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

**Monthly Meeting – June 9, 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 5, and Concept 5 were read and discussed by Danielle.

INTRODUCTIONS

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

* Alex (Freehold/Monday, Webmaster), Lee Ann (Friday/RWJ, Region 7 Recording Secretary/Rep, WSO Rep), Robin B. (Metuchen/Sunday, Region 7 Rep), Ross (Jackson/Wednesday), Barbara (Treasurer, Saturday/Metuchen), Lusk (Pine Beach/Thursday), Bobbi (Jackson/Friday, WSO delegate), Mikey (East Brunswick/Monday, Chair Outreach, Insurance), Marty (Lawrence Harbor/Sunday), Marybeth (Corresponding Secretary, Red Bank/Saturday), Sima (Cranford/Saturday), Lusk joined later.

Danielle advised we need a quorum to do business, which is 15% of the 42 group meetings, so that means we need 1 Officer and 6 reps present, which we have.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Danielle mentioned some people were having trouble opening the minutes from the CJI website and Alex stated you need to click on it and it will appear in the bottom left corner of screen. Bobbi advised there are two corrections needed in the March minutes: 1) Bobbi is not listed as attending and 2) Joan said something about her Mantaloking meeting and it should be Manahawkin. Robin made a motion to approve the March minutes with these corrections and Ross seconded. It was approved unanimously.

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

OFFICERS’ REPORTS

CHAIR - Danielle stated there was no report due to nominations.

VICE CHAIR

Nick did not attend due to family issues so there was no report.

TREASURER

Barbara stated everyone who went to the WSBC please send her your receipts. She reported on two months. In March we received some contributions from Unity Day later - $58.81 via Pay Pal. In total we received $745.58 and $612.58 of that was from meeting donations. We had expenses for Zoom meetings in order to accommodate more attendees; plus something from One-on-one - Ionus but she doesn’t understand what it is for as it just says extended support $8.71 per month. Robin asked Alex to follow up with One-on-one to get an explanation. We have not yet been charged for our Post Office Box, but not complaining. In April we only received $383.62 in meeting donations and $156.32 in other donations. There were $200 in expenses for WSBC registration and the usual website and Zoom costs.

Barbara advised there is still money for the Winter Dreams committee so if this has been disbanded please let her know. She also reported that Nick and Michael B. came and audited all the books from October, 2021 – October, 2022 when she took it over from Alex and everything was reconciled. Sima stated she spoke to Nick and he was going to work on the Together We Can retreat, but as far as she knows nothing is being done on the Winter Dreams event. The money is on the books and earmarked for those two items. Barbara is happy with funds coming from group meetings and feels the increasing in-person meetings are sending in money regularly. Danielle mentioned there is a tribute option in the 7th Tradition to recognize or celebrate someone or something.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Lucille did not attend the meeting due to being out of town so there was no report.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Marybeth explained she is in the process of looking at all the documents and making any changes needed. She added her email address and phone number in the chat and asked if any changes are need to please contact her directly. Marybeth asked that in the subject of an email to please indicate it is about a change to CJI information. She also thanked Bobbi for all her help.

WEBMASTER

Alex stated everything is going well with the website and she tries to get everything put up as soon as possible. She asked Danielle how much past history related to CJI documents is needed. Danielle suggested separate folders for 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, etc., be set up. Robin stated it was a good idea and Barbara asked that the fiscal year of Treasury reports be visible. Bobbi recommended a similar idea but said there is value in some of the documents.

OUTREACH

Mikey resigned as the Outreach committee Chair and said it needs to be decided going forward if we want to continue it. He stated there were two outreach meetings – one to physicians at RWJ who are doing a residency in psychiatry and another one to first year medical students and he would like to stay connected with this part of outreach. Mikey said he still has a ton of material in his home and he will maintain it and is happy to share them with anyone who would take over. He also resigned from the Nominating committee as he doesn’t have time. Marty asked if we could combine our Outreach efforts with the two other Intergroups in New Jersey and Mikey concurred. Danielle asked Marty to reach out to the Chairs at the North and South Jersey intergroups about this matter and he agreed. Mikey will continue to handle insurance and there are no issues he is aware of.

FUNDRAISING

Danielle advised there is nothing to report at this time.

HOLIDAYS/EVENTS

*Sponsorship Day* – Danielle stated Nick, Alex and Joan are handling this event on the 3rd weekend in August.

*Idea Day* – it is too early to discuss.

*12th Step Within Day* – too early to talk about.

RETREATS

*Together We Can Recover* – nothing to report.

*Winter Dreams* – nothing to report.

NEWS - REGION 7

Lee Ann reported the Fall Assembly is still looking for a place but most of them are already booked and others are too expensive. The Board is considering St. Luke’s to hold the Assembly and then attendees could stay in a hotel/motel nearby. Transportation back and forth, plus lunch, would have to be figured out. Robin said the first step is we should ask Nick at St. Luke’s if space is available on the dates involved as well as if insurance is needed. Danielle added there is a website that shows public areas that are available for parking, etc. Danielle advised she is on the Intergroup renewal committee and they have hosted 3 workshops and there has been very low attendance so please attend if possible.

NEWS - WORLD SERVICE ORGANIZATION (WSO)

Bobbi stated her full report is on the website but said going to the WSBC was one of the best services she has ever done in OA. There were 176 delegates from 13 countries plus virtual intergroups. Serenity prayer in 5 languages and there was a PowerPoint on concepts and it will be posted soon. She was assigned to 12 Step Within committee and she is on Sub committee on recovery assistance and different important aspects. She also went to the Meet the Maker meeting and they were able to ask questions of the people who introduced motions about things that are not understood. She attended all the reference committee meetings and they tried to decided how to incorporate all the amendments, etc. Bobbi gave highlights about the most controversial changes, including AA would like us to stop using their literature, and how the outcomes were achieved. She explained in detail what she found out about some of the motions and things people are saying about OA literature that were derogatory.

12 STEP WITHIN

Ross stated he will get in touch with Lusk and they have a lot of time but the last 12 Step Within Day was very successful.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

NOMINATIONS

Since both Mikey and Sima have resigned from the Nominating committee, Danielle asked if anyone would volunteer to take over and Ross said yes. Danielle advised that Robin is a nominee for Chair and asked if there were any other nominees. Since no one responded Robin gave a pitch as to why people should vote for her. She has been in OA since 1997 and 11/14/09 is her abstinence date but had 2 breaks. Robin explained she is allergic to sugar and flour and she has to keep them out of her system, as well as caffeine.

She has read through the policy & procedures manual and understands what is required in this role and hopes everyone accepts her work schedule (4 days a week). Robin does not drive and therefore will not be able to show up to many face-to-face meetings. She will do everything in accordance with God’s mercy and she has had some physical issues lately. Robin said some character defects have come up with rigidity, arrogance, and pride recently and she is working on them. She does all through the help of a Higher Power. Danielle stated Nick was nominated for Vice Chair and asked if there are any other nominations. Bobbi nominated Marty but he respectfully declined. Ross nominated Lusk and he said no due to other things going on in his life. Danielle stated the vote is next month and Ross said nominations can be made on the day of the election. Lee Ann reminded everyone is you hold an Officer position and miss 2 or 3 consecutive meetings you no longer hold that position and it will be filled. Bobbi added this also pertains to the Region 7 delegates and WSO delegates. Mikey stated this should be taken into consideration with regards to Nick as Vice Chairman. Marty nominated MaryBeth but Danielle explained that she already holds a position. Bobbi said if MaryBeth would accept the nomination for Vice Chairman she would take back her role as Corresponding Secretary. Robin asked Bobbi if she would consider being Vice Chair but Bobbi said that is too much right now with all the WSO things she is doing. Marybeth said she will think about it and was going to nominate Sima.

NEW BUSINESS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS FROM GROUPS

Danielle stated the East Brunswick group meeting is re-opening on Monday but the Freehold group will not be meeting on Memorial Day but Ross offered to host that meeting so it will be happening. Marty advised the Sunday Lawrence Harbor literature meeting lost people after the Zoom meeting number changed and he will try to do a flyer. Robin announced there is a group getting together at Chipotle before the Sunday Big Book meeting and also a group getting together at the diner before the 7:00 meeting at St. Luke’s church. Danielle announced there is an OA walk sponsored by Asbury Park meeting on Sunday, June 18th from 2:30-3:30 pm at Thompson Park in Middletown.

*General Note* - please remember to send all changes to Marybeth at maryb20260@aol.com. Any flyers or other items to be posted to the CJI website should go to Alex at alexcecchini518@gmail.com.

The next meeting will be on Friday, June 9, 2023, at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

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