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

**Monthly Meeting – September 8, 2023**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chair, Robin B., after a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. The Unity with Diversity policy and OA’s Tradition 9 and Concept 9 was read by Nick.

INTRODUCTIONS

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

* Nancy (Pine Beach/Thursday), Jill (Lakehurst/Tuesday), Lucille (Asbury Park/Monday), Lusk (Pine Beach/Thursday), Joan (Manahawkin/Monday), Mikey (Freehold/Monday, Insurance), Tony (East Brunswick/Friday - Alternate), Alex (Freehold/Monday, Webmaster), Babs (Whiting/Saturday), Barbara (Treasurer), Bobbi L. (Jackson/Friday, WSB Delegate), Frank (Literature/Thursday), Gloria (Lakewood/Wednesday), Lee Ann (Sunday/RWJ, Region 7 Recording Secretary, WSB Delegate), Ross (Jackson/Wednesday), Sima (Cranford/Saturday), Nick (Vice Chair), Marybeth (Red Bank/ Saturday, Corresponding Secretary).

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Mikey moved to approve the August minutes and it was seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Marybeth read the Intergroup Principles and Alex read the Strategic Goals.

OFFICERS’ REPORTS

CHAIR - Robin stated she called people who have not attended the CJI meeting in a long time to clarify their status. Mike M. has resigned due to family issues and Danielle has also resigned. She also confirmed the CJI Google phone did ring and is working. Robin also advised that when she agreed to be CJI Chair she did not know her speech would be adversely affected and is working to improve it.

VICE CHAIR – Nick reported he is on the Idea Day committee, which is coming up soon, and is looking for help since Mike M. has resigned. Nick is also working on the Winter Dreams event. Sponsorship Day was a success and he thanked everyone who helped make that possible.

TREASURER - Barbara reported we received $27.44 from Sponsorship Day and $387.00 in donations which is very low but normal a summer month. She stated we had the standard expenses of $40.16 for the Website and Zoom account. Taxes are coming up and in November will start working on fiscal year review. Some people who went to WSBC still have not submitted their receipts yet so please so do asap. Lee Ann offered to help with a Weighs & Means committee and advised maybe changing the budget date or fiscal year date might be helpful. Sima asked if we previously voted to change this date already and Alex agreed and said November and December can be extended to January. Lee Ann stated we should change our Policy & Procedures manual. Alex said she will attempt to locate the minutes to confirm this vote and we can address at next month’s meeting.

RECORDING SECRETARY - Lucille requested if at the beginning of the meeting after the recording has been started if Robin could state the date it would be very helpful.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Marybeth welcomed Nancy from Pine Beach/Thursday meeting and stated she will send her a welcome letter. She has made changes to the Lakehurst and Asbury Park meetings. Please don’t send any meeting changes to the Webmaster or Chair but to her and you make the changes on OA.org. There are instructions on how to do this thanks to Alex.

WEBMASTER - Alex stated everything is going well with the website. She is still working on the issue of the outdated background system.

OUTREACH - Mikey reported he is looking to get more people involved in Outreach and asked others to consider offering service in this area. He asked about Judy and Frank stated he knows she is in the middle of moving and just had COVID but he will reach out to her and see what her status is at this time. Lucille asked about consolidating efforts with North Jersey and South Jersey in connection with Outreach. Bobbi stated that Marty was going to follow up. Lucille asked if someone could provide her with the contact information for the North and South Jersey intergroups Outreach person and she would follow up with them about possibly combining our efforts. She also asked about the OA billboard ad on the GS Parkway near the PNC Arts Center and what the status is. Lee Ann stated this is a public service announcement and is only done during the holiday season. Lee Ann also said she knows the person who worked on this for many years and she could contact her if needed. Jill commented that during the summer the billboard seems to be dedicated to all the bands and events. Ross also stated that Kathy G was the person who previously handled it and it was not easy to get it. Bobbi added that in the Policy & Procedures under November there is an action item to request the holiday sign either through Kathy G. or Denise Desantos.

12 STEP WITHIN DAY - Robin read the report from Marty who was in Europe. It indicated he is working on the Hybrid meeting survey and the 12 Step Within committee is planning a live workshop on 12/12 in southern Ocean County. Since the CJI goes as far north as Elizabeth distance could be an issue. One idea is to create a list of people who are willing to provide transportation to those who are unable to drive in order to attend. Marty also commented that online meetings attract people from all over the world who do not have a live meeting nearby or cannot attend in person for various reasons. He is also going to contact the other online writing meeting to see if they can be combined in order to keep the meeting strong.

REGION 7 - Lee Ann reported they are busy preparing for the Region 7 Fall Assembly at the end of the month which will be virtual. The pre-assembly packets are out on the Region 7 website and there will be a guest speaker for the Saturday lunch time and there are four Motions on the agenda. The Region 7 Convention is in person the first weekend in November and we need people to sign up as soon as possible.

Lee Ann added to please let her know if you have any questions or comments.

WORLD SERVICE ORGANIZATION (WSO) - Bobbi reported preliminary information on next year’s WS Business Conference indicates it will be on 5/7-5/11 and should be live. The 12th Step Within committee created a new document called Still Struggling Member Tips and is now on their website. Also, on OA.org there is information for professionals like med students under Support for Community and there is a newsletter called the Courier that is geared to professionals as to why they should refer patients to OA.

Ross read his response to the letter dated 7/11/23 from WSO about outside issues because he felt uncomfortable about it. He sent the letter through our Region 7 Trustee liaison Bob to the OA Board but it didn’t make the agenda so it will be considered in November.

BY-LAWS - Nick stated there is nothing to report at this time. Ross stated regarding Region Rep. there is no mention of nomination months and it should be November and December since the election is in January so that should be added next time the By-Laws are updated. Bobbi confirmed this is scheduled.

INSURANCE - Mikey reported our insurance renews in December but we don’t know what the amount will be but it should be about the same. He reminded everyone if there are any questions or needs regarding insurance to please contact him.

NOMINATIONS - Ross reported he is not aware of any other nomination for Treasurer other than Barbara and the election is next month. He also stated that we need to keep a list of Officers, when their term started and ends, and went over it to confirm it was accurate. Also, he reminded everyone October is WSO Delegates nominations. Sima asked if the Treasurer served a partial term prior to her first full term and Barbara stated she was in training with Alex so she is now in her first full term. Lee Ann stated she is not a CJI Rep. and votes as a Board member. Bobbi stated Lee Ann can have another Rep. vote so we really need another Region 7 Rep.

FUNDRAISING – Lucille reported at the last discussion the majority response was against any type of gambling, raffle, etc., type of ideas and it would be tabled until someone can come up with another idea.

HOLIDAYS/EVENTS/RETREATS

*Unity Day* – February, 2024 too early to discuss (Nick)

*Idea Day* – November. Nick needs help.

*12th Step Within Day* – Ross reported on this and was thrown by Marty’s report because they are in full swing with an in-person event in Whiting. There will be a flyer soon with all the information.

*Together We Can Recover* – Sima stated there is nothing to report at this time.

*Winter Dreams* – Nick had nothing to report at this time.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

CJI Google Phone – Mikey asked who answers the phone and Robin explained that she and Alex and Sima are all set up to receive the calls and messages.

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

The next meeting will be on Friday, October 13, 2023, at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Robin adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:25 pm after the Serenity prayer.