

# **Ocean & Bay Intergroup Meeting**

## Minutes - Tuesday for January 7, 2025

### **Recap**

The Ocean & Bay Intergroup meeting chaired by Nancy H covered various topics including the introduction of new attendees, updates on the Bylaws Committee's progress, and the financial status of the organization. Upcoming events include the Region 6 Forum, the spring workshop on May 18, and the [2025 OA Region 6 Convention](#) in October in Rochester, New York. Additionally, there are concerns about Zoom security, the possibility of Spanish language OA groups, and introduction of the new diversity book.

### **Highlights**

- Sandy and Kathy will review the treasurer's role description for the bylaws update.
  - The Finance Committee will discuss allocation of retreat funds at the Jan 21, meeting.
  - Tricia will send updated PIPO meeting invitation to Mike for website update.
  - Lisa will investigate setting up FB to automatically post to our Instagram page
  - Intergroup members will check OBI FB page and report any outside content to Lisa.
  - Robin and Libby will review and update all meeting information.
  - Kara will follow up on possibility of Spanish language OA meetings in the region.
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### **Summary**

#### **Intergroup Meeting Opening**

Nancy began with prayers and readings, including the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Steps were read. Sandy read Tradition One and Concept One. There was 1 minute of silence followed by 1 minute interval to donate to the intergroup 7<sup>th</sup> tradition.

#### **Attendee Introductions**

Nancy led the introduction of the attendees, who shared their names and their roles. The attendees included Nancy, Mike, Adrienne, Kathy, Jeanne, Sandy, Beth, Kara, Susanna, Tricia, and Lisa. Members discussed their involvement in various committees and meetings. Mike will represent the Tuesday 9:30 am Portsmouth meeting. Adrienne and Jeanne we given a special welcome. Jeanne is the new meeting rep from the Tuesday evening 7 p.m. Surrender to Win meeting on zoom.

#### **Chair and Officer Reports**

Nancy led discussion on the practice of raising 7th tradition donations. She also announced the upcoming Region 6 Forum on January 26, and the Spring Afternoon Workshop on May 18, which need co-chairs. If interested, please contact Nancy 401-447-6467. Nancy encouraged those interested in helping to plan the workshop to contact her. She mentioned the 2025 OA Region 6 Convention in Rochester, New York. Sandy posted registration information in the chat.

Nancy encouraged members to identify themselves and the meeting they represent or their role at IG for the next meeting. She will guide them in that format.

## **Vice Chair**

Kara, vice chair, updated the group on the Bylaws Committee's progress, stating that they would next meet on January 16. The final draft will be shared at a future IG meeting.

Kara had no other significant updates.

## **Secretary's Report**

Diane, the recording secretary, was not present due to travel. Nancy led a discussion on approving the meeting minutes from December 2024, with Mike making a motion to accept them. Kara pointed out that the attendees were not listed in the minutes, which Nancy agreed to look into. MOTION PASSED.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Kathy reported that we started the month with \$18,665.35 and ended with \$18,280.21. Refunds were sent to those who cancelled their retreat participation. MOTION PASSED to accept the treasurer's reports. Sandy suggested discussing the QuickBooks situation in the upcoming Finance Committee meeting. Kathy mentioned discrepancy in the retreat finances, which they agreed to discuss further in the Finance Committee meeting on January 21. The discussion will include donations to OA World Service and OA Region 6. The committee welcomed members to attend the Finance Comm meeting and contribute their thoughts. Beth suggested that the meeting could be an opportunity to enhance 7th tradition practices in meetings.

## **Sandy's Report**

Sandy confirmed that the intergroup had officially received 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. Sandy agreed to provide Mike with information needed to check for nonprofit discounts on our website-related services.

## **Region 6 Reps - News**

Jay and Sandy are our new OBI representatives for Region 6. Diane is the third of our 3 rep delegates to Region 6. The spring Region 6 Business Assembly is Saturday April 5, on zoom. Guests are encouraged to attend. The cost is approximately \$16 registration.

## **65th Birthday Celebration and Retreat**

Nancy discussed various topics including the upcoming 65th birthday celebration for OA, which will be held in person. Jay, the chair for the event, emphasized the importance of checking the Connecticut Intergroup website for updates. Jay also offered to bring literature to the birthday celebration.

Discussion on the past retreat at Enders Island. A steering committee meeting is scheduled for January 17, to discuss future retreats and/or workshops.

Tricia, co-chair for the Public Information and Professional Outreach (PIPO) Committee, reported that they did not meet in December, but she will create a zoom invitation for a meeting to ensure the calendar gets updated. The next PIPO meeting is on Jan 20. All are welcome.

## **January Newsletter and Website oceanandbay.org**

Mike discussed our newsletter's high open rate. There were minor website issues resolved by Alex, our web consultant, and the need for manual backup checks was mentioned. Mike reported on the web's status and the need to fix Zoom IDs. Lisa and Sandy discussed concerns about Facebook's algorithm and the possibility of making the page private.

## **Meeting Security**

The team discussed Zoom security. Nancy suggested a link to [region 6's security information](#).

## **Meetings Update**

Mike announced that Allison from the Warren meeting was interested in remaining a meeting representative and that Tuesday evening Warren OA meeting needs support. Lastly, Nancy asked for Adrienne's email address to add to the list for notifications. [Meetings on our website](#).

## **Spanish OA Meetings and New Book**

In the meeting, Nancy welcomed new meeting representatives, Adrienne, and Jeanne, and discussed the possibility of Spanish language OA groups in the region. Kara provided information on the current lack of Spanish language meetings in the region but noted that the topic has been discussed and could be revisited in the future.

Nancy also introduced a new book, "[Diverse Voices, A Common Solution](#)," available on OA's website and Amazon.

We closed with the OA Promise, a statement of unity and support among our members.