

Ocean & Bay Intergroup

MINUTES for April 2, 2024

Monthly Meeting Minutes for April 2024 to be reviewed on May 7, 2024

I Called to Order: Started Recording

- Nancy called the meeting to order 6:30 pm
- Susan L read the 12 steps and Diane C read the 4th tradition & the 4th Concept.
- Roll Call/Attendees: Nancy, Kara, Diane, Sandy, Susan L., Mike, Sandy, Linda, Ellen, Libby, Maggie, Eileen & Susanna
- 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 the link in the chat to donate.
Venmo@oceanandbay.org

II Board Reports

Chairperson (Nancy)-

- 2024 OA Convention is October 25-27 in Nashua, N.H. Early Bird ticket sales are now available. Rooms are 169 per night.
- **Region Six Monthly IG Forums.** In May OBI will present a workshop centered around the theme of abstinence.... All are welcome to join.
Next IG Forum is Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 4pm EST.
The link to the forum is on Oceanandbay.org.
- Nancy mentioned PSA's that are remarkably interesting. The link is listed on the agenda.

Vice Chairperson: (Kara)

Ocean & Bay has a new number. Google voice is now in service 401-264-0606. Verizon is canceled. We will save about 40.00 per month.

The new number is 401-246-0606. Lesley will have a voice mail message and get back to you as soon as she can. Thanks to Sandy and Lesley. Thanks to Diane for maintaining the Verizon line. Nancy mentioned that if there are flyers around with our old number on them, please write in new number if you can.

Region Six Conference "Together We Recover" Early bird is open until 4.15.2024 to get tickets at 45.00. After that, the rate will go up to 60.00. Walk in registration is 75.00 at the door. You can book your hotel room, buy a meal plan and all information OARegionsix.org/convention. *Be an OA Angel* is a new opportunity this year. You or anyone can buy a ticket for someone else who would like to go to the convention but could not afford it. Kara encouraged everyone to be an OA Angel. She would like to make a motion to donate \$90.00 to buy 2 Angel tickets for others. Anyone who would like to attend can still do this.

Region 6 Convention has been announced and registration is open. The theme is TOGETHER WE RECOVER. This year it will be held in Nashua NH, October 25, 26 & 27. The Saturday evening banquet is always a treat. All the details can be found on oaregion6.org/convention. meeting, or

our Intergroup can buy a ticket for someone who otherwise would not be able to attend due to the cost.

Kara will attend Region Six Assembly and will report on this next month.

- **WSBC:** Takes place in May 2024. Is an in-person conference. Neither Nancy nor Kara is going to the Conference, but Sandy is attending to represent another intergroup. The theme is “We all belong. “Welcome to OA” There will be a forum on building bridges and breaking down barriers. 85% of the items presented in the survey will be on the agenda. The OA Handbook for members and service bodies is being presented as well as the position of trustee Liaison being able to serve any region. Kara wanted to inform us of this change.
- **Region information: Region 4 of OA in the Midwest is dissolved and disbanding.** All these intergroups will transfer to their new regions on June 1st. By July Region 4 will be disbanded and consider any legal issues. This will be discussed at WSBC. Sandy is a Delegate representing the virtual region and will report back on her experience at the WSBC. Sandy is willing to sell journals at the WSBC.
- **OBI Bylaws Team update-**Kara will continue to work on the By Laws with the committee and reports they are making headway with updates.

Recording Secretary: (Diane)

- Approval of minutes from March, Kara motion to accept with Mike seconded. Accepted.
- Diane reports she is unable to open the zoom recording and she is working with Sandy to alleviate this obstacle for this month’s minutes.
- Diane will send the draft minutes to Nancy for distribution.

Treasurer’s Report: (Kathy) absent

- We started the month with \$13,463.11, ending at \$14,067.02.
- Motions to table treasurer’s report until next month.
- Kara asked to make a motion to set aside \$90.00 for Angel tickets for the 2024 Convention as Scholarships. Sandy seconded. Accepted.
- We could buy extra tickets at the early bird price, or we can buy the tickets from the Angel money pool. If anyone requests a scholarship, they can be given a ticket from the Angel Money pool.
- Diane mentioned the unfinished business for scholarship money at the Enders Retreat. Linda amends her request to make a motion to set aside 750.00 for scholarships if we need it. Sandy asked under what circumstances would we need this, or would we not need this. Linda states we could potentially have a profit of 2700.00 and on the enrollment form there is a check box if one needs financial support. Sandy would like to hold off on further discussion until Kathy is present. The retreat is upwards of \$350.00. If a person checks off scholarship support requested on the registration form, it says that it is first come first serve and the participant pays the first \$150.00. Sandy suggests several scholarships, like four or five scholarships for a certain amount. Linda will bring this discussion back to the steering committee.
- Registration opens May 1 so we will discuss it at the next IG meeting.

501C3- Sandy No report. Tax preparer will be contacted after tax season.

Phone Service: Google Voice Account is set up and is being utilized. ***Ocean and Bay IG Phone number is now: 401-264-0606.***

Diane canceled the Verizon account as of April 1, 2024, with zero balance due. They were unable to forward a message/number due to the service being digital.

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 & Kara will attend. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

III Committee Reports:

Workshops and Events: Eileen:

- The treasurer's report shows the 2 workshops generated about 420.00 in donations from Big Book Study and 2 Way Prayer workshops.
- Results of March 10, 17, and 24, 2024 from 1- 4pm. Sponsored by Ocean & Bay Intergroup. •3-part series: **Sometimes Quickly, Sometimes Slowly, The Miracle Can Happen... BIG BOOK STUDY** Sundays 1-4 pm. Presentation was the steps using the Big Book.
- Monday night April 8 **Big Birthday Extravaganza** is a Zoom Event. Please join via zoom or in person.
- April 20th 9:30am -11:00 in Middletown **27th Anniversary Bash**. 2 speakers. This is an in person meeting only. Literature will be sold at the site.
- May 5th Workshop on Zoom. Repeat from Big Book Study the Step one session.
- June 29th Sandy is working on **2 Way Prayer workshop** to include demonstrations and break-out rooms on zoom.
- July 22 Monday Big Book Celebration Mtg will have 2nd Annual Dinner and Meeting event that will be Hybrid. The venue is being changed to an area with air conditioning this year. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Nancy comments that Sandy from Providence, RI sent a text acknowledging what a great job our IG does with workshops and events. Great thanks to Eileen for her very great work as well as all other members who participate in workshops.

- **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 met on Feb 23 and will meet soon TBD.

Registration Committee: Mike, Linda & Susanna are serving on this committee. Susanna offered to be the lead coordinator for registrations.

Linda asked if everyone had a chance to look at the forms yet. Linda states the only changes will be about the scholarship wording. Sandy recommends thinking about changing the address title to include Ocean and Bay Intergroup care of Susanna and her address. She will deposit all checks received into the IG account.

Special Needs option was discussed. May be open to accommodations that cannot be met.

Diane asked if special needs should be changed to special accommodations which was declined.

Linda reports that the language for scholarships is being refined. Any questions regarding the scholarships will be dealt with as they come in.

April 1st this Retreat is posted in Newsletter and Flyer will be sent out shortly after. May 1st – July 1 Early Bird Registration will open at 12:01 am.

Linda is asked for volunteers to help with the retreat.

The Menu Committee will meet again in Summer or early Fall. At some point the menu will be sent out to all participants who will attend the Retreat.

Literature: (Susanna)

We have literature and it is currently with Jay from Pawtucket. Susanna asked if this service position needs to be continued. This will be tabled until next month as well. Nancy will be in contact with Susanna offline.

Communication

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

- **Newsletter:** April newsletter sent. May newsletter underway.
- **Webmaster.** We have dated events added to the front page of the website. We are adding to the security to prevent hacking. New log-in security was set up by Alex, our web consultant.
- Alex continues to update our website security system.
- Journals are selling and will be sold at the Anniversary in Newport and WSBC.

Email Correspondence: (Yael) No report.

Social Media Outreach (Michelle -absent) Things going well on social media (FB)

Zoom Security Team – (Robin) absent.

Meeting Updates- No report this month.

PIPO

- Still looking for volunteers to work on PIPO Committee. Lisa, Reva, 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, do some publications, and investigate some ads. Lisa states, we have a lot of "worker bees" but we need a leader. Lisa and Nancy have worked on the contact list. Nancy has offered to follow up with Reva and Mary Jane to see if they are still willing to work on the health-care mailing project.
- Kathy reached out to a member who used to chair PIPO in Ct. Kathy will get back to us with that person's decision.

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

Meetings: Robin- absent.

What is on your mind?

Unfinished Business: Nancy to contact Reva & Mary Jane to help with PIPO project. Kathy reaching out to member re: chairing PIPO.

New Business:

Motion to end meeting with Mike and Susanna 2nd.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:34 pm with the OA Promise Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by: Diane C.

