

CCI Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2024
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Opening

[2:30 PM]

- Serenity Prayer
- CCI Purpose Statement
- OA Pledge
- Reading of Step/Tradition/Concept (11)
- Reading of Standing Rules
- Introduction of all attendees. Attendees were asked to indicate if the meeting they represent was growing, declining, or holding steady, as well as if it's in person or virtual. The meetings' statuses are below:
 - Tuesday 7:30 pm Bay Village meeting virtual: Holding steady
 - Tuesday 9:30 am Toledo hybrid meeting: Holding steady
 - Monday 7:30 pm evening in person Strongsville: Holding steady
 - Friday 7:30 pm Seven Hills meeting in person: Holding steady
 - Monday 10:15 am Toledo hybrid meeting: Holding steady
 - Saturday 3:30 pm Toledo telephone meeting: Holding Steady
 - Saturday 10:00 am Olmsted Falls Big Book study meeting virtual: Holding Steady
 - Friday 5:30 pm Findlay phone meeting: Holding steady but small and could use support.
 - Wednesday 7:00 pm Cleveland Heights zoom meeting: Holding steady
 - Monday 7:30 pm Silver Lake meeting in person: Holding Steady
 - Thursday 9:45 am Elyria Step Study meeting on zoom: Holding steady
 - Friday 11:00 am Toledo Big book meeting hybrid: Holding Steady
 - Thursday 6:45pm Cleveland Heights in-person meeting: Holding Steady
 - Monday 7:30pm Chesterland virtual meeting (Back to Basics): Growing
 - Sunday 10:00 am Westlake speaker virtual meeting: Holding steady
 - Wednesday 10:00 am North Olmsted John Knox in person meeting: Slowly growing
 - Monday 12:00 pm Zoom meditation meeting: Slowly growing
- Board Members: 6
- Group Reps: 14
- Pam expressed a lot of gratitude that a lot of meetings are holding steady and that there was great strength in the meetings of CCI.

Old Business

[2:52 PM – 3:12 PM]

- Billboard update by Yvonne

- People said they saw the billboard, so it was successful. The Vinyl is available for the next 12 months (from August) if we want to do it again.
- Even if the vinyl is damaged, the advertising company said they would replace it at no cost if within the 12 months.
- \$3,500 was total cost and \$1,000 was the cost for only the vinyl.
- Request for meetings to ask if any newcomers came to the meetings from the billboard.
- Some members expressed an interest in more data to prove the billboard was successful before a discussion to do it again in 2025.
- Pam said they would review webpage views data to see if there was an increase in views.
- Status of Open Positions by Pam
 - No qualified resumes were received for the open positions during the original time period. Open positions are Chair, Treasurer, and delegates.
 - Recently a resume for Chair was received. That resume will be sent out for voting in December.
 - Board has been asking about the qualifications. After asking at Region 5, no other intergroup has the requirement of 2 years above the group level, which is CCI's current requirement.
 - In the meantime, Board is looking to appoint people at the Board level for vacancies.
 - Beverly is heading a review of the By-Laws regarding qualifications (specifically around service time requirement).
 - By-law changes must be sent to the board 45 days prior to any vote and 21 days prior to the CCI meeting for the reps to review.

Board Reports

[3:13 PM – 3:47 PM]

Chair Report by Pam:

- Numbers of reps for Region 5 is down. Only 15 voting reps reported out of a possible 67 reps.
- Elected to the Region 5 board:
 - Pam elected as Chair
 - Barb H (from Louisville) elected as Treasurer
 - Juliette and Preston: affirmed to move forward as Trustees
- August 2nd, 2025: Ohio Day of Sharing and CCI is coordinating the programming
- Central Indiana won (unopposed) the 2026 Region 5 Convention with a possible date in the Fall (Barb K is the convention chair). Flyer forthcoming.
- Most work is being done on the 2025 Region 5 Convention in Milwaukee ("Bee Alive in 2025").

- World Service “Find a Meeting” database is being revamped. There is a request for all meetings to review their meeting information. If a meeting has been virtual since 2020, please change it to virtual meeting on the OA.org listing.
- Suggested distribution % of 7th tradition donations has changed:
 - 50%: Intergroup
 - 40%: World Service
 - 10%: Region
 - WSO donations are down significantly
- CCI received \$6,476 from the Region 5 convention. Very successful. Region 5 received around \$23,000 in revenue from the convention.

Vice Chair Report by Leigh Ann:

- About half of the current group reps’ terms are expiring. Groups will need to vote during their next group conscience meeting to extend or elect a new rep.
- After this, the group secretary should email the CCI onebox email address to let the CCI board know that the term has been extended (or a new person is elected). A new resume does not need resubmitted for anyone whose term is being extended.
- If the group secretary is changing, an email from the old secretary would be helpful.
- Typically this would be sent to the CCI Secretary, but there is no secretary currently at the Board.
- OA.org has a “Joy of Service” PDF which is similar to a newsletter.

Secretary Report

- Minutes from last meeting approved.

Treasurer Report by Gail:

- Gail can serve through January but cannot serve after that time.
- Checking account without reserve: \$15,743.96
- Prudent Reserve: \$4,250.00
- Total Checking: \$19,993.96
- Region 5 Convention revenue has not yet posted to the checking account. And reimbursement for convention expenses is still pending.
- Income: \$1,282,36
- Expenses: \$43.72
- WSO will send out update about the update in donation allocation suggestion.

Delegate Report by Yvonne

- Literature committee:
 - Looking to create a new pamphlet by May 2025 for World Service Meeting.

Delegate Report by Beverly

- Ohio Day of Sharing: Saturday, August 2nd in Columbus
 - Columbus intergroup will handle registration

- Dayton intergroup will handle refreshments
 - CCI will handle speakers, topic, formats, and times
- Thanked Linda P publicly for her service as Treasurer for Region 5
- Region 5 Finance Committee:
 - Approved a new budget for 2025.
 - Approved a new reimbursement policy to follow WSO guidelines regarding mileage and amounts.
- Region 5 Sponsorship committee:
 - Reported on Sponsorship Day in October
 - Looking to develop a Google-sheet list of available sponsors in Region 5 as well as available speakers.
 - Looking to coordinate submissions to Lifeline regarding sponsorship.

Delegate Report by Allen

- Region 5 By-Laws Committee:
 - Reimbursement changes were reviewed to use the Business IRS per diem reimbursement rates instead of the charitable rates
 - Adding amendment about what the Trustee and Secretary do prior to the Region Assembly (including formalizing mentor/mentee process)
 - Changes reviewed about how virtual votes are conducted
 - Reviewing whether to make Region 5 meetings hybrid vs keeping it in person
 - Questions were asked regarding whether guests/volunteers can participate in Region 5 committees and meetings. And consensus was that all service was accepted but guests may not have a formal vote.
- World Service By-Laws Committee:
 - Still reviewing the process of affirming of trustee candidates

Committee Reports

[3:47 PM – 4:08 PM]

Events Committee Report by Leigh Ann:

- Weekly 15-week workshop is going well. 4 out of 15 weeks have been completed. Closed workshop meeting on Wednesdays from 2pm-4pm.
- Last Study Series Session 4 was hosted on October 27th with 8 participants discussing the Carrying the Message card
- IDEA day was yesterday, and the meeting was Face to Face. Focus was on EAT (Experience Abstinence Together) in Bay Village
 - 35 attendees
 - \$385 revenue; \$310 positive net income
 - Very positive feedback regarding the fellowship lunch
 - Encouraged attendees to submit stories to Lineline for possible publication around their abstinence journey.
 - Challenge to Experience Abstinence Together

- Challenge people to make at least 3 phone calls over the holiday season
- New Years Day marathon will be zoom event from 9am-3pm. Final lead will start at 2:00pm and end at 3:00pm
- Unity Day plans are still being worked out but probably face to face event on February 23rd.
- Events Committee is working on updating the 2025 at a glance calendar and it will be sent out once ready.

Super Committee Report by Shana:

- 12 on 12: Thursday, December 12th meetings will focus on Service. December 12th is known as the Twelfth Step Within Day.
 - Flyer forthcoming. This will wrap up series on the 12 principles of the steps.
 - From Pam: WSO will be doing 12 on 12 at the World Service level as well. There will be a full 24 hour day of programming with each Region responsible for a segment of time.
- Starting in January, every 12th of the month, there will be a special focus on the principle of each of the traditions.
- University outreach still being worked on [Yvonne helping assist with discussion]:
 - Looking at meetings close to universities to connect students to those meetings.
 - Committee looking to work with on-campus counseling service areas to make sure they are aware of OA.
- Goals of 2025 are being discussed.

Communications Report by Gwenn

- Committee needs more time to revamp the webpage
- New themes for the webpage are being reviewed
- Committee needs more people to assist with social media presence

Refresh of Theme Discussion by Pam

- Journey into Recovery is the theme for the past two years and the intergroup previously determined that the theme would need reviewed every two years so CCI is due for a discussion of a new theme
- A few suggestions were given to Pam and any further suggestions for a new theme can be sent directly to Pam or to the onebox
- Theme will be voted on during a future CCI meeting

Closing

[4:08 PM]

- OA Promise