

Ocean & Bay Intergroup (virtual)

Intergroup Meeting Minutes

August 3rd, 2021/Distributed September 7th, 2021

Called to Order.

- Diane called the meeting to order with the Serenity Prayer at 6:30 pm.
- Attendees: Diane, Sandy, Lisa, John, Leslie, Beth, Nancy, Jeanne, Melissa, Kara, Maggie
- John read the 12 Steps of OA and the Lisa read Tradition of the Month and Jeanne read the Concept of Service of the month.
- 7th Tradition can be made on Venmo or PayPal.

Board Reports

Chairperson: (Diane)

- Diane clarified that she heard that we had someone who volunteered to be the Newsletter Editor. Unfortunately, that is not true. We still need a newsletter editor. Please keep announcing this at your meetings. The phone bill has increased by \$10 Diane is going to call Verizon to figure out why its increased. We still need a person to do the phone answering service.

Vice Chair: (John)

- John says hello and thank you for all the service being done.

Recording Secretary: (Lisa)

- Lisa submitted the minutes for July.
- Sandy made motion to accept the June Meeting Minutes as written. John seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Nancy made motion to accept the July Meeting Minutes as written. Sandy seconded. One abstention. All in favor. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: (Sandy)

- Sandy submitted the treasurers report for July.
- Donations are still just trickling in. Please encourage groups or individuals to donate.
- We will possibly vote on the proposal for the liability insurance and the proposal for the PIPO committee later in the meeting, but these projected amounts are accounted for on the treasurer's report.
- Sandy did get a quote of \$1250 for liability insurance for the year. This does include directors' and officers' insurance. Discussion was had as to whether we need to bring this to the individual groups or just the board members to make a decision.
- Sandy will craft an email that includes some bullets of information and attach the proposal for those that want to have the information. This information will be sent to the larger list of members of Intergroup. Those that wish to may bring it to their groups.
- Beth made motion to accept the July treasury report as written and Lisa seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Diane made motion to accept the June treasury report as written and Lisa seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Motions pending:
 - proposed motion: to set aside \$3000 to the PIPO budget to be spent in a manner TBD. (tabled)

Region 6 Representatives: (Nancy, Diane)

- Fall Assembly is coming up September 25th and is virtual.
- IGOR (Intergroup Renewal Training) is also virtual and is the weekend prior to the assembly.

World Service: (Kara)

- Kara is serving on the literature committee. She continues to meet once a month with their team which is working on a Diversity Brochure.
- Kara still has the voucher from Southwest. She will contact them to see if it can be transferred to another person. We do not know yet whether the next conference will be in person, hybrid or zoom. The voucher needs to be used by next year.

Committee Reports

Literature: (Jay)

- We still need to move the literature cabinet from the old place to the new. It needs to be done between 8am and 5pm. This is the only time Diane has access to the building. Once this is complete, we will need to do a inventory.
- John has a call out to Jay and is awaiting his reply.

- **Communications:** (Samantha) newsletter: (Brian) webmaster
- We are still looking for a newsletter editor.
- Diane communicated with Brian and received a copy of the meeting list in a word doc that can be edited.
- The Tuesday night BBSS confirmed that they will be using only OA speakers and therefore would like to remain an OA group affiliated with Ocean and Bay.
- A suggestion was made to divide up the meeting list so that we each contact 2 or 3 meetings and get updated information as a way of getting the meeting list updated easily. Lisa, Beth, and Jeanne volunteered to do the calls. Diane will help facilitate.

Events: (Diane)

- Diane is still looking for a co-chair.
- “Rally 4 Recovery”: Saturday September 18th & 19th, noon to 4pm Roger Williams Park – Temple to Music. Discussion was had about potentially having a table. Vendor tent is \$250. Consensus is to not pursue this but to look for other opportunities to better reach the compulsive overeater.

- Coloring book is on hold.

PI/PO Committee: (Nancy/Jeanne)

- One of the committee members reached out to The Meadows, Stars and Trinity Village.
- A couple of the members are reaching out to colleges in the RI. A young member wrote a wonderful testimonial. Nancy got her permission to share it and would like to send it to the members of Intergroup.
- Leslie talked to Alix regarding building a new O&B website and a proposal was submitted.
- Website proposal: We would be hiring someone who would be our project manager, they would take what we have in our website with our direction and mine it, adding in new direction, new copy using a template that has been used for other OA groups websites. This website would be mobile useable also. 4 payments of \$335
- Our current website is hosted by Wix and costs @ \$120 per year.
- Sandy made a motion to set aside \$1500 for the web design and leave it up to the PIPO committee as to the best use of the funds. Diane seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Yay!
- PIPO committee will be meeting Saturday 8/7

12th Step Within:

- No report.

Ways and Means:

- No report.

Bylaws:

- No report.

Unfinished Business:

- Selling journals on the website.
- Hybrid meetings.

New Business:

- On Aquidneck Island there is an effort to secure a clubhouse that will support 12-step groups. It will be called the Newport County “You are not Alone” (YANA). They now have a website up and running with OA.org listed. We will wait till Ocean and Bay’s new website is complete before adding it to this website.

Adjournment:

- John made a motion to close the meeting, the meeting was ended with the *OA Promise* at 7:30p

Respectfully submitted by Lisa K.