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

**Monthly Meeting – November 10, 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. Robin read the Unity with Diversity policy and Ross read OA’s Tradition 11 and Concept 11.

INTRODUCTIONS

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

* Frank (Literature/Thursday), Marybeth (Red Bank/Saturday), Mikey (Freehold/Monday), Lucille (Asbury Park/Monday), Alex (Freehold/Monday), Bobbi (Jackson/Friday), Sima (Cranford/Saturday), Lee Ann (Sunday/RWJ), Nick (Vice Chair), Barbara (Metuchen/Saturday), Babs (Whiting/Saturday), Nancy (Pine Beach/Thursday), Ross (Jackson/Wednesday).

Robin advised we have a quorum to do business, which is 15% of the 38 group meetings, so that means we need 1 Officer and 6 reps present.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Lee Ann made a motion to approve the October minutes and Nick seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Lee Ann read the Intergroup Principles and Frank read the Strategic Goals.

OFFICERS’ REPORTS

CHAIR - Robin said she has been in contact with the North Jersey Intergroup about the possibility of collaborating on some events and suggested she contact Nick.

VICE CHAIR – Nick reported that Ross will discuss Idea Day later. Nick advised he spoke to the new Chair of North Jersey Intergroup and South Jersey Intergroup about Unity Day on Saturday 2/24/24. South Jersey was concerned about face-to-face and it is going to be a hybrid event. He has looked into all the equipment and new By-Law change that will be discussed under New Business. Nick asked for permission to use the CJI Zoom account for Unity Day planning committee and there were no objections.

TREASURER – Barbara advised October is the close of our fiscal year. She stated our income was decent from groups at $866.95 and we pay the $500 website annual fee in October. New Jersey added a fee for filing state and federal taxes. To change the fiscal year is complicated and is being tabled at this time. She is a little behind due to being away and is catching up on receipts, budget, etc.

RECORDING SECRETARY - Lucille stated she did not have a report at this time.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Marybeth reported she was at another OA event giving her report and to remind everyone to ONLY email her any changes (not call or text). She stated the Westfield meeting closed but Sim advised that was only temporary, East Brunswick is now online and Princeton’s Saturday meeting will be permanently online. So we have fewer and fewer in-person meetings and we need them.

WEBMASTER - Alex stated everything is going well with the website. She gave a shout out to Pressing Issues, the company that handles our website and said they are doing a great job. They send a summary regularly and recently sent one stating there were 118 attacks from Bulgaria that were blocked in 10 minutes.

OUTREACH – Robin explained the Chair position for this committee is currently vacant. Lucille stated she recently spoke to Mikey about her interest in this position. Mikey stated there needs to be volunteers to do the work so it doesn’t all fall on one person. Anyone who is interested in helping with outreach can contact Lucille. He also said there are two pamphlets that he is completely out of and he would like to purchase some but needs approval as there is no budget in the Outreach committee budget. Mikey will keep them in storage at his house. Barbara said we could put some money into the budget for this as of November.

12 STEP WITHIN DAY – Ross said he would report on this later in the meeting.

PNC Arts Center – Robin asked if she is supposed to contact someone about the OA billboard. Bobbi said Maryann Michaels was the person and her number is in the Policy & Procedures manual under December.

REGION 7 – Robin advised she attended the Region 7 Convention and the one thing that impressed her the most was the amount of love in the rooms. There were amazing speakers as well and she highly recommends people should attend. Ross added there were wonderful workshops plus over 180 attendees in a beautiful location.

Lee Ann reported the Region 7 Convention was well attended with over 200 attendees in Ocean City, MD. Keynote speakers were exceptional and there will be a new location in 2025. There will be a holiday Round Table on 11/21. 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. There will be a special meeting in January, 2024 to make By-Law changes before the Spring Assembly. The $100 contribution of two gift cards for the convention was very much appreciated.

WORLD SERVICE ORGANIZATION (WSO) - Bobbi reported there is now another way to pay Tradition 7 to WSO – Apple Pay.

BY-LAWS - Bobbi reported she sent an email that Region 7 has language in their By-Laws that we could add stating in the event of a vacancy or termination of office the Board can appoint someone at the same meeting when notified. Also, the appointee can serve until there is an election and membership will vote on a replacement. In addition, an Officer who has filled a vacancy and has served more than half of the term shall be considered as having served a full term. We need to add in the By-Laws under Region reps, nominations should be held in November and December. Lee Ann made a motion to adopt the changes and Nick seconded. A vote was taken and it was approved.

INSURANCE - Mikey received the new policy and the fee is the same as last year and will send to the Treasurer. He stated Barbara should get a bill that is due the beginning of December.

NOMINATIONS - Ross said before he discussed nominations, he wanted to discuss he and Sima are trying to compile a list of Officers and dates and asked for confirmation from Marybeth and Lucille their first term started February, 2023, and they confirmed. Also, that Bobbi is in her first term and Lee Ann is her second term, also confirmed. He asked about when Region 7 reps Lucille and Robin started but stated we don’t always nominate them per our procedures and Lucille’s was questioned. Ross said he would look up if they are in their first or second term.

Ross read the qualifications for WSO conference delegate and he has been nominated. It is up to the CJI if they want to send the 3rd delegate to Albuquerque, NM each year. In 2025 the conference will be held via Zoom. The two existing delegates (Lee Ann and Bobbi) would definitely go to the conference in 2024. Joan had been nominated for Region 7 rep but she could also be a WSO delegate as well and will be contacted. We qualify for 4 reps for Region 7 and Ross read the qualifications. Ross nominated Bobbi and she accepted. Ross also nominated Alex and she declined. Voting will be held next month.

HOLIDAYS/EVENTS/RETREATS

*Unity Day* – Saturday, February 24, 2024 possibly at St. Luke’s in Metuchen (Nick)

*Idea Day* – Ross stated Nick has done a lot of work and everything is in place

*Sponsorship Day* – too early to talk about; Alex and Joan and Ross will work on it

*12th Step Within Day* – Ross reported it’s a great committee and it is from 10-12 at Lakehurst

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

*Winter Dreams* – Nick and Bobbi are discussing possibilities but probably not this year

NEWS FROM GROUPS

Ross stated the former Region rep and WSO delegate Brenda’s husband passed away. Simi reported the new OA phone is working well and she feels good about being able to respond. She also said Lusk was going to reach out with North Jersey Intergroup about matching up sponsors and sponsees but not sure if he did but if anyone else is interested, please feel free to contact them.

*General Note* - please send all changes to Marybeth via email ONLY 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, December 8, 2023, at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Robin adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:20 pm after the Serenity prayer.