

Ocean & Bay Intergroup

2.7.2023

Monthly Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2023, Distributed on March 7, 2023

Called to Order:

- Nancy called meeting to order 6:32pm
- Attendees: Nancy, Susanna, Diane, Sandy, Robin, Eileen, Kara, Katherine, Sema, Beth, Pat, Lisa, Linda, Mike, Ellen
- Robin read the 12 Steps; Sandy read traditions and concept
- 7th Tradition can be made Venmo or PayPal We have a new mailing address:
OCEAN AND BAY IG, PO Box 2243, East Greenwich RI 02818
- Nancy asks for Minute of Silence

II. Board Reports

Chairperson (Nancy)-Revised Agenda adding links in the boxes for various topics

There is a new mailing address for Ocean and Bay established in early January, 2022 as noted above:

Nancy picked up mail on 1.22.23 and brought checks to Sema/Treasurer

Lisa states she will return the key to the PO Bo in Providence.

Vice Chair (Kara)-Offers her gratitude in serving as vice chair.

Offers information about World Service Conference that takes place annually. This year it is from April 25-29. This position as a world service delegate requests member have 1 year of abstinence, served on IG level and or above, however, if you are thinking of something to add/an idea to bring to the attention of world service, you are encouraged to do so. It is a wonderful opportunity to share new ideas and offer input into issues and concerns of our Intergroup at an International level.

Recording Secretary (Diane)

Question re: last month's minutes: Correction to last month meetings to move the bullet with A Michelle to the Region Six and not the World Service. This is accepted. With that said Kara motioned to accept minutes with that correction and Mike seconded the motion to accept January 2023 Monthly O&B IG Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer Report (Sema)

- Donations taken in total \$750 through paypal and venmo.
- There are moneys received for 7 journals. Diane will find out who these people are that are that were owed journals.
- Several amazon charges on the account that we don't know where they are from? These are listed under expenses listed under amazon prime and amazon marketplace. Sandy will investigate which card was used for this.
 - Sandy, Nancy and Michelle have the card number that was used.
 - Sandy will check with A. Michelle to see if she charged them. If Michelle did not spend money on this account, the card will be closed and Sandy will notify the CC company that these expenses are fraudulent.
 - Sandy will also change our address at the bank.
- Sandy states there is a requirement to have registered agent. Jeanne H. listed as our agent, but a business needs to be the registered agent to Rhode Island Registered agent LLC and costs about \$50.00 a year. Sandy will take care of thanking Jeanne H. and sign us up under RIRA, LLC.
- Sandy asked if we would like to continue creating wallet cards and possibly sell these along with journals at the next Region Six Convention in October, 2023.
 - Nancy asks the purpose of "Welcome Wallet Card." This is adapted from an example we got from a different region: For newcomers. It's a tool of "do's & don'ts" for current members when approaching new comers. It is nice reminders for members. Nancy is asking what we can do next?
- Sandy and Mike will work with this offline and get back to us next month.

General Comments: This past weekend, a few IG members attended a workshop on live events on facebook. Sandy and Mike went as well. This offered information on events & prices of ads can be between \$250-\$800 Kathleen & Robin discussed setting up a workshop for us. We can offer opportunities for meetings or conduct a security for zoom meetings.

Sandy states *Foot Steps* runs security trainings. She will send the information on the next zoom training event to Nancy & anyone interested.

Eileen also has information for zoom training security and she will also send information to Nancy

Flyer Distribution; A lot of people have taken some to distribute. Nancy is asking everyone to take some and hang them up around the State(s) of our IG.

Anyone interested, please reach out to Nancy 401-447-6467 and she will get some out to you.

Region Six Rep. (Nancy, Diane, Kara)- IG Forum. Meets Monthly. Next meeting on 2/26/23 from 4p-5p and all are invited. Anyone who wants to go has this information emailed out to you. Robin asked: What is the forum about? Next one is a general meeting. Nancy urges anyone who is interested is welcome to join.

WSC: No further information

OA Virtual Regional Convention- Being held March 3-5 and looks very interesting.

Region Six Assembly- This is coming up in April, 2023. Diane and Nancy are thinking of going in person. Sign up begins on February 15, 2023. Anyone who wants to join us is welcome. Expenses are paid for. Can bring own food or purchase food at the assembly. Kara shares her pleasure in serving as a rep for IG many times at Assembly, however, she is unable to go this Spring and encourages anyone who might be interested to please attend. This is a great way to meet new people and have fun.

III. Committee Reports

Literature: (Susanna): We are open at 6pm to 6:30pm every month before our IG meeting for book sales.

- Sandy notes link that will take you to a connection on our website to be able to get literature here. Anyone who wants literature can contact Susanna if books are needed from anyone.
- Linda asks: Because we can all buy stuff online, why are we still having this service positions. Members aren't all in State so it isn't feasible for everyone to be able to come to the meeting. Now people have gained access and knowledge how to access info online so this service position may no longer be necessary? Nancy and Susanna will meet about this and bring it back to committee next month.

Meetings Updates: Robin, Jeanne and Amber working on updating this. Robin states she is working with a great team. Amber was home sick, compared the whole list on OA.org and O&B, from there Jeanne and Robin have been working on the lists. As soon as they are done, they will let Mike know what the actual changes are. They are working with someone at the OA .org site. Contact people have changed or meetings are no longer existent. She is certain that by this time next month, both O&B and OA.org info about our meetings will agree. There are a lot of discrepancies on OA.org. She will keep us up to date on this.

Kara notes: This is the kind of thing that we could present at the IG Forum....Chances are, if we found errors on our Meeting list, it's likely other IG's/Regions may have this problem, and here's how we did it....have the ladies explain how they went about this...Nancy will f/u with the meetings update group and let them know of this opportunity.

Communications: Newsletter & Web Team: (Mike)- January, 2023 newsletter went out on the 10th and Feb, 23 should go out on the 10th. We have more subscribers this month.

- Anyone who wants to send something into the newsletter is welcome to submit it to Mike.

Webmaster information. -from team working OA.org, there were no changes to our website. In the 14 ½ months we have 13370 views and is getting more views each month.

Social Media: (A. Michell)-absent Lisa and Amber are also members on the Facebook team. Our page is live. Nancy has link on agenda for others to go see the site. Lisa is setting up a tentative schedule for posts on certain days of weeks. We

are leveraging from other IG's and sharing information. We are trying to get more people on the fb page. We have forty-five members so far. There is a link on the website to our fb we are asking people to visit and like the page. The one issue is it isn't anonymous so one has to be willing to expose your identity, but we want to keep the page open in order to draw new members. If we closed the page, we may not get the influx of the "younger "crowd. They are working on getting Instagram and tic toc,

Events (Eileen)- Nancy would like to do an in-person workshop in August or September 2023. Nancy is asking members if we think Saturday is better than Sunday? Also looking for others willing to help with this. Anyone interested in helping to put this together please contact Nancy.

PI/PO Chair (Vacancy)- Reva is willing to work on reaching out to Health Care facilities. We are looking for a chair.

12 Step Within- Diane has no report.

Unfinished Business: Sponsor Bank? Maybe we can incorporate this into the workshop.

Updating by laws is still open ended.

Any New Business: Nothing to report at this time other than what was mentioned above.

Adjournment: Diane made motion to close the meeting, Motion seconded. Closing prayer with OA promise. Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm

Respectfully Submitted by: Diane C.