

Overeaters Anonymous – Cleveland Central Intergroup (CCI)
CCI Business Meeting Minutes
via Zoom
Sunday, January 16, 2022

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer at 2:30 p.m.

I. Opening

- The OA Purpose Statement was read.
- The OA Pledge was read.
- The Step/Tradition/Concept for the month of January were read
- Introduction of all members. Each member in attendance introduced themselves. At one point there were 23 persons in attendance, including guests and board members.

II. Reading of the Standing Rules – The Standing Rules were read.

III. Board Reports

i. Chair's Report – Pam P.

In the absence of a written report, Pam reported on the recent Board meeting at which the 2022 Theme for CCI – Outreach and Strengthen Our Intergroup – was discussed. The Board would like to identify a catch-phrase for this theme for which we can all rally behind throughout the year. A flyer will be forthcoming via e-blast to all members seeking creative ideas; one phrase will be selected at the February 20th CCI meeting, with a small prize awarded for the winner. In other business, Pam reported on her work as a Region 5 representative for which she is a member of the Media Committee, responsible for the R5 website and newsletter. This committee has not yet scheduled its 2022 meetings. However, as an intergroup chair, she has been invited to a Zoom meeting, Chat with the Chairs, on January 18.

ii. Vice Chair's Report – This is an open position

iii. Secretary's Report – Jo A.

The December CCI Minutes were presented with 3 corrections noted. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes as amended. Jo reported that she will be providing new Group Representatives with welcome packets within the next few weeks. [anyone who wishes to receive one, please contact Jo A]

iv. Treasurer's Report – Gail K.

The December Financial Summary was provided with the packet:

- Current checking account balance – \$29,809.99
- Prudent reserve - \$4,250.00
- Fiscal Year to date Income (10/30/2021) - \$4,722.63
- Fiscal Year to date Expenses (10/30/2021) - \$3,046.40

v. Rep/Delegate Report – Marilyn D.

As Chair of the Region 5 Bylaws Committee, Marilyn reported that they are working to prepare for the March Assembly. The Region 5 PI/PO Committee has not yet scheduled its 2022 meetings. Marilyn also sits on the World Service Unity with Diversity Committee which is reformatting a document used by a New York intergroup to create a questionnaire for newcomers. Additionally, Marilyn is responsible for updating the CCI meeting list which is a very fluent document during these transient times. A column has been added to identify which meetings have a current intergroup representative.

vi. Rep/Delegate Report – Maryann M. – not present

IV. Old Business

i. Discussion on Intergroup Meeting day/time

Pam reminded the group that at a prior meeting the question of selecting an alternative day/time for CCI to meet was brought up. At its meeting, the Board discussed offering some options to the entire membership. An anonymous Doodle Poll survey will be developed and sent to the 250+ e-blast list and a consensus will be discussed at the February 20th meeting.

ii. Theme/Campaign for 2022 focus – Outreach and Strengthen Our Intergroup

Previously discussed. Look for flyer.

iii. Monthly Zoom Training

The Board also discussed the need for on-going Zoom training for security and to guard against interlopers and Zoom bombers. Judy A offered to provide periodic training, perhaps bi-monthly. It was also suggested that this service position could be added to meetings.

V. New Business

i. World Service Business Conference (WSBC) Questionnaire

Pam explained that each year the World Service Trustees receive many proposals for suggested changes to the Bylaws and Policies of OA. These proposals are developed into a questionnaire and sent to each intergroup for input. Pam explained the inverted pyramid structure of Overeaters Anonymous, with the meetings at the top, under which are intergroups, then regions and finally world service (trustees) at the bottom. This structure ensures that each member has a voice in the organization. The purpose of the annual Questionnaire is to determine what the membership would like to be addressed at the spring conference. The members are not voting on the proposals – they are simply being asked if the suggested proposal is something that the delegates should discuss at the Conference. Pam reviewed each item of the Questionnaire with the group and it was determined that all items except for Proposal F should be on the agenda at WSBC in April. There was discussion regarding the proposed restructuring of the Board of Trustees and Pam will invite Barb K., Region 5 Trustee, to **attend** a CCI meeting.

VI. Committee Reports

i. Events Committee – Leigh Ann M.

Leigh Ann reported that at its meeting, the Events Committee voted her to serve as Interim Chair until a CCI Vice Chair is elected. She reported on recent and upcoming events:

- New Year's Day Marathon – very good speakers; up to 50 in attendance
- Unity Day – February 26, (via Zoom) 11:15 with the OA Promise being said at 11:30 “Together We Replace Illness with **Wellness**” with an emphasis on the 12 Traditions. The Committee continues its brainstorming and will have a flyer for the February distribution
- Pass it On Marathon – April 29 – May 1 (via Zoom)
- Next Events Committee Meeting – February 8th, 6:30. All are welcome.

ii. PI/PO/TSW – Shana G.

The Committee recently met and Shana introduced a new activity to the intergroup by initiating a trivia question. Leigh Ann answered correctly! The Committee would also like to propose a monthly raffle with prizes provided from Ways and Means surplus. The Committee also is considering hosting a Zoom Newcomers meeting. Shana reminded the group to advise the Committee whenever there is an opportunity to present at a health fair or other public meeting so that it can coordinate qualified speakers. She also noted that there is a sponsorship link on the CCI website for those who are available.

iii. Ways and Means – Ann W.

The next literature sale will be Unity Day. Ann will update the list of available literature as she has several new items. It was noted that no literature will be mailed until a money has been received.

iv. Communications – Pam P.

The Communications Committee will refresh the website to be in conjunction with the 2022 Outreach theme.

VII. Questions and Concerns / Open Sharing

In open discussion, it was asked if is any information as to how Zoom is affecting OA financially and/or in attendance. There was also a question regarding diversity and what is being done to ensure OA is racially diverse.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

The next CCI Meeting is Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 2:30 p.m

Respectfully submitted
Jo A
CCI Secretary

As Approved 2/20/2022