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

**Monthly Meeting – January 12, 2024**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Vice Chair, Nick., after a moment of silence and the Serenity prayer. The Unity with Diversity policy and OA’s Tradition 1 and Concept 1 were also read.

INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair, Nick introduced himself and also Robin, who is the Chair. He then asked all attendees below to introduce themselves:

* Mikey (Insurance, Freehold/Monday), Marybeth (Corresponding Secretary, Red Bank/Saturday), Alex (Webmaster, Freehold/Monday), Lusk (Sponsor List, Pine Beach/Thursday), Jill (Lakehurst/Tuesday), Barbara (Treasurer, Metuchen/Saturday), Bobbi (WSO delegate, Jackson/Friday), Lucille (Recording Secretary, Region 7 Rep., Asbury Park/Monday), Joan (Manahawkin/Thursday), Ross (TSW/Jackson/Wednesday), Babs (Whiting/Saturday), Sima (Nominating Committee & By-Laws, Cranford/Saturday), Marty (TSW, Lawrence Harbor/Pine Beach/Sunday).

Nick 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 so we have a quorum.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Nick requested a change under Unity Day - it should say it will hopefully be in person but we will no longer be able to have it at St. Lukes. Mikey stated under New Business it should say Central Jersey Intergroup will be 50 years old (not OA). Sima moved to accept the minutes with the corrections and Barbara seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Lusk read the Intergroup Principles and Lucille read the Strategic Goals.

OFFICERS’ REPORTS

CHAIR – Nick read the written personal reflection submitted by Robin in which she thanked everyone for their support as she goes through some medical challenges and she is stepping down as Region 7 Rep.

VICE CHAIR – Nick confirmed Unity Day will be on Saturday 2/24/24 from 10:00 am to 12:15 pm via Zoom. There will be one speaker from our intergroup and one from each of the other two NJ intergroups. Nick requested to use the CJI Zoom account and needs permission to increase the capacity to over 100 attendees. Joan made a motion to approve Nick’s request and Marybeth seconded it for the month of February. A vote was taken and it was approved unanimously.

TREASURER – Barbara reported we received $694.82 in December between individual and group donation. Our expenses include 2 gift cards purchased and Bobbi stated these were for the Region 7 convention (not WSO) and should not be under travel. Barbara requested if using Pay Pal for a group donation please include the group number or meeting town, day and time. Also, the building where our post office box is located had a flood and major damage so there may be a slight delay in retrieving the mail as time allowed into the facility is limited. Lucille made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report with corrections and it was seconded. A vote was taken and it was approved.

Mikey stated there is $100 budgeted for the Outreach Committee and this has been used for a Health Fair in Bell Works on 2/3. He advised we need more money to purchase give aways and literature that need to be ordered ASAP. Ross agreed and confirmed in the past committees have requested additional funds when needed. Bobbi stated that an itemized form should be submitted to Ways & Means going forward. A discussion ensued and Marty made a motion to approve $500 for the Health Fair and Bobbi seconded it. Barbara asked for confirmation this is not to adjust the budget now but only to cover costs for the Health Fair and receipts must be submitted. A vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mikey asked about including the CJI google phone number on give aways and it was advised no personal phone numbers should be used. Marty made a motion to put the CJI phone number and website on any give aways ordered. A vote was taken and it was approved by majority.

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

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Marybeth thanked Ross and Sima for the list of officers, representatives, and delegates and when their term started. She is going to be working on the Motions for the WSBC and will be contacting Robin and Nick about the Consent Agenda. Marybeth announced one of the online meetings has closed (former Lakewood meeting). Marybeth again reminded everyone to ONLY email her any changes (not call or text).

WEBMASTER – Alex reported everything is going well with the website and if anyone has any questions to feel free to contact her. She apologized for the late notice of the meeting as she had not yet posted the agenda or treasurer’s report.

OUTREACH – Lucille asked about the question concerning if we should join with the North Jersey intergroup and advised that she had previously spoken to both North Jersey and South Jersey intergroups about combining resources on billboards, etc. Marty stated he was the one who recommended we unite our efforts in different areas because it makes a lot of sense. Lusk reported he has contacted the North Jersey intergroup about the ongoing project to match potential sponsors and sponsees. Mikey said this matter should be discussed with the Outreach Committee.

12 STEP WITHIN DAY – Ross stated the TWS Day event went very well and 23 people attended. They were grateful for the folders they were given and added some other pieces Lusk reported the local people who attended provided a lot of positive feedback.

REGION 7 – Lucille reported that since Robin has stepped down from her Region 7 Rep. position there is no other rep. and we need more reps. Nick stated this will come up during the Nominations later.

WORLD SERVICE ORGANIZATION (WSO) - Bobbi reported WSO approved a new 12 Concepts of OA Service and the workshop is now available on the website. Also, they just issued a New Guidelines for Newcomers Information Meeting to tell newcomers about OA itself (not for a Newcomer meeting).

BY-LAWS - Bobbi reported the revised By-Laws were posted on 12/9/23 and it needs to go to the entire intergroup for review and approval for 30 days. She asked Nick if he wants to send it on to the Region 7 Trustee now since there has been no feedback and he agreed to do so.

INSURANCE - Mikey advised everything is fine and confirmed the check issue has been resolved. He reminded everyone if they are having a special event and are requested to be indemnified you are covered if it is an official OA event. If you need a copy of it just let him know.

NOMINATIONS - Ross advised WSBC delegate position was handled last month there were no nominees so we still have Lee Ann and Bobbi. He reported Lucille is up for her second term as Region 7 rep. and Bobbi is up for her first term. Since Robin has stepped down, we qualify for 2 more reps. Both Ross and Sima had no other nominees. A vote was taken and Lucille was approved for a second term and Bobbi was approved for a first term.

HOLIDAYS/EVENTS/RETREATS

*Unity Day* – Saturday, February 24, 2024 (Nick previously reported on this)

*Idea Day* – too early to discuss

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

*12th Step Within Day* – Ross previously reported on this event held 12/12/23

*Together We Can Recover* – Sima suggests we not have this event since it is no longer feasible

*Winter Dreams* – Nick said they are discussing possibilities for next year

NEW BUSINESS

Ross advised CJI will be 50 years old next year. He has a price for a vinyl and hard copy sign which would cost $99.60+ and made a motion requesting $110 to cover this cost. Joan seconded his motion. A vote was taken and it was approved.

Is there a value to link to the Young People’s website? (since Lee Ann was unable to attend the meeting this matter will be postponed until next month’s meeting.)

Lucille requested approval to be added to the CJI google phone as a member of the Outreach Committee and Alex advised she would work with her to make this happen.

NEWS FROM GROUPS

Nothing was reported.

*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.

Everyone congratulated Nick on doing a good job of chairing the meeting.

Ross asked everyone to send some love to our fellow Gloria who has had some tragedy in her life.

The next meeting will be on Friday, February 9, 2024, at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Nick adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:10 pm after the Serenity prayer.