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

**Monthly Meeting – October 13, 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. Frank read the Unity with Diversity policy and Marty read OA’s Tradition 10 and Concept 10.

INTRODUCTIONS

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

* Gloria (Lakewood/Wednesday), Marty (Lakehurst/Sunday), Ross (Jackson/Wednesday), Frank (Literature/Thursday), Bobbi L. (Jackson/Friday, WSB Delegate), Nick (Vice Chair), Sima (Cranford/Saturday), Jill (Lakehurst/Tuesday), Lee Ann (Sunday/RWJ, Region 7 Recording Secretary, WSB Delegate, Alex (Freehold/Monday, Webmaster), Lucille (Asbury Park/Monday), Lusk joined the meeting later.

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

Ross asked about exactly when Barbara became Treasurer and he needs to know because he and Sima are compiling a list of Officer. Alex stated Barbara has basically done one full term as Treasurer, maybe a month or two shy, and perhaps she has been acting as Interim Treasurer. Nick stated if she started mid-term, she should be entitled to 2 more terms. Lee Ann added a person can hold an appointed position and then be elected later.

Sima moved to approve the September minutes and Nick seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

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

OFFICERS’ REPORTS

CHAIR - Robin said she is doing her best as CJI Chair and has some new business to discuss later.

VICE CHAIR – Nick reported the Idea Day committee is doing a great job and it is on 11/18 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the same location where the Jackson meeting is held. Nick is also working on the Winter Dreams event but had nothing to report at this time. He is talking to South Jersey Intergroup about Unity Day and it may be a hybrid event.

TREASURER – Robin advised she is going to wait until Barbara returns from vacation to provide her report.

RECORDING SECRETARY - Lucille stated she did not have a report for Recording Secretary but later in the meeting had a short report regarding Outreach.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Marybeth was unable to attend the meeting but Robin confirmed that she continues to update the meeting list.

WEBMASTER - Alex stated everything is going well with the website. Someone asked about creating a page on our website for meeting formats. Ross said he would be against it as sample formats are on OA.org. Sima asked for more clarification and Marty said other intergroups have formats on their websites. Gloria said it would be a good idea as she was recently the only one at a Zoom meeting who didn’t have the format. Robin suggested it might be helpful to post a few formats just for Zoom meetings. Marty said it really is the specific format for a meeting and it doesn’t take up a lot of room. Alex asked Anthony to send her exactly what he wanted posted and she was going to put it under Resources and not as a link. Jill asked if it was a general format or a specific format. Lee Ann commented that generic formats are on OA.org and if we want to maintain specific formats someone would have to be responsible to maintain and update these ongoing and maybe not the best use of service. Robin said it seems more complicated and maybe we should pass.

OUTREACH – Lucille reported that Mikey provided contact information for the Outreach person at North and South Jersey Intergroups. They held a conference call and discussed combining our resources for Outreach. They were very excited about the idea of adding more billboards. The South Jersey Intergroup was doing a table at Collingswood Auction with OA books on display and giving out pamphlets. Lucille thought pooling our resources is a good idea and offered to be a member of the Outreach Committee to follow up if approved. Ross was at Collingswood Auction and volunteered at the Book Fair but didn’t think it was the best venue. The presentation was very well done and there was a wheel with different aspects of the program. Jill asked if we ever bring in current scientific facts about obesity and if it is allowed. Lee Ann stated this would be an outside issue and has never seen something like that done. Ross said there is a pamphlet on statistics and the most current version is on OA.org and Mikey might have it. Sima also added not everyone is in OA to lose weight such as other unhealthy food behaviors. Gloria agreed it is an outside issue but would love to see this promoted more such as adding it to your story when sharing.

12 STEP WITHIN DAY – Ross reported there was a meeting held and several people are on the Committee. They are probably going to use a format from OA.org. Next meeting is scheduled for 10/25 online with committee members.

REGION 7 - Lee Ann reported the Region 7 Convention is Sail into Recovery at same venue in Ocean City, MD on the ocean. The Region 7 Spring Assembly will be held on 4/12 & 4/13 virtually. The Region 7 Fall Assembly will be in-person 9/27-9/29 and include Region Chairs. The Fall Assembly made quorum and did business with a By-Law change regarding quorum being a percentage and the motion passed. Second motion was regarding convention costs for people working at convention which was also passed. There was another motion stating the 12 Step Within Committee would be responsible for the Speaker List and also the qualifications of 6 months of current abstinence and possible service. Also set up apprentice Treasurer as a new position who will be appointed for one year and then run for position if wanted. New budget was approved. A new Corresponding Secretary was elected – Leslie F. – replacing Linda. Robin asked the Nominating Committee to identify more Region 7 reps because there are only 2 and we can have 4 reps (down from 5 due to losing meetings recently).

WORLD SERVICE ORGANIZATION (WSO) - Bobbi said in response to Jill’s question, on OA.org there is a Community Recourses section for Professionals which surveys members about their life improvement plus a newsletter called the Courier. Bobbi reported we have a new Managing Director as the previous person is retiring. There is a new publication called Security Tips for OA Websites due to all the hacking lately especially online donations. Bobbi also advised a new document has been released about Outreach. Also, they are looking for members to send in their stories about mental health condition and challenges in relation to our physical, emotion and spiritual recovery to OA.org. Sadly, Region 4 is disbanding (central US up into Canada) as they don’t have enough people providing service and existing intergroups will decide how they individual groups will be assigned.

BY-LAWS - Bobbi reported there is nothing new. However, if we want to add interim positions maybe this should be added to New Business to discuss. Also, being appointed and not elected is not in the By-Laws.

INSURANCE - Mikey was not able to attend the meeting.

NOMINATIONS - Ross advised we can to directly to the vote as the only person nominated is Barbara for Treasurer. A vote was taken and Barbara was unanimously approved for the position. Ross read the qualifications for WSO conference delegate (we currently have 2 - Bobbi and Lee Ann). It is up to the CJI if they want to send 3 delegates to Albuquerque, NM each year. Ross explained they must have 1 year of current abstinence and 2 years of intergroup service and be a Region 7 representative (past or present). Ross nominated Frank M who passed. Bobbi nominated Ross and he accepted. Sima nominated Joan but she was not at the meeting due to her birthday. Ross stated we need to add 2 new Region 7 reps.

FUNDRAISING – Lucille recommended this item be removed from the agenda unless someone can come up with an idea that does not include some type of gambling.

HOLIDAYS/EVENTS/RETREATS

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

*Idea Day* – November (Nick) reported previously under Vice Chair

*12th Step Within Day* – Ross previously reported on this event

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

**Raffle Basket** (Region 7 Convention): Robin will be attending and can transport the basket. She is requesting help. Jill wanted to know if there should be a theme for the basket to match “Sailing into Recovery.” Ross asked if we should ask our groups and Robin said just the intergroup was asked. Lee Ann said gift cards with no fee would be easy to transport and raise money. She also said in the past people have brought in some items not being used to put together a nice basket. Sima made a motion we should provide two $50 gift cards for a basket and Lee Ann seconded and it was approved. It was suggested Amazon or another gift card with no fee be purchased.

**Sponsors Help** – Sima tried to work with the technical system and it was over her grade level but if anyone else from CJI would like to help she can tell them who to contact.

NEWS FROM GROUPS

Bobbi report Jackson Friday meeting has started working in the Tradition workbook and is just finishing up Tradition One. It’s an in-person writing meeting and there are great shares with wonderful insight. Sima mentioned Thursday night online meeting (used to be Red Bank) are also using this book for the past 2 weeks and you don’t have to have the workbook. Lucille announced the Saturday morning Red Bank meeting is having a special guest speaker and everyone is encouraged to come and listen.

*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, November 10, 2023, at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

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