

Ocean & Bay Intergroup
Meeting Minutes, April 1, 2025 (to be approved on May 6, 2025)

Meeting Started: 6:31 pm opening with the Serenity Prayer

Mike read 12 steps. Sandy read 4th Tradition and Concept.

Members present: Sandy C, Jay, Nancy, Diane C, Kathy W., Mike M, Adrienne, Lesley H, Jeanne M., Judy B, Susanna, Lisa K. & Jay

Moment of silence followed by 7th Tradition

Chair: (Nancy

- Monthly Region 6 Forum on March 23, was on PIPO; an interesting forum. Nancy, Kara, and Mike attended. No Forum in April due to Assembly on April 5 and none in May due to World Service Business Conference. Next meeting is scheduled for June 8, on Zoom at 4 pm est. All are invited.
- Thanks to Sandy's work on applying etc. as we now have IRS and State 501c3 status as a nonprofit organization and do not have to pay taxes. Mike & Sandy will get together re: tax exemptions for our internet services' costs.
- There is an OA starter kit, and it is available for \$20.00. Includes brochures and a suggested format on OA.org. Nancy will go to a new meeting this Friday and bring brochures plus literature.
- CTIG Collaboration with The Connecticut Chapter of the National Social Work Conference (NSWC) Groton, Ct. on June 6. OBIG is joining with CTIG to staff a presentation table during this conference that will be held in Groton. We need volunteers to staff the tables. Diane and Kathy W are willing to help. There are 2 zoom meetings on April 20 and May with further planning information. If you are interested in this service, contact Nancy.
- Region Six Convention will be held Oct 24-26th in Rochester NY. Reg is 70.00. Non-refundable and non-transferable. Triple room is \$214 or room with king/queen bed is \$189. Go to <https://oaregion6.org/convention-2025/> for more information.
- The World Service Convention is being held in Florida on August 21-23, 2025. at Sea World. See more information at <https://oa.org/world-service-convention/>.

Vice Chair: (Kara) absent Bylaws Committee: Nancy noted the final draft of Ocean & Bay IG bylaws has been updated and forwarded to region 6 Trustee Liaison Bob F. for review. They will be sent out to our IG members for review. This is about a 2-month process.

Secretary: (Diane C.)

- Nancy will continue taking notes from Diane and will combine with the AI recording.
- March minutes: Mike made motion to accept minutes. Sandy seconded. MOTION PASSED.

Treasurer: (Kathy) - Kathy corrected the payments made to Region Six and World Service. In Feb 2025 we had an ending balance of \$ 18,943.24. In March 2025 we sent \$3,505.80 to OA World Service (80% of surplus) and we sent Region 6 \$876.45 (20% of surplus). Our ending balance in March is \$14,619.52.

- We pay a fee for PayPal. We have more donations coming in from Venmo than PayPal.
- Motion to approve treasury reports Feb & March 2025 by Nancy and seconded by Susanna. MOTION PASSED

Region Six Assembly: (Diane C., Sandy & Jay):

- Nancy reported on Region 6 Spring Assembly on April 5 and encouraged members to attend. Diane, Jay & Sandy are our current voting reps. They are scheduled to attend. At the Assembly business is discussed and motions are heard that our representatives will vote on.
- The Consent Agenda was reviewed and included Proposed B law changes, Name tags, New Representatives Training, Quorum being reduced from 30 to 25 members, Update on when minutes are to be submitted were shared.

Committee Reports:

Finance Consultant & Tech Support (Sandy): No updates. All is going well.

Workshop and Events: (Vacancy/Nancy)

Mike and Nancy get notices of upcoming events; Mike posts the events on oceanandbay.org

Zoom Security Training Tuesday, April 29:

<https://oceanandbay.org/event/zoom-security-training-tuesday-april-29/>

Journey Through The Steps

<https://oceanandbay.org/event/journey-through-the-steps-2/>

2025 World Service Convention August 21-23, 2025” Walking in the Sunlight Together” Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld® 6677 Sea Harbor Drive Orlando, FL 32821 USA

2025 Region 6 Convention October 24-26, 2025, Rochester, New York

“Imagine the Miracles” <https://oaregion6.org/convention/>

Registration is open! Registration \$70. Hotel - The Hyatt Regency, a newly renovated upscale downtown hotel in Rochester, is \$189 plus taxes per night. Meals Saturday Lunch \$40 includes taxes and gratuity Saturday Dinner - \$65 includes taxes and gratuity. Buy both meals for \$100 and save \$5.

Literature: (Jay)

Jay will be at the Anniversary meeting Room With a View April 26. If you have any literature, you want to pass along you can give it to Jay.

Nancy notes that if you are interested in buying books online, you may want to check with Jay first. He has books. You can also buy these on OA.org or Amazon. Jay has Brown Books (the stories)

April 26th Anniversary of Room With a View OA meeting at YANA Center in Middletown, 9:30 a.m.

PIPO: (Diane C & Tricia)

- Last meeting 3.17.2025. We have a new member.
- Meets every 3rd Monday April 21st at 10am of the month from 10a-11a via zoom:
- PIPO Zoom ID: 875 7170 5051 Passcode: 776158
- Thanks to Mike for sending zoom invites to members to remind members of upcoming meetings.
- Total of 11 members and hope to see everyone at our next meeting.
- We will hear results of PIPO Blitz at the next Assembly on April 5
- Diane and Reva are working on identifying areas in higher education Institutions where the OA message can be made available to students
- Diane said she learned of alternate message boards that schools often use to convey messages. We will be looking into these areas/opportunities as well.
- We are still on target to run this campaign in Fall 2025
- Anyone interested in joining us, please come to the zoom meeting or contact Diane or Tricia.

Journals: continue to be available on our website. We will be selling journals at the Anniversary this month. Nancy has journals if anyone is interested. You can also buy one by going to oceanandbay.org.

Webmaster & Newsletter: (Mike) Website is OK.

Newsletter for April went out today. Submissions accepted for May newsletter now.

News from the Intergroup Desk in the newsletter is a new section. Other members from IG will share their recovery as it relates to their intergroup service and how this service has helped their recovery.

Website: We had one issue with the website and our consultant Alex fixed it immediately.

There is a link in the newsletter that you can send to friends to sign up for the OB newsletter.

Creativity Team: (Nancy, Mike, Michelle, Lisa)

Email: (Yael) We few emails. No major issues. A new meeting starting in South Attleboro.

Social media: (Michelle & Lisa K): Michelle absent. Lisa is present. During the last discussion we had we indicated getting together soon to discuss FB and Instagram.

Phone Service: (Lesley) This is a Google Voice phone service. She has been receiving calls and all is going well. She is happy to receive calls about the new meeting on Friday but does require a contact person in order to refer callers to this new meeting. If caller has questions about that specific meeting, Susanna is willing to be the temporary primary contact.

Zoom Security: Zoom Security Training Tuesday, April 29, at 6 p.m. est. More information at this link:

<https://oceanandbay.org/event/zoom-security-training-tuesday-april-29/z>

12 Step Within (Diane)

Nancy asked if anything new is happening? There is some discussion about sponsoring a 12-step workshop in four 2-hour sessions. Diane volunteers with another volunteer to run this workshop in the near future.

Meetings List: (Robin & Libby) absent

New Meeting to start in Cranston, RI this Friday April 4th at the Cranston Senior Center 1:00pm. Name TBD. Primary contact for now is Susanna at 401-330-9661. Adrienne requested verification that the O&B phone number can be listed 401-264-0606 for meeting contact. Leslie needs to know who oversees the meeting and how Leslie can direct people. For now, Susanna & Adrienne will be the contacts.

New meeting in Attleboro, MA discussion is underway. OBIG will post updates.

New Business:

On behalf of the Tuesday evening BBSS meeting, Lisa K. has been asked to bring up the issue of having AA speakers. They are having difficulty finding speakers. They are seeking information on whether they can utilize AA speakers to lead the group and still be considered an OA member meeting of Ocean & Bay Intergroup. Some historical reviews of the events that took place five years ago re: the Saturday BBSS meeting in Greenville were discussed. Sandy and Diane will share the documentation on that discussion. Diane will provide Lisa with information on how to access the Speaker Bank from Region 6 to research speakers who meet the requirement of the BBSS format. Nancy noted that the BBSS requirements are that speakers shall have gone through the 12 steps using the big book with a BBSS sponsor. Further discussion on this will be led by Nancy.

Next Meeting: May 6th @ 6:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 7: 38 p.m. with the OA Pledge.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Diane C.