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

**Monthly Meeting – December 9, 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 12 and Concept 12 were read and discussed by Danielle.

INTRODUCTIONS

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

* Lee Ann (Region 7 Recording Secretary), Mike M (Brick/Tuesday night phone meeting), Annmarie T. (Region 7 Treasurer), Barbara (CJI Treasurer), Bobbi (CJI Corresponding Secretary), Frank (Thursday night), Lucille (CJI Recording Secretary), Marybeth (Red Bank/Saturday), Nick (CJI Vice-Chair), Alex (Freehold/Monday night), Mikey (WSBC Delegate, Chair Outreach, East Brunswick/ Monday morning), Robin B. (Webmaster, Sunday), Ross (WSBC Delegate, Jackson/Wednesday).

REVIEW OF LAST MONTH’S MINUTES

Danielle stated she forgot to record the minutes for the beginning of the November minutes and they have not been completed yet due to Lucille not receiving the link. Robin made a motion to accept the October minutes and Mikey seconded.

ONLINE TREASURER

Annmarie, the Treasurer for Region 7, spoke about how to set up electronic donations. World Service wants each group meeting to have an email that is not attached to a person so donations can be made via Pay Pal. Someone from the Intergroup could help meetings set this up. Lucille asked about Venmo or Zelle as possible options. Annmarie stated Venmo needs a cell phone number to set up but Zelle is more difficult because you have to have a bank account. Bobbi asked about not needing a bank account for Pay Pal or Venmo. Lee Ann advised that Pay Pal works as a bank and it can hold a balance plus too many options can be unrealistic as each one requires a service commitment. Pay Pal involves fees and it is easier to use Venmo without paying fees. Nick reported that Zelle is easier to get hacked and Venmo is part of Pay Pal. Ross stated that since COVID started people were told to put the money into an envelope and personal 60/30/10 is a good idea as we are a program of honesty and integrity. Robin B. stated she is the Treasurer for her group meeting and most of the donations come through Venmo and there is a fee extracted. Barbara added that we do get a lot of donations through Pay Pal and there has been no problems and you can also mail a check or send cash. The focus should be on getting a Treasurer at each of the group meetings. For her to use Venmo there would have to be a CJI phone and number set up and she doesn’t feel that adding more options is the way to go.

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

OFFICERS’ REPORTS

CHAIR - Danielle stated there was a nice in-person CJI meeting on Thanksgiving and there may be one held on Christmas and if anyone is interested, please let her know. She advised that some meetings are not planning to meet on the holidays (Saturday or Sunday) and to please let Bobbi know as soon as possible.

Robin stated the Edison meeting has applied to return to face-to-face in St. Luke’s church in Metuchen starting on January 1, 2023 but it’s not official yet and it tentative. Lee Ann will advise on Scotch Plains and will check on Flemington. Danielle stated the PNC Arts Center billboard does not have the OA ad up yet so she will check out what’s going on.

ELECTIONS – Danielle stated and Ross confirmed normally Bobbi would handle this as the Corresponding Secretary but since she is a nominee Danielle could do it. Ross said since there are 2 people running for WSBC delegate the one with the most votes would be the delegate and the second-place person would be the alternate. Ross suggested it could be done via chat to Danielle so it’s anonymous. After the votes were cast Bobbi is now the new delegate and Mike M is the alternate. Next Danielle stated we are voting on the Secretaries positions and Bobbi is not going for another term. Bobbi said the Corresponding Secretary is really just doing maintenance at this point and makes changes on the meeting list and sends out welcome letters and also during the WSO agenda this position keeps track of the votes and tallies them. Nick nominated Marybeth to be the new Corresponding Secretary and she accepted for the term starting in February. Voting will be next month. Lucille agreed to a second term as Reporting Secretary. Danielle said thank you to Mikey and Sima for their work on the Nomination Committee. Mikey thanked Marybeth and Lucille for their service.

Archive Review – Danielle reported this is to make sure all CJI documents are where they are supposed to be on the website and thanks to the hard work of our Webmaster Robin B. all is well.

VICE CHAIR

Nick reported that Winter Dreams was cancelled due to lack of interest and service. The venue will keep the $50 deposit which was left over from a previous even that was cancelled due to COVID. He helped out with Idea Day and heard it was good. He is going to talk to Mike M and North and South Jersey intergroups about Unity Day. Ross stated he is trying to get a location in Freehold or Lakewood since it is on a Sunday. Please add him to the Committee for this event.

TREASURER

Barbara reported Idea Day brought in a total of $290.00 ($135 door donations + $155 literature and shirts) with a donation to church of $125 which left $165 profit so that was good. For last month meeting donations were $359.72 plus $139.17 of individual donations and no expenses other than Zoom and website. December is really slow so far with no checks received yet but that is typical and hopefully in the new year things will pick up. Bobbi asked if the money received from Idea Day for literature and shirts should be put under Fundraising and Alex agreed. Barbara will go back and make that change. Mikey asked if she had received an invoice from our insurance carrier and she said no.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Lucille thanked Danielle and everyone for their patience while she was moving and promised never to do that again. She also asked if the recording link be sent to her immediately after the meeting or the next day and Danielle agreed.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Bobbi reported the morning meeting at Eatontown will not be closing but instead are moving to the Presbyterian church in Shrewsbury.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Website - Robin B. reported there is nothing exceptional to report and all is working as it should be.

Outreach - Mikey had nothing new to report.

12th Step Within Day - Ross reported this event is all set up and Lusk will be the master of ceremony and the speakers are set. Flyer is on the website and will be held on December 12th in Freehold from 7-8:30 pm and it’s the regular meeting number and password.

NEWS - REGION 7

Lee Ann reported they are planning for the Spring Assembly on February 17-19, 2023 at the same venue. They are looking for Region Reps to register and there are several motions coming up for a vote. A follow up planning meeting is next week. Annmarie said the Region 7 convention will be the first weekend in November, 2023 and they are hoping for a quorum at the Assembly so they can vote.

NEWS - WORLD SERVICE ORGANIZATION (WSO)

Ross reported the motions for the business conference are being submitted and reviewed and should be released shortly for intergroups to vote on the agendas.

Mikey advised they are working on the same project trying to prepare scripts for intergroups to reach out to educational medical facilities and it’s complex and there are so many parameters involved. Hopefully he will have more feedback soon as Region 7 also will be working on the same thing.

ELECTIONS/NOMINATIONS

Mikey advised that Sima no longer wants to be on the Nomination Committee and he asked if anyone would like to help it would be appreciated and it’s not a lot of work just making phone calls and reaching out to others. Mikey asked if Danielle will be running for a second term as Chair and she responded no.

INSURANCE

Danielle advised there is nothing to discuss at this time.

FUNDRAISING

Danielle advised again that since she and Lucille are both moving, they will follow up in January, 2023 as there is no deadline.

OA BIRTHDAY

Danielle said her and Robin decided it is better to do this event online (OA’s birthday is January 19, 1960) and it’s easier to get speakers via Zoom and it is being moved to the weekend either Saturday or Sunday night.

OA EVENTS/HOLIDAYS

* ***Unity Day*** – was previously discussed.
* ***Sponsorship Day*** – nothing to report at this time.
* ***Idea Day*** – was previously discussed.
* ***12th Step Within Day*** – Ross previously reported on this event.

OLD BUSINESS

Social Media – this report is postponed until January.

Phone – we are switching to a Google phone which can be accessed remotely and can receive text messages. Mikey asked about our new phone number and why it could not be saved since it is on all of our outreach literature. Barbara also stated it is a concern since all of our accounts are hooked up to that phone number. Danielle explained we cannot get the old phone number back and if they call it will not be forwarded to the new number. Mike M stated he will get back to them with the new number and was told it is urgent. Mike M said he found out about this a month ago after he switched phones in July and when the new phone came in it did not connect to the old number as it was already given to someone else. Marybeth asked if someone could contact the person who now has the old CJI phone number if they could give them the new number without affecting anonymity. Lee Ann said she doesn’t think it would break anonymity and explained the situation and provides them with the new number. Danielle said we should ask Trustee Karen about it and Lee Ann said she would contact her.

NEW BUSINESS

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

NEWS FROM GROUPS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marybeth stated the Saturday morning Red Bank meeting will not be meeting on Christmas Eve. Also, she advised on 1/21/23 they are having a very important meeting to vote on whether or not to stay in Red Bank or move to Shrewsbury and you must be there in person to vote. The meeting will take place on New Year’s Eve as far as she knows. Robin B. can post holiday meeting updates on the website if you send her the information and also send to Danielle so she can include on an email.

Ross reported on the new Freehold 8:00 morning meeting and said it’s small but has been steady. There is a chance if 9:00 am would be better it could be changed but having an early meeting option is good.

Bobbi advised the Lakehurst meeting is having an anniversary meeting on Tuesday, 1/10/23 at the Methodist church off of 70.

Danielle was unable to read Concept 12 as she forgot to change it but said it was self-explanatory.

UPCOMING EVENTS

12th Step Within Day – 12/12/22 starting at 7:00 pm

Region 7 Relapse Prevention Workshop – 12/13/22 online

Region 7 Assembly – 2/17 to 2/19/23 (bring an OA friend)

*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.

Happy holidays to all. The next meeting will be on Friday, January 13, 2022, at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Danielle adjourned the meeting early at 8:25 pm after the Serenity prayer.