

Ocean & Bay Intergroup

MEETING MINUTES for June 3, 2025. To be approved July 1, 2025

Meeting started: 6:31 pm opening with the Serenity Prayer.

Recording on

12 steps, 5th Tradition and Concept 5 were read.

Members present: Sandy C, Jay, Nancy, Diane C, Kara M, Mike M, Libby, Susanna.

Moment of silence

7th Tradition - 1 minute of silence

Chair: (Nancy)

- The Connecticut Intergroup in collaboration with OBI will host a table at the National Social Workers Conference, (NSWC) CT Chapter to be held in Groton, Ct. on June 6.
We NEED VOLUNTEERS - at Mystic Hotel, Groton, CT. Contact Nancy. Nancy, Kathy, and Ellen will also attend a high school age Recovery Fest sponsored by Students for Recovery to share OA information, at Poquonnock Plains Park in Groton CT.
- Newly designed OA Business and Rack Cards: Nancy and Michelle presented new OA business cards and rack cards featuring contact information, our OBI logo, and space for notes on the back. They are designed for both teens and adults, including a brief introduction to OA and a shortened list of questions to identify food-related issues. The versatility of these materials allows for use in various settings, such as community bulletin boards, doctor's offices, churches, health fairs, bathroom stalls, etc.
- Ocean and Bay Leadership Elections: The vice chair position and treasurer position will be up for election in the fall. Anyone interested in running contact Nancy and she can share more details about the positions' responsibilities.
- Sponsor training on June 8 at 4 pm. Information is available on oceanandbay.org.
- Question from BBSS Tuesday evening meeting re: having AA speakers qualify to speak. Nancy reported that speakers need to be OA members according to OA policies and traditions as well as previous precedent.
- Next forum is Sunday, June 22, 4 pm Est on zoom and the topic is sponsorship training. See events section of the oceanandbay.org for login information.

Vice-Chair : (Kara) absent

- Region 6 Convention will be held Oct 24-26, 2025, in Rochester NY. Registration is \$70 non refundable and non transferrable. Triple room is \$214 or room with king/queen bed is \$189. Go to website <https://oaregion6.org/convention-2025/> for more information. See the Events section of this report.
- The World Service Convention is being held in Florida August 21 -23, 2025, at Sea World. See more information in the Events section below and at www.oa.org/world-service-convention/
- Bylaws Committee: Nancy noted the final draft of Ocean & Bay IG bylaws will be available soon for review and approval by members.

Secretary: (Diane C.)

- May minutes will be reviewed and approved at the June 3 meeting.

Treasurer: (Kathy)

- Showing an increase from \$14,708.13 to \$16,213.62, including a \$1,385 grant from Region 6 for PIPO (Public Information/Professional Outreach).
- Kathy corrected the payments made to Region 6 and World Service. We started Feb 2025 with an ending balance \$18,943.24. In March 2025 we sent World Service \$3505.80 - 80% surplus and we sent Region 6 \$876.45 - 20% of surplus.
- We pay a fee for PayPal services, but not much. More donations come from Venmo than PayPal.
- Motion to approve reports from May 2025 accepted by the group. MOTION PASSED.

Region 6 Assembly: (Diane C., Sandy & Jay)

The Region 6 Assembly is confirmed for September 20. Jay mentioned that the IGOR committee will host a forum in July, incorporating intergroup renewal information. Diane, Jay & Sandy are our current voting reps.

PIPO : (Diane) Gave an update on the PIPO committee's outreach efforts, including plans to place ads in college newspapers and church bulletins. The next PIPO meeting is scheduled for June 16 at 10 AM. Nancy, Mike, and Michelle plan to work on developing messaging for young people.

Committee Reports:

Finance Consultant & Tech Support (Sandy): No updates.

Workshop and Events: (Vacancy) Mike and Nancy get notices of upcoming events Mike posts them events on oceanandbay.org.

- 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 is \$70.
Hotel - The Hyatt Regency

Literature : (Jay)

- Nancy noted that if you are interested in buying books on line, you may want to check with Jay first. Also purchase on OA.org or Amazon. Jay has many Brown Books (the stories)

PIPO: (Diane C & Tricia).

- We meet every 3rd Monday next meeting is June 16 at 10 am via zoom:
- PIPO Zoom ID: 875 7170 5051 Passcode: 776158
- Big thanks to Mike who sends out zoom reminders.
- There is a total of 11 members and hope to see everyone at our next meeting.
- We have been awarded the PIPO Blitz Scholarship of \$1385
- Anyone interested in joining PIPO, please contact Diane or Tricia, co-chairs.

Journals: continue to be available on our website.

Webmaster & Newsletter: (Mike)

- Newsletter June went out. July has been started.
- Website: We had one issue with the website and our web consultant Alex fixed it immediately.
- There is a link in the newsletter that you can send to anyone to sign up for the OB newsletter.

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

- Sticker campaign. No comments.

Email: (Yael) We get some emails. There is a new meeting starting in South Attleboro.

Social media: (Michelle & Lisa K) Michelle and Lisa not present. No updates.

Phone Service: (Lesley) No updates.

12 Step Within (Diane)

- Diane can run a 12-step workshop in the near future. Volunteer needed to co-lead.

Next Meeting: July 1, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 7:38 pm with the OA Responsibility

Respectfully Submitted by: Diane C.