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

**Monthly Meeting – December 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. Joan read the Unity with Diversity policy and OA’s Tradition 12, and Lusk read Concept 12.

INTRODUCTIONS

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

* Bobbi (WSO delegate/Jackson/Friday), Sima (Nominating Committee & TWC/Cranford/Saturday), Lee Ann (Region 7 Recording Secretary/WSO delegate/Sunday/RWJ), Frank (Online Literature/Thursday), Babs (Whiting/Saturday) Lusk (Sponsor List/Pine Beach/Thursday), Lucille (CJI Recording Secretary/Region 7 Rep./Asbury Park/Monday), Joan (Manahawkin/Monday, Friday), Ross (TSW/Jackson/Wednesday), Carol (Metuchin/Sunday), Mikey (Insurance, Freehold/Monday), Nick (Vice Chair), Marybeth (Corresponding Secretary/Red Bank/Saturday), Marty (TSW/Pine Beach/Sunday), and Nancy (Pine Beach/Thursday).

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 November minutes and Barbara seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Ross read the Intergroup Principles and the Strategic Goals.

OFFICERS’ REPORTS

CHAIR – Ross read Robin’s personal reflection about the changes in her speech due to a decline in her medical condition and/or Cerebral Palsy and asked if she should continue to be Chair. Ross, Marty, Lee Ann, Mikey, Joan, Bobbi, Sima, and Lusk all agreed Robin should continue as Chair and we can all work together to facilitate moderating the meetings. Nick agreed to step in if the Chair is not able to but advised he may not be able to make every monthly CJI meeting due to his son’s band commitment. Bobbi did not feel it was Nick’s responsibility to take over as Chair unless Robin resigned. It will be up to Robin to decide if she can no longer serve as Chair. Ross

VICE CHAIR – Nick reported that Unity Day is on Saturday 2/24/24 and will hopefully be in-person but we can no longer have it at St. Luke’s. If anyone has any ideas about another possible facility in Central Jersey for this event, please let him know.

TREASURER – Barbara recommends we not change the fiscal year because it is not easy to change both the books and the computer system and is very complicated. Nick made a motion to keep the fiscal year for our Treasury the same and Joan seconded. A vote was taken and it was unanimously approved. November stated our income was decent from groups at $538.00 for the first month of the near fiscal year. Barbara next reported on the Budget and thanked all who were available to help reach a budget for this year. Bobbi commented the Budget is planned to be in the negative and this should be discussed. Barbara added we included more expenses in case we need them, plus making donations of $400 to Region 7 and WSO. Nick stated this is not the first time a budget has been proposed where there are more expenses than income and it usually winds up turning around. Barbara said they will also look at it again mid-year. Lee Ann said she agreed we should spend the money we have to help promote the message of OA and monitor it as we go. Nick made a motion to accept the proposed budget as discussed and Marty seconded it. A vote was taken and it was approved unanimously. Barbara asked that all checks to CJI the name of the group, location, time, etc., so it can be credited properly. NO cash please! Also, please send email address if you want a receipt.

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

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Marybeth reported we have 23 in-person meetings now. She is going to be contacting people to confirm when people started in certain positions, became reps., etc. Ross stated he and Sima are working on this for the Nominating Committee and will forward their results to her. Marybeth also reminded everyone to ONLY email her any changes (not call or text) and put her email in the chat. She confirmed the East Brunswick meeting is now online and starting at a different time.

WEBMASTER – Robin reported that Alex has COVID and was unable to attend the meeting so there was no report.

OUTREACH – Lucille reported there was a meeting last Sunday with 8 people in attendance. A variety of ideas were discussed and we are in the process of deciding priorities. Lucille noted that Mikey has been handling this committee almost single-handedly and it is very exciting to see so much interest and service in Outreach again. Bobbi reported WSO announced there is a new PSA (two versions) and how we can use it. In October WSO published a new PSPI manual which she ordered. They also updated information on OA.org website but it’s hard to find so Bobbi included a link under Service Bodies on the email she sent to everyone. Mikey confirmed the Outreach committee will be meeting via Zoom the first Sunday of each month at 7:00 pm, so anyone who is interested please let him know. He also thanked Lucille for her continued interest in Outreach and said she has put forth a great deal of effort to keep it alive. Mikey added Outreach is so important and thanked everyone involved.

12 STEP WITHIN DAY – Ross stated there would be a report on this later in the meeting.

REGION 7 – Lee Ann reported there is a special Zoom meeting on 1/5/24 at 7:00 pm and will be less than 2 hours to address some by-law changes and encouraged all reps. to attend. Lee Ann advised as the Region 7 Recording Secretary she is also on the R7 Outreach committee and they are working on how to do a health fair. If anyone would like to attend this roundtable meeting on 2/20/24 please let her know.

WORLD SERVICE ORGANIZATION (WSO) - Bobbi previously reported on WSO updates under Outreach. Lee Ann added she thought they were well done.

BY-LAWS - Bobbi reported at the last meeting we approved some changes. The entire CJI body needs to be able to review all the By-Laws in order to vote on them so if Robin includes it on “What’s New in Intergroup” that is probably the best way.

INSURANCE - Mikey advised there was a small issue but it has been resolved and we are completely insured. He asked Barbara to follow up in 2 weeks to ensure our check has been cashed.

NOMINATIONS - Ross advised he is going to withdraw as a nominee for the 3rd WSO delegate position. He read the qualifications and asked if there was anyone interested in running for the third WSO delegate and there was no response. Ross stated we will continue with the two existing delegates (Lee Ann & Bobbi). He reported we currently have two Region 7 reps. (Bobbi confirmed they are Robin & Lucille) and we qualify for 2 more. Bobbi has been nominated and Ross nominated Mikey but he declined at this time. The vote will be next month and we can make another nomination at that time.

HOLIDAYS/EVENTS/RETREATS

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

*Idea Day* – Ross said it was incredible (65 people in attendance) and it looked great

*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 next Tuesday 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 next year

NEW BUSINESS

Ross advised CJI will be 50 years old next year and asked if there were any ideas for this event. He also asked if there was any interest in getting a new sign and will discuss next month.

Lee Ann reported on future discussions on the value of linking to the Young People’s website and other Young People information in another part of the website. She thinks it is a great idea and is hoping to come back with recommendations. Lucille mentioned that the majority of young people who attend her face-to-face meeting have specific food disorders such as bulimia and anorexia and asked if this website address these matters. Lee Ann confirmed it is definitely included and covered. She also stated there should be no harm in linking our CJI website to the Young People’s website and we can discuss in more detail next month.

NEWS FROM GROUPS

Ross stated due to upcoming holidays several in-person meetings will not be meeting on Christmas or New Year’s Day and he hopes the meeting list will reflect this. Marty discussed some changes to meetings and believes these changes are reflected on the website. Robin stated the Metuchen meeting will not be meeting on Christmas Eve.

*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, January 12, 2024, at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

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