

Ocean & Bay Intergroup Monthly Minutes

3.5.2024

Monthly Meeting Minutes for March 2024 to be reviewed on April 2, 2024

I Called to Order: Started Recording

- Kara called the meeting to order 6:30 pm
- Margie read the 12 steps and Sandy read the 3rd tradition & the 3rd Concept.
- Roll Call/Attendees: Kara, Diane, Kathy W., Mike, Sandy, Margie, Susanna, Linda, Ellen, Kathryn, Libby, Eileen, Kathryn, Lisa K.
- Minute of Silence
- 7th Tradition can be made Venmo (has a place you can ID where your donation is from) or PayPal. Mailing Address for checks is Ocean & Bay IG, PO Box 2243, East Greenwich, RI 02818. Mike updated this page with QR codes to simplify the process of offering a donation in honor of the 7th tradition.
 - Can also give through in person meeting donations. Another option is to go to link in the chat to donate.
Venmo@oceanandbay.org

II Board Reports

Chairperson (Nancy)-Absent

Vice Chairperson: (Kara)

Region Six Monthly IG Forums. This month will be on PIPO. All are welcome to join.

Next IG Forum is Sunday, March 17, 2024, at 4pm EST.

- The link to the forum is on Oceanandbay.org.
- **WSBC:** Takes place in May 2024. Is an in-person conference. Kara sent out survey to members to look at proposals and motions to be put on the Agenda. Not everything brought up on the proposal can be talked about during that session. There were 11 Respondents to the survey and Kara submitted the majority opinions on Agenda items to WSBC. Neither Nancy or Kara is going to Conference, but Sandy is going as a Virtual Service delegate and will be able to report to us on this.
- **OBI Bylaws Team update-**Kara will continue to work on the By Laws Committee. She reports they are making headway with updates.

Recording Secretary: (Diane)

- Approval of minutes from Kathy W motions with Linda second. Accepted.
- Diane will send out the draft minutes this month. Kara will edit before being sent.
- Diane will work on getting the Draft Minutes out to membership this month.

Treasurer's Report: (Kathy)

- We started the month with \$ \$ 13026.27 ending 13463.
- Motions to accept from Linda & Mike seconded
- All meetings are listed with donations.
- Linda asked: Not clear about pushing venmo donations were from her meeting. Is the donation going to Ocean and bay IG. If the meeting is ID'd then the donation is recognized if not then the money is a personal donation.
- Kathy announces that the Women's Prison Meeting in Ct. is no longer in service.
- Kara reports that the RI Prison Women's Group meeting also faded away and suggests looking at this again in time.

- Finance Committee Meetings- We skipped February and Kathy is not sure if they need to continue? Will refer to Nancy.

501C3- Sandy Working on this and submitted the paperwork to the CPA. Unfortunately, the CPA is out on a family emergency. Sandy will call the company and see if there is another CPA there that can help us? If not, she will look into finding another CPA.

Phone Service: Google Voice Account is set up and is being tested. If anyone wants to test it call and let us know your response, that would be great. Kathy called the number, and a text was sent back immediately. Leslie re-recorded the message and it is great. Sandy recommends moving forward with this. Mike will change the number on the website and newsletter. **Ocean and Bay IG Phone number is now : 401-264-0606**

Sandy asked Diane to cancel Verizon account and ask them to forward new number if that is an option.

Region Six Representatives- (Diane, Kara, Nancy)

- Next Assembly is April 6, 2024, in Albany, NY. Anyone who would like to attend is invited to go. Diane is planning on attending. Nancy is not sure yet. Kara is hopeful to attend as well. Anyone who is interested is welcome to call and join the group. Diane is willing to be the designated driver for this trip.

III Committee Reports:

Workshops and Events: Eileen:

- Upcoming 3-part series: **Sometimes Quickly Sometimes Slowly Wonderful Things Could Happen**, March 10, 17, and 24, 2024 from 1- 4pm. Sponsored by Ocean & Bay Intergroup. Sundays 1-4 pm. Speaker will guide us through 12 step retreat. Everyone is invited to join. 65 have already asked to join/get materials.
- Monday night April 8 **Big Birthday Extravaganza** is a Zoom Event. Flyer coming out soon
- 3.23.2024 Saturday @ 1:30pm Sandy is working on a **2-Way Prayer workshop**. This workshop includes demonstrations and break-out rooms on zoom. There is an updated zoom link. Please refer people to the link on the website.
- April 20th 9:30am -11:00 in Middletown **27th Anniversary Bash**. They are having 2 speakers. This is an in-person only meeting.
- **OA Retreat at Enders Island, Mystic CT – Nov 15-17, 2024 Title: New Beginnings at Enders Recovery with Step 11 and OA weekend of Prayer and Meditation.**
 - **Steering/ Regular Committee:** Nancy and Linda are Co-Chairing the Retreat Next Mtg.TBD
 - **Content Committee** Beth and Nancy are meeting for this portion of the committee. Nancy will set up for next one. They met Feb. 23. Next meeting TBD
 - **Registration Committee:** Mike, Linda & Susanna are serving on this committee. Susanna offered to be the lead coordinator. Met on Feb 21. Mike is making any changes to documents in “real time” and Susanna is taking on task of receiving registrations. A Big thanks to all! Linda reports they are refining the language for scholarships and went over the registration forms . They are offering an FAQ section on the document to assist with what people may want to know.
 - **Scholarships:** Linda reports that the scholarship process is still difficult to figure out. It is very nuanced. The registration committee agreed that any questions regarding the scholarship will be handled as they come in. Susanna will track the Scholarships in order of receipt. Linda asked those in attendance if they like the idea of offering scholarships, is this something we want to pursue? An informal poll (raising of hands) indicated that most members agree that this is a good idea to be able to reach out to others. There may be money possible to give and Linda made a motion to put aside \$1500. She asked for discussion on this and Kara asked that this be

tabled for next month. In the meantime, Linda asked Kathy to create a tally and a budget for scholarship monies so members can see how the money we have is being distributed. Sandy notes that if scholarships come in the fee shouldn't be deposited until we know who is getting what.

- **Menu Committee** will meet again in Summer or early Fall. At some point the menu will be sent out to all participants who will be attending the Retreat
- **Important Dates:** April 1st this Retreat will be posted in Newsletter and Flyer will be sent out shortly after. May 1st – July 1 Early Bird Registration will open at 12:01 am. Registration is limited to first 50 people. May 5th final count for participants will be tallied.
- **Other Info:** The committee is still discussing if they want a raffle? Sell literature? Anyone who wants to know more about this is invited to reach out to Linda by phone.

Literature: (Susanna)

We don't have literature anymore and Susanna is asking if this service position needs to be continued. This will be tabled until next month as well.

Communication

Newsletter Editor/Webmaster & Web team : (Mike):

- **Newsletter:** March newsletter is out. April newsletter is underway.
- **Webmaster.** We have date events added to the webpage. We are adding to the security to prevent hacking our site. New log-in security set up by Alex.
- Mike will change the phone number tomorrow and already removed the Prison Meeting in York, CT information from the Website.
- Journals are selling. No new news on this. Kara mentioned journals at a meeting and a member bought one during the meeting.
- Jean from Middletown bought one and wrote a message for the March 2023 newsletter.

Email Correspondence: (Yael) No report. Gets a few emails. Nothing exciting.

Social Media Outreach (Michelle -absent; Lisa K.)–

Lisa reports: No news. Continues to report everything is going well with social media.

Zoom Security Team – (Robin) absent. No new news.

PIPO

- Still looking volunteers to work on PI/PO Committee. Lisa, Jeanne and Diane have agreed to work on this, however, we still need a chair or co-chairs for this committee. Concrete project to distribute the PSA's and do some publications and investigate some ads. Lisa states, we have a lot of "worker bee's" but we need a leader. Lisa and Nancy have worked on the contact list. Nancy has offered to follow up with Reva and MaryJane to see if they are still willing to work on this project.
- Kathy reached out to a member who used to chair PIPO in Ct. and she pondering. Kathy will get back to us with that person's decision.
- Mike is happy to assist with any typo issues with the committee's work.

12 Steps Within: Diane No comments at this currently. Diane is hopeful to back in touch with 12 Step Within at Regional level during the Assembly in April, 2024.

Meetings: Robin- absent. Mike already removed the Prison Meeting from website. They had 4 changes to the meetings list this month. Mike sends out a thank you to Libby who has joined him and Robin in accomplishing updates..

What's on your mind?

Unfinished Business: Nancy will reach out to Reva & MaryJane to help with PIPO project.

New Business: Motion to set aside \$ 1500.00 for Scholarships to be offered at Enders Retreat Literature Service Position. Should we continue to have this service position?

Motion to end meeting with Susanna and Mike 2nd.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:16 pm with the OA Promise Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by: Diane C.