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

**Monthly Meeting – March 8, 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. Nick also stated the Unity with Diversity policy. Mike B. read the OA Tradition 3 and Concept 3 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:

* Michael B. (Lakewood), Barbara (Treasurer, Metuchen/Saturday), Lucille (Recording Secretary, Region 7 Rep., Asbury Park/Monday), Joan (Manahawkin/Monday, Thursday, Friday), Babs (Whiting/Saturday), Lusk (Pine Beach/Thursday), Lee Ann (RWJ Zoom/Sunday, Region 7 Rep, WSBC Del.), Ross (Jackson/Wednesday/TWS/Nominating), Ilene (Jackson/Friday), Sima (Cranford/Saturday, Nominating, TWCR, WSBC Delegate), Marybeth (Corresponding Secretary, Red Bank/Saturday), Marty (Lawrence Harbor) entered late.

Nick asked Marybeth if she had the revised number of total groups in order to determine quorum. Marybeth stated we have a total of 36 groups (23 + 13 online or phone). Nick then advised we do have a quorum in order to do business, which is 15% of 36 group meetings, so that means we need 1 Officer and 5 reps present.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Nick asked under New Business in the February minutes there was a question about what Mikey said regarding a motion. Ross explained that Mikey meant we should have a separate additional meeting for the Motions regarding the WBSC. Lucille stated she would make the changes and Lee Ann made a motion to approve the minutes with that correction and Babs seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Sima read the Intergroup Principles and Joan read the Strategic Goals.

OFFICERS’ REPORTS

CHAIR – Nick read a written personal report submitted by Robin who explained she went to the ALS clinic and was told she needs a feeding tube and is scheduled for that surgery. She has also decided to retire at the end of August. Robin further advised she does not know when it will be appropriate to leave the position of Chair.

VICE CHAIR – Nick advised there are updates on the By-Laws and Unity Day on Saturday 2/24/24 that he will discuss later in the meeting.

TREASURER – Barbara reported we received $458.61 in group donations. She reminded everyone to submit a receipt and written explanation for any expenses that need to be reimbursed (email or text is fine). Please do not send cash in the mail. Lusk asked about the status of the post office and Barbara stated it was operating and she picked up all the mail. Joan made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report and Lusk seconded. A vote was taken and it was approved.

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

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Marybeth stated she received an email regarding making changes to the Lakehurst meeting but she does not do changes on OA.org only the Central Jersey website. If you need help making changes to OA.org she is happy to help. Marybeth also reported she sent all of our responses to the WSBC motions on what needs to be voted on. Babs stated she changed information on OA.org and Marybeth confirmed it has already been changed on Central Jersey website. Ross asked how a new Rep. gets on the mailing list and Marybeth stated she sends them a welcome email. Barbara stated the last meeting list she has is from August, 2023 and Marybeth responded she changed it in January, 2024.

WEBMASTER – Nick stated Alex was unable to attend the meeting but reported the website is up and running well. Also, she sent out all the documents were sent via email.

OUTREACH – Lucille reported the Outreach Committee meets on the first Sunday of each month and they held elections at the February meeting. Both Josephine and Lucille were voted Co-Chairs, so no Vice Chair would be needed. It was agreed the Recording Secretary responsibility would be handled by Paola, Joan and Mike taking turns. There was a report on the Health Fair held on 2/2 held at Bell Works. A budget increase was requested but not approved by CJI. Michael B. created a revised budget and explained the expenses were spread out over time. He went into detail about upcoming events and expected costs and that we are requesting the same amount only spread out over a year. Lee Ann advised there is a Health Fair in Westfield on 4/28 and Lucille confirmed we had received the information from Mikey. Ross asked about billboards at PNC Arts Center and others. Lucille clarified the PNC billboard is actually a PSA (public service announcement) which is free and the other billboard would be a joint effort with North, South and Central Jersey intergroups. Ross also advised there is a professional outreach event on 4/16 at RWJ/Rutgers Medical School from 9-11 am and it is in person with psychiatric residents and Mikey is looking for people to attend. Barbara stated sharing costs with other intergroups is a good idea as our total income last year $7,000 and the cost of travel to send delegates to WSBC, etc., takes up the bulk of our funds and we need to keep that in mind when requesting money. Lucille made a motion to approve the revised budget submitted by Michael B. and he seconded the motion. Lee Ann stated the bottom line is still $2,400 and said that is disproportionate with our total funds. Joan stated Outreach is so important and she feels this money is needed for everything Outreach is planning and helps attract new members. Lee Ann stated we might want to determine who much it will cost for WSBC delegates and Region 7 reps. going to the Fall Assembly which is in person this year. She also said we should be using the reduced cost literature available. Nick suggested we might be able to offset some of the Outreach costs by having people donate and earmark the funds for that purpose. A vote was taken and the budget was approved.

12 STEP WITHIN DAY – Ross stated there is no report at this time.

REGION 7 – Lee Ann reported the Region 7 Spring Assembly will be virtual on 4/12 and 4/13. Planning has started for the Convention and it will be in the same venue as last year on the beach in Ocean City, MD. A convention Chair is in place and there should be a flyer out early. Fall Assembly will be in-person and coincide with the Region Chairs meetings so they will all be coming from all around the world. There are several people rotating out of service so if anyone is interested, please contact her.

WORLD SERVICE ORGANIZATION – Lee Ann stated they are still waiting for all the voting so that she and Sima can bring this up at the WSBC. Ross made a motion to change the meetings in February and April the WSBC business motions be the first business after the Chair report and Marybeth seconded. A discussion ensued regarding the motion. A vote was taken and it was approved.

BY-LAWS – Nick reported that he, Sima and Ross are going to be reviewing proposed recommendations from our Trustee by our April meeting.

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INSURANCE – Mikey was unable to attend the meeting.

NOMINATIONS – Ross asked if there was interest in more alternate Reps. for the virtual Spring Assembly, as Lucille is currently the only Region 7 Rep. We are allowed 4 based on the total number of meetings we have. Sima nominated herself just for this Spring Assembly. A vote was taken and it was approved.

HOLIDAYS/EVENTS/RETREATS

*Unity Day* – Nick stated this event on 2/24/24 was a success and there were 80 participants. He said the three intergroups (North, South, Central Jersey) involved voted to refund the cost to increase the Zoom capacity for over 100 attendees. However, the event only collected $53.31 so it will not cover the total cost but it’s close.

*Idea Day* – still too early to discuss

*Sponsorship Day* – Nick advised this is the third weekend in August and he is already talking to the other intergroups about maybe doing a hybrid event. Alex and Joan and Nick will continue to work on it

*12th Step Within Day* – to be determined next year

*Together We Can Recover* – Sima stated the only way it would be possible is to know how many people would be interested in attending. Nick said to please go to your groups and see if there is any interest. Lee Ann stated we cannot get an in-person venue in 2024 as facilities are booked up far in advance. Lucille asked when this event would take place and Nick stated in the past it is at the end of August or beginning of September. Sima added we didn’t use to have Sponsorship Day, which may conflict with this retreat.

*Winter Dreams* – Nick said this is on hold for now.

OLD BUSINESS

Nick said there was nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Sima stated she is concerned about our funds and we should think about a stronger appeal to members at large to contribute online if you are attending virtual meetings and events. Nick suggested this be brought up at virtual meetings. Ross added he keeps track of his 60/30/10 contributions and he does an announcement to remind everyone at meetings.

NEWS FROM GROUPS

Nick announced that Gloria recently had surgery and is recovering so she will not be able to attend the meeting for a while. He asked that we keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

Marty advised that the Friday morning Big Book meeting is migrating to the Foot Steps in order to allow for more involvement. Once finalized Nick said to advise Marybeth of this change. Ross stated this means we are losing a meeting. Lucille asked what is Foot Steps and Nick explained it is an online intergroup. Ross asked about losing Region 5 and Lee Ann stated she heard about it but didn’t know the actual impact.

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

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