

CCI Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2024

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Opening

[2:30 PM]

- Serenity Prayer
- CCI's Purpose Statement
- OA Responsibility Pledge
- Reading of Tradition 9
- Reading of Standing Rules
- Introductions and Attendance [2:35pm – 2:44pm]
 - Board Members: 5
 - Eligible to Vote: 12
 - Total attendance: 17

Old Business

[2:44pm – 3:17pm]

- Billboard update by Yvonne
 - Billboard is up but tree is blocking view from 55th St but is visible from Chester
 - Billboard vendor (Lamar) is giving us a new billboard on 55th St by Cedar going towards Chester
 - New location does not get as many views (80k views versus 160k views at old location), but getting an extra two weeks at the current location and then 6 weeks at the new location
 - Pam has asked reps to ask groups to ask newcomers if they have seen it
- Status of Open Positions by Pam
 - Voting for positions will occur in November
 - Open Positions:
 - Chair (2-year term)
 - Secretary (1-year term)
 - Treasurer (2-year term)
 - 2 Delegate positions (2-year term)
 - Discussions at Board level about barriers to applying for positions and what can be done to encourage people to apply.
 - Requirement usually includes two years of service above group level and one year of abstinence, but the board is reviewing requirements.
 - Pam did a call out for feedback on those barriers so they can make adjustments as needed. If anyone has any additional feedback, contact Pam.
 - Initial feedback included having sponsors encourage sponsees, better marketing about positions and encouraging fellows.

- Convention Wrap-up by Marilyn D.
 - Convention was beyond our wildest dreams. Everything came together and went amazing.
 - Wrap-up meeting of committee on Tuesday, September 17th at 7:00pm and a review of Region 5 convention guidelines to make any changes for future conventions.
 - Final count of attendees: ~325

Board Reports

[3:17pm – 3:40pm]

Chair Report by Pam

- Pam deferred most of her report to the convention wrap up and the prior information.

Vice-Chair Report by Leigh Ann

- On OA.org: What's Happening in OA:
 - Shows a new geographical map of the regions.
 - Information on how to link to documents using a “permalink”
 - Focus On documents including Focus on Reaching Out, Focus on Giving Service, Focus on Sponsoring and Focus on Sponsoring.
- Secretary position open
 - Dennis is taking minutes this meeting.
- No corrections for August's minutes.
 - Minutes approved as submitted.

Treasurer report by Gail

- \$14,169.39
- \$4,250 prudent reserve
- Total checking account balance: \$18,419.39
- Income: \$2,102.22
- Expenses: \$2,104.74

Delegate report by Yvonne

- The printed billboard vinyl will be able to be kept and used somewhere else, if there's interest and the budget to put up the billboard up in another location (such as Toledo). Billboard vendor will store the vinyl for a year.
- Supercommittee also looking for people to help with this locally. Next supercommittee meeting is October 8th.
- Region Connectivity committee:
 - Continuing to working on outreach to young people at universities.
- Region Media committee:

- Region 5 is looking for articles to post on the webpage. Please feel free to write up an article and submit it. It can be about the convention or your experience, strength, and hope.
- World Service literature:
 - Work continues on the mental health and recovery literature.

Delegate Report by Beverly

- Chair of subcommittee on sponsorship
 - Flyer distributed at convention for region-wide virtual workshop on October 6th 2-4pm. Flyer available on Region 5 webpage.
- Helping with a committee tasked with distributing the current literature owned by CCI and distribute them to rehab facilities and prisons by the end of the year.
- Discussions still ongoing about what to do about the outdated literature.

Delegate Report by Allen

- By-laws committees:
 - World Service: Working on how to affirm trustees since the process has changed.
 - Region 5: Working on guidelines for how Region meetings are done regarding recordings and funding trustees.

Committees Reports

[3:40pm – 3:58pm]

Event Committee by Leigh Ann

- Session 3 for Study Series, Saturday, September 28th 2pm-3:30pm can attend virtually or in person at Elyria Public Library West River Branch. Studying “A Common Solution: Diversity and Recovery” pamphlet.
- Session 4 for Study Series (final in series), Sunday, October 27th 12:30pm-2pm virtual only. Discussing the “Sharing the Message” wallet card.
- Please encourage your meetings to attend these study series sessions to study literature they may not normally read or encounter.
- IDEA (International Day of Experiencing Abstinence) Day: Saturday, November 16th with an in-person event from 9:30am-12:30pm and then a fellowship lunch until 2pm. Location TBD but will be on the west side of Cleveland.
- 2025 New Year’s Day marathon will be similar format as done for 2024’s. 9am-3pm on 1/1/25. Six leads for each hour on the hour. TBD whether it will be virtual or in person.
- Sponsoring a Twelve Step Workshop starting using the 15-week OA study guide with a flyer forthcoming. Will be on Wednesdays from 2pm-4pm starting on October 23rd and run through February 5th (skipping Christmas Day). The session on New Year’s Day will be rescheduled to Friday, January 3rd. A maximum of 40 people for the workshop. Flyer will have all information, including what literature is required.
- A lot of events still forthcoming including planning for Unity day in February.

- Events committee needs additional members. Meetings are the first Thursday of every month at 2pm using the CCI Meeting zoom address.
- Any OA member can join any of the committees. You do not need to be a group rep to join.

Super Committee Report by David

- Continuing the Principles of the Steps in October with most relevant meetings participating.
- Starting in December, they will switch to the Spiritual Principle of the tradition continuing the step principle initiative.
- Newcomers meeting is doing well and going strong.
- Next meeting is October 8th at 7pm on the CCI meeting zoom address.

Communications Committee Report by Gwenn

- Encouraged everyone to look at the Northeast Ohio OA Facebook page.
- Ideas are being developed regarding the Instagram account as well.
- Redesign of the CCI webpage is ongoing to make it more user friendly.
- Please consider joining if you are interested in learning more about communication or about learning about being tech saavy.
- Next meeting is September 19th at 6:30pm.

Ways and Means Committee Report by Marilyn D

- “Where do I start?” newcomer pamphlet was updated (05/24) so groups may need to purchase updated literature.
 - References to this pamphlet, such as in the first 12 days documentation, need updated.
- Diverse Voices literature is for sale at OA.org

Closing

[3:59pm]

- OA Promise