

## Ocean & Bay Intergroup

June 6, 2023

Monthly Meeting Minutes for June 6, 2023, to be distributed on July 11, 2023

### I Called to Order:

- Nancy Called meeting to order 6:30 pm
- Pat D. read the 12 steps; Sandy read traditions and concepts.
- Minute of Silence
- Roll Call/Attendees: Nancy, Diane, Sandy, Mike, Kathleen, Pat, Ellen C, Susanna, Kara, Pat D., Susanna, Beth P., Eileen, Michelle, Maryjane
- 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition can be made Venmo (has a place you can ID where your donation is from) or PayPal.  
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  - Can also give through in person meeting donations.

### II Board Reports

#### **Chairperson (Nancy)-**

- Next IG mtg. is going to be held July 11 same time, same place.
- Diane, Susanna, and Nancy will meet earlier in Cranston next month to work on the literature cabinet. Anyone is invited to help with this.
- We are still looking for a treasurer. Anyone interested or anyone you can suggest, please reach out to Nancy or Sandy.
- Diane got the draft minutes out to Nancy last month within the next day, but Nancy forgot to send them out. Will be sure to get drafts out earlier next month.
- The workshop on September 9<sup>th</sup> is underway. A flyer is attached. Beth from Newport will MC and it is very exciting planning this. Next planning mtg. is Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon via zoom. Nancy will get link out to anyone interested: Eileen will help with setup and clean up. Anyone else willing to help with the event is welcome. Kathleen is willing to help and Michelle as well.
- Kathleen is the phone volunteer, and she presented a new phone service. It is currently through Verizon based on the land line. For a little more \$, we can have an individual cell phone. Currently the Verizon mobile app does not work very well. It drops calls and often there is no message left. The new service will have its own phone and does not require a phone line. They will give us a \$250.00 credit which will pay for some of our phone bill. Sandy asks if it is a company or personal phone line. Kathleen states it will be through T Mobile Business. If it is owned by a business, it will be easier to pass on. Eileen asks: How many calls do you get a month on that line? Kathleen states anywhere from 2-6 calls per month. Most of the time a person is looking for a meeting or it is a new member who wants info about the program. This month she assisted someone with information to close a meeting. Beth Made motion to change service. Sandy second. All are in favor. MOTION PASSED. Nancy and Kathleen will be meeting on the details for switching this over. Diane has the hard line which will eventually be discontinued. Nancy thanks all who have helped with this service.

#### **Vice Chair (Kara)**

BillBoard Campaign\_ Nancy, Mike, Michelle, and Kara have been working with folks from the LAMAR billboard Company on a digital campaign. One of the things we have been wanting to do is to spread the word of OA by using a billboard. Mike has designed fantastic eye-catching design. Runs for one minute with six different organizations -each has a 10 second spot. Run 24/7 for 1 month. We are looking at Sept-Oct and have \$ set aside already for this. Would like a motion to move forward with setting this up.

Kara also suggests applying for PIPO Blitz Money from Region Six to help supplement the cost. We all help each other, and this is a wonderful opportunity to carry the message Mike shared two billboard samples each in different colors. Mike is experimenting with colors for day vs night vision.

Mike will track the website to see how many people hit it from the BB.

Kara also notes some of the billboards had autumn colors and she really liked the idea of using that around Halloween. It would run a month.

Sandy asks: How will you be able to track the hits? Mike responds: Alex installed an option on our website to be able to see the benchmark of use with vs without the billboard.

Kara states that Region Six has changed some of the metrics required.

Amber: What location and is it only going to run for one month? Nancy states: Yes, one month and it will run over in Johnston, Hartford Ave. Rte. 6 facing West so people driving East will see this. Kara states: Location determines price point. We think that this is a central location that captures a large part of the state. This is our first attempt and if it works, we will look at other places like CT or other areas in RI. The average number of cars that go by is 71,000 per week. Kathleen will monitor phone calls to see if there is an increase when the billboard is up.

Robin asked if we could apply for Blitz PIPO more than once? Nancy states can apply twice a year from Region Six. It is \$1500.00 for this endeavor but can go up as high as \$3000.00. We are going to apply for \$1000.00 from R6 PIPO Blitz.

Kara spoke to Amber asking about QR code, but this would not be prudent on a billboard that viewers will see while driving. It would be a distraction. Michelle supported the idea of not using a QR as well and further discussion re: safety with driving and advertising effectiveness would not warrant this on the billboard. Beth states this is a very popular location.

Motion to release money made by Kara. To release \$1500.00 to allow us to put forth, sign contract and set up the billboard. Seconded by Sandy. MOTION PASSED. Eileen commented on how nice the digital displays looks. Nancy thanked Kara and Mike for leading this discussion.

### **Secretary: (Diane)**

Susanna motions to approve May, minutes. Eileen seconded. MOTION PASSED.

Diane will continue to attempt getting draft minutes out to Nancy within 24 hours for next month.

### **Treasurer Report (Sema unable to attend/Position Vacancy Open)**

Nancy asks all to look over the report. Nancy has received a few checks from last month.

We need a treasurer. Sandy motions to approve the treasurers report, Beth P seconds. MOTION PASSED.

Diane asked if Sema will cover the position until we can find someone, and Nancy states she will.

Sandy reports she is working with CPA re: our non-profit status and will hopefully have some more information on this next month.

Nancy asks if anyone knows anyone who might be interested in treasurer's position to let her know.

Eileen will reach out to some members that may be interested.

### **Region Six Reps (Nancy, Kara & Diane)**

Nancy & Mike went to Intergroup Forum meeting R6 and learned more about PIPO and the Blitz application process. Mike said he learned a lot and enjoyed the meeting.

Next IG is Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Our IG members will be presenting at the July 23, 2023, at 4 pm Est on zoom. All are welcome.

Kara is part of the Bylaws committee and as a writer/editor they appreciate her, however, this is new territory for her.

### **Events: (Eileen)**

Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> is our **Big Book Celebration** meeting is having dinner and Big Book Event in person at Mystic starting at 5:30 pm. Bring your meal and meet with others. Mike and Michelle are working on a flyer for it and will post it up on FB. Great opportunity for additional fellowship. All are invited.

**Retreat Proposal:** To have a retreat at Enders Island, a beautiful facility in Mystic, CT on the water. Max capacity is 50-60 people. The cost for two double occupancy is: \$252.00 per person and single: \$ 315.00. Commuter rate is: \$105.00. We would charge a little more to cover expenses. They will work with us re: food selections/keeping it abstinent. They can accommodate dietary restrictions as well with 2 weeks' notice. Should we choose to do this, we need to make our deposit now as they only have ten weekends left. Proposal is for November 15-17, 2024, as this is OA Abstinence month. The deposit is \$1680.00 which is one-third because we need to provide them with at least 20 people. Total cost is: \$5040.00 which means we need to sell 20 people at the double room rate to meet our commitment. We can also do raffles to generate money. Content has not been decided but right now we suggest one speaker conducting the retreat with a topic TBD. Nancy recently attended an 11<sup>th</sup> step retreat there and said it was beautiful. Think about this next month, but we need to decide to vote on this now to secure the date. Beth would like to make a motion to move ahead with this and secure the date by putting the deposit down of \$1680.00 and Diane seconded. Kathleen notes that the time of year is tight with Convention around that time and Holiday season money may impact people's decisions. Members voted in favor. MOTION PASSED. Anyone who wants to work on the retreat please reach out to Eileen or Nancy. Eileen will speak with Sandy and Sema about making the deposit.

Nancy welcomed Maggie, who is a new rep for Tuesday Morning OA hybrid meeting at 9:30 am est.

#### **Literature: (Susanna)**

We will get together next month to go through the cabinet.

Kara would make some baskets up for the convention and we can begin to set some aside for the retreat baskets.

Susanna received a request for four journals. Diane and Susanna will be in contact offline to get these sent out.

#### **Communications:**

**Social Media (Michelle) - Journal update:** They are in process. She submitted the cover and inside for proofing. Five proofs should be delivered to her on Thursday. She will bring them to Saturday Room with a View meeting so others can see them. Pricing of journals: Amazon suggests: Royalty is 60% if we list them at \$15.00, we get \$5.87 until 6.20. 2024.. After six months our Royalty will be \$4.77 if we keep our price to \$15.00. If we offer a 90-page book Royalty will be \$3.13 after that \$4.23. We can change at any time if we discover a flaw. We can order infinite # of copies. Thus, we could order 100 and have them delivered to the convention if we wanted. Nancy thanks Michelle for her work. Michelle acknowledges saying it take a village 😊

**Newsletter (Mike) – The** May newsletter went out on time. June 2023 will go out on Saturday.

Website - we had a glitch with renewal and a coding glitch, but all has been resolved with the help of Sandy & Alex.

Nancy sent a link to the Newsletter. Please be sure to check it out!

**Email Correspondence (Amber)** - Reports that there have not been many emails. She has some junk emails/advertising and correspondence re: journals were sent to Nancy and Diane, but we will get this straightened out. She is not getting a lot of emails and she has had to miss some meetings. If anyone is interested in this service position, let her know.

**Social Outreach (Michelle)** - Lisa K has been helpful in posting information about our program on FB. We have 64 likes and 80 followers this month. We hope to increase this. Thanks to Mike for posting the Newsletter on the FB page. Nancy thanks Lisa for her frequent posts.

Eileen has a question: re FB page. She googled the FB page and she noted there was a foreign language. She had to find our FB page a different way and saw it beautifully. She just wanted to mention this because it was a strange experience. Michelle will address this offline and take a screenshot so she can assist with the situation. Eileen and Michelle will talk about this.

**Zoom Security team: (Robin)** - On Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 1pm there will be a zoom security training meeting.  
**PIPO-** Nancy met with Reva and MaryJane. Nancy asked for volunteer help with excel and making a list of names and addresses. Lisa K is willing to help set up this list. Nancy will reach out to Lisa to work on this.

**Twelfth Step Within: (Diane)** - Will follow up with Kara re: touching base with Bobbie re: Region Six work.

**Unfinished Business:** Bylaws still need to be updated/addressed. If anyone is interested in working on the please let Nancy know.

Nancy adjourned meeting: 7:45pm with the OA Promise

Respectfully Submitted by: Diane C.