals and discussed in detail.

OFFICERS’ REPORTS

CHAIR - Danielle started with the OA Birthday update, Maria from North Jersey and Marty will be speaking and it will be on Fun in Recovery. She explained her and Robin are doing everything by email and it’s been very easy to give service this way even though they are both very busy. She can fit service to the program in kind of a different way by planning outside of the box. It will be via Zoom on Saturday 1/21 at 7:30 pm.

As far as the PNC Bank sign there is nothing and she has checked on it but doesn’t know what’s going on and will check on it again. Regarding the Meeting List Danielle said that both Bobbi and Robin have done such a great job keeping it up to date and it hasn’t been easy during this time. She thanked them for their service.

*ELECTIONS –* Danielle stated Marybeth has been nominated for Corresponding Secretary and asked for any additional nominations. She confirmed Lucille has agreed to continue as Recording Secretary.

VICE CHAIR

There was no report as Nick was unable to attend the meeting.

TREASURER

Barbara reported we took in $288.63 for December which is very low but historically it is a very slow month. Insurance was paid $414.00 and usual costs for Zoom and website. Also took care of tax filing and suggests we add a line item for the $40 electronic fee as NJ and Federal tax. Next is the Account Books review and her daughter is getting married on 2/11 so she won’t be at the next meeting but spoke to an accountant and Nick is willing to come and meet at her house with an accountant. It will be done by March as things are crazy right now.

RECORDING SECRETARY

There was no report as Lucille was sick and unable to attend.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Bobbi reported the former Sunday Edison meeting has moved to Metuchen and are now live so now 23 of 45 meetings are in-person. There is a new contact for the Tuesday morning Metuchen meeting, the new Monday morning Freehold meeting will change to a 10:00 am start time at end of month, and the Lawrence Harbor Sunday meeting has a new Zoom ID.

WEBMASTER

Robin stated there was nothing specific to report but realizes she needs to start thinking about turning the Webmaster role over to someone else. She asked for everyone to keep their eyes open for someone who might be interested in the position. Robin explained it is not hard and just takes someone who is diligent about making changes and postings to the website. It might take 10 minutes a few times a week and she could train someone easily. The person only needs a comfort level with technology and a willingness to learn about going into various programs and has access to a computer. Alex volunteered to take on this role and made arrangements with Robin to start the process. Robin also mentioned she is looking forward to the Region 7 Spring Assembly and may be interested in being the Region 7 Recording Secretary.

NEWS - REGION 7

Lee Ann reported they have been having meetings planning for the Spring Assembly on February 17-19, 2023 at the same venue. They have also been discussing virtual versus in-person and many people have a very strong opinion on both sides. A workshop is possible and Lee Ann has been speaking to Hortense in England but it is unclear as to whether she is coming back or not. She said that a carveout is also a possibility.

Danielle mentioned her Intergroup Renewal Committee is doing a workshop at the retreat on diversity based on what NOVA has done and Rob, the Region 7 Chair, said he would talk to the Board about a hybrid version. She also said they are doing a workshop on Tradition 7 and how to set up a virtual Treasurer and someone speaking about the spiritual aspect of it and also asked Rob who is a financial guy to speak about where the money goes.

NEWS - WORLD SERVICE ORGANIZATION (WSO)

Ross confirmed what Karen said about the World Service Business Conference documents being up on the website. He said there are 40 motions, 22 business motions and 18 by-law motions and the deadline for the questionnaire is February 24th. It’s only about if you feel the motion has merit to be on the agenda, not if you agree or disagree with it. Ross again stated he will be leaving in a few months as the WSBC delegate and thanked everyone for the opportunity.

Mikey said they are working on the same Outreach projects and trying to get something put together to make it very easy for someone to contact those in the medical field.

ELECTIONS/NOMINATIONS

Danielle stated we know where we stand on this item.

INSURANCE

Mikey reminded everyone to please let him know if you need a new insurance certificate.

FUNDRAISING

Danielle advised her Lucille had to push this back to February, 2023 for various reasons.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Literature Disbursal Action Committee – Ross reported we recently had a big event which made $85 and there is not much left: 8 copies of 12 & 12 and 5 Voices of Recovery so please call him if you are interested. He thanks Mikey for keeping all the stuff for so long.

OA EVENTS/HOLIDAYS

* ***OA Birthday*** – previously discussed.
* ***Unity Day*** – Ross reported they had a meeting this week and it will be held on Sunday, 2/25 1-3 pm but it will not be live as the potential venue was not suitable. There will be 3 speakers from each Intergroup and a suggested donation of $5 and the flyer will be out very soon. Nick, Judy from North Jersey, Cathy from South jersey, Mike and Ross are on the committee. There may be over 100 people attending and they are requesting to upgrade the Zoom for $50 for the month of February to accommodate up to 500 people. The money will come to CJI and we can split it the net proceeds with the other 2 Intergroups.
* ***12th Step Within Day*** – Ross reported it was a great event and there was about 32 people attending with 2 wonderful speakers and he and Lusk were happy with the outcome.

OLD BUSINESS

Social Media – Danielle explained that Lucille is at an impasse with this item as she is unable to figure out how to set up OA CJI accounts without it being tied to a personal account.

Survey – Marty reported we are going to do a survey and it will be tied to Danielle’s monthly newsletter but we will not be using Survey Monkey due to restrictions on the free version. Marty explained there are only 3 questions and reviewed them in detail. Alex commented it should be CJI OA and the website is oa-centraljersey.org. Robin suggested it might be good to put up on Google forms. Danielle said it looked really good and to let her know when it would be sent out.

Phone Number – Mikey asked about the phone number and Danielle stated she would provide him with the new Google number.

NEW BUSINESS

Danielle asked if there was any new business and there was no response.

NEWS FROM GROUPS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marty stated there is a location attached to a phone number so we need to indicate “formerly Lawrence Harbor” for example. Bobbi explained that if a meeting is going to be permanently via Zoom they need to delete the previous face-to-face meeting and create a new online (not virtual) meeting in Central Jersey. Several meetings have not made a decision if they should still be listed as in-person and when newcomers show up and no one is there it is upsetting. A discussion ensued as to some of the meetings that need to be changed or deleted but no one wants to take responsibility to make a decision without group consent. Sima said she would take responsibility to delete the Tuesday Cranford meeting by default as they have not met since COVID and Lee Ann did the same with the Clark meeting. Danielle said the Aberdeen meeting is the only one still outstanding as inactive and Bobbi will reach out again.

Elaine reported the Tuesday Lakewood meeting had a 40th anniversary celebration was held on 1/10 and there were about 20 people attending with 2 speakers and it was a great event.

Danielle read Concept 1 and Spiritual Principal explained in detail.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Region 7 Assembly – 2/17 to 2/19/23 at Bon Secores in Maryland

Unity Day – Sunday 2/26 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm

*General Note* - please remember to send all changes 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, February 10, 2023, at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

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