***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 6, and Concept 6 were read and discussed by Danielle.

INTRODUCTIONS

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

* Bobbi (Jackson/Friday, WSO delegate), Robin B. (Metuchen/Sunday, Region 7 Rep), Alex (Freehold/Monday, Webmaster), Lucille (Asbury Park/Monday, Region 7 Rep., Recording Secretary), Gloria (Lakewood/Wednesday), Barbara (Treasurer, Saturday/Metuchen), Mikey (Insurance), Ross (Jackson/Wednesday), Marybeth (Red Bank/Saturday, Corresponding Secretary), Frank (Thursday/Literature), Lusk (Pine Beach/Thursday), Sima (Cranford/Saturday), Babs (Whiting/Saturday), Lee Ann (Friday/RWJ, Region 7 Recording Secretary/WSO delegate), Nick (Vice Chair) and Joan 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 advised there are no minutes to review as she did not send the link to Lucille until today.

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

OFFICERS’ REPORTS

CHAIR - Danielle stated she spoke with Alex and she is going to forward the Zoom account to the info@ao.org account which will make it easy for everyone to access. Danielle also advised this is her last meeting serving as Chair and she has appreciated the service, it has helped her recovery, and she would recommend it to anyone.

VICE CHAIR

Nick is joining later in the meeting and was able to report he is working with Joan and Alex on the Sponsorship Workshop and they have made a lot of progress. It is scheduled on Sunday, 8/20 from 12:30 – 2:30 pm.

TREASURER

Barbara reported we received $676.26 from meeting and member donations. She stated we had to reimburse people who attended the WSBC and those expenses were $2,123.65. Barbara also suggested we budget more money for this in the future as costs have gone up.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Lucille asked if the new Chair will be sending the link for the Zoom recording of the meeting to her personal email address going forward so she can generate the minutes and Danielle confirmed.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Marybeth explained she has started to put anniversaries in chronological order and change the meeting list, especially ones that no longer exist but she wants to verify first. She is open to suggestions and has been working with Bobbi and Alex to get everything updated.

WEBMASTER

Alex stated everything is going well with the website and she has tried to keep up with everything that is being sent to her. She mentioned that Danielle had discussed possibly refreshing the website and she hasn’t had a chance to look into that yet but will do so soon. Ross discussed Alex should review flyers before they are posted to the website to ensure it says OA and indicates who is sponsoring the event, etc. Using the logo is even better and both he and Danielle have it and can provide it to anyone. Lee Ann confirmed this review procedure prior to posting is how it is handled in Region 7 and sending it back to the person who sent it to revise is the best way to keep track.

12 STEP WITHIN

Ross stated he and Lusk will get together to start planning the 12 Step Within Day in December.

NEWS - REGION 7

Lee Ann reported she has nothing to report from Region 7 as there has been no Board meeting. Robin advised her Sponsee knows the Vice Chair of Region 7 and the Fall Assembly is scheduled 9/29-10/1 and the location is still TBD. Lee Ann said that St. Luke’s has confirmed the dates are available and the nearby motel/hotel is also available.

NEWS - WORLD SERVICE ORGANIZATION (WSO)

Bobbi reported there is no news from WSO. Ross asked about separate reports from all Delegates at WSBC and Danielle stated they may want to do a combined report.

OA-CJI PHONE

Ross stated he received a disturbing phone call from a former Rep. who asked if there was a Sponsor list because they called the new phone number on the website and left a message but never received a response. He stated to follow up he also left a message several days later but never got a response so there seems to be a problem. Both Ross and Mikey would like Mike M. to present a report on the phone. Barbara stated she heard from a person who submitted a question and did not get any answer for 6 weeks and they were very upset. Also, if the bank calls or something that requires immediate action the current phone doesn’t seem to be working. Danielle explained how the new phone works and that the call is sent as a text message. Lucille added she would be willing to volunteer to be one of the people with access to the phone as it is very important for someone to respond ASAP. Lucille also asked for advice on how to handle phone “bombers” who interrupt the meeting and Lusk agreed to speak to her offline. Nick stated he will contact Mike M. and make sure if he is unable to attend the next meeting that he sends a report.

Bobbi added she received a complaint the phone wasn’t working – she called the phone and got a message “please leave your name and Global Services will try to connect you.” She hung up because she thought it was the wrong number – called again and got the same message but left a message. Within an hour Mike M. called her back only because he saw her phone number on his cell phone. Robin also offered to be one of the people with access to the phone. Danielle said Mike M. has held this responsibility for a long time and may be open to sharing it with others.

OUTREACH

Ross stated that last month we talked about working with other intergroups on outreach. He explained that South Jersey intergroup is very active and just participated in a health fair for 55+ and in October there is a Book Fair and are asking for volunteers and he signed up. There are opportunities and there might be something we could help them with. Danielle added that South Jersey intergroup has a Google group, North Jersey has a Mail Chimp like us, Region 7 has a Google group and those are all great resources for events, etc., and they have a great newsletter. South Jersey intergroup is struggling to make a quorum but they are doing a lot of service so anything we can do to help them would be appreciated.

Sponsorship Day

Joan reported Nick, Alex and her had a good meeting and brainstormed and Nick came up with a cute flyer. They are looking for three (3) speakers and have one definite yes and another potential panelist. She was going to ask the same people who helped last year. Alex and Joan will come up with the three (3) questions they will ask everyone. Nick described the flyer is orientated to the shore/water and about pulling someone in on a tube that were swimming in rough waters. Danielle said Canvas is a great resource and as a non-profit we may be able to get it free.

HOLIDAYS/EVENTS

*OA Birthday* – January

*Unity Day* - February

*Sponsorship Day* – Sunday, 8/20 (afternoon)

*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 (on hold).

*Winter Dreams* – Nick reported there was no interest and asked everyone to think about whether we want to continue this event. It is usually in January the weekend of Martin Luther King holiday. Lucille asked if anyone would go to LBI in January. Joan said they used to do it in May and even then attendance was light but they allowed people to come for day and that is not allowed now. It is very expensive, very cold and drafty, and not something people are interested in attending. Lee Ann said there is another place but Nick explained they are no longer booking events. She said we may have to start from scratch and pick a new place and time, etc., and figure out what might work and she would be happy to help. Bobbi said we could also consider the option of using a hotel.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

MEETINGS

Bobbi explained that she has received several complaints from OA members who went to a face-to-face meeting listed on OA.org only to find out the meeting no longer exists or is still temporarily via Zoom. It is frustrating for our members that these meetings are not listed properly and Bobbi suggested we need a committee to review all of them and contact the representative for each one like what was done a couple of years ago. To find out what the status is and to either convince them to either go back to face-to-face, no longer be a phone meeting, or go permanently via Zoom. OA.org and CJI’s website do not interact with each other about meeting changes. Bobbi makes a motion to set up an ad hoc committee to reconcile the OA.org and CJI website meeting and all related information are the same. Robin agreed to be a part of the committee. Since the national health emergency is considered over this needs to be done. Nick volunteered to be on the committee and also Marybeth. Danielle said they should be on our mailing list in order to get information.

NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS

Danielle announced that Robin B. is the nominee for Chair and asked if there was any other nomination but no one responded. She asked for a vote and it was approved by a majority. Danielle advised that Nick is willing to serve another term as Vice Chair and asked if there were any other nominations. Ross asked if Nick felt he would have any problems making meetings as the By-Laws state if an Officer or Region 7 Rep. or WSO Delegate misses three (3) consecutive meetings they are considered to have resigned their position. Nick stated he will do his best. A vote was taken and Nick was approved by majority to continue in the role of Vice Chair. Danielle thanked Nick for all his hard work and how much he volunteers to do service and said it was a great working relationship between the two of them.

SPONSORSHIP

Lusk explained he has recently been contacted by both a male and female OA member looking for a sponsor and asked if CJI can help. Danielle replied that we are working with the North Jersey intergroup and a sponsor list has been created. She suggested he speak with Marty as he was the one who came up with the idea to work with North Jersey intergroup on sponsors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS FROM GROUPS

Danielle informed she was sad to hear the East Brunswick Monday meeting closed. Alex is also sad to report the Thursday evening Freehold hybrid meeting has closed. Frank advised the Thursday night online OA 12 & 12 meeting is going to incorporate the Traditions workbook as well and there is a new flyer. Lucille reminded everyone the Asbury Park Monday night meeting is sponsoring a walk at Thompson Park on Sunday afternoon. Ross stated the Jackson meeting has transitioned 12 Tradition workbook so within 2 months he will produce a flyer. Marybeth reported the Red Bank Thursday night meeting is no longer in existence and they have some literature available and will sell them at a discount and donate the money to CJI.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OA Walk – Sunday, June 18th at Thompson Park 2:30-3:30 pm

Round Table – Make Your Meeting More Welcoming to Others: Online June 20th

Region 7 Assembly – 9/29-10/1

Region 7 Convention – November 3-5 convention

*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.

Nick thanked Danielle for her past 2 years of service as CJI Chair. Danielle said she really got to meet a lot of OA people and go to a lot of meetings which was great.

The next meeting will be on Friday, July 14, 2023, at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

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