

## **Akron Intergroup Council Meeting – March 5, 2023**

This in-person meeting at Paradise Club was opened at 12:00 pm by Chairman Mike B. with I Am Responsible and Serenity prayer Did a group check for quorum -Roll call was taken. A quorum was present with 40 groups with registered reps, 2 groups without a registered rep.

**Groups in Attendance, (42 groups, 2 with unregistered reps)** Afternoon Alkies, Akron General, Akron Men's Big Book Study, Barberton Friday Nite, Barberton Sunday 12 & 12, , Carry This Message!, Coffee, Donuts & discussion, Crossroads, Dry Peoples Wednesday Night, East Akron, Fairlawn, , Faith and Hope, , Falls Discussion, Golden Slippers, Flame Breakfast Group, , Hobos in the Park , Hudson Terex PM, Journey to Progress, , Kenmore Big Book Study, , King's School Group, Ladies Big Book Study, Learning to Live, Loyal Oak Big Book, Men's Closed St. Eugene's, Morning Meditation, North Hill Mens Discussion, , Primary Purpose Group, Progress not perfection, Road to Recovery, Saturday Night Lost & Found Department, Serenity Big Book Study, Sons of Ebby, Spiritual Solutions, St. Anthony Women's Group, Stow Men's Tuesday, , Sunday Nite 12 & 12, Sunday Night in Paradise, Tallmadge Heritage AA Group, Temple Square , Three Legacies: Recovery, Unity & Service, , Thursday Night Men's Non Smoking, Thursday Night Freedom , The Turning Point, Tuesday Women's Big Book, Westside Big Book Study

**Secretary's Report:** Nikki M. – Present

The reading of February's Secretary's Report was waived. Accepted with no correction.

Accepted unanimously with no corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ed B.- Present

\*Read from printed report provided to groups

Q- there is a difference in group donations and then the 12 step fund drive amounts are different by a few \$100, do you know why

- A- Because the dates are different
- B- This is a month behind

I will leave it up to council to see what to do with the rest but we would usually use it for the yearly expenses.

Q- the customer balance summary, \_\_\_\_ group has a negative on it, does it mean they have a credit?

- A- Yes, that is what it is showing on the treasurer's report
- B- Why do they have a negative?
- C- Because they overpaid or made a donation and it was put there

Q- What is our prudent reserve at and what do our bulaws say they are at?

- A- No, we are not there, it is 12 months of actual office expenditures and 5% of FD, per bylaws
- B- Q- What is that?
- C- I haven't calculated that yet, the office expenditures is about \$244,000 and 5% is part of that \$244,000, so it looks like we are double counting but I am trying to figure that out
- D- Q- What is our prudent reserve

- E- A- around \$140,000 or \$150,000
- F- What is it supposed to be? Doesn't it say \$124,712?
- G- That is without the \$80,000, because the report was from January
- H- That is incorrect, the original amount was \$60,000 and the \$124,000 includes the \$80,000
- I- Q- So, what is the prudent reserve supposed to be?
- J- Around \$244,000 plus 5%
- K- Q- so we should be at about \$250,000 and still need about \$100,000
- L- Q- can you back out the amount for the 5% for FD so we have that amount?
- M- I would have to go back to the reports and do the calculations
- N- Where would I find out where the \$80,000 came off of
- O- It is in the report

I have been working on a simplified treasurer's report, I have given it to a few people, I have some copies if you want to take it back to your group. There are quite a few people in AA thinking that having \$250,000 in prudent reserve isn't a good idea, we should be doing that. We were able to go during the pandemic for 2 years, so I am looking for ideas

The motion was made to accept the treasurer's report, it was seconded. **The report was accepted as written by a unanimous vote.**

**Chairman's Report:** Michael B.- Present-

. We have a nominating committee form- anyone wanting to be on the nominating committee see me

**Old Business:** AED is installed

**New Business:**

**Answering Service:** – Jim B- Not Present- Chris presented

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We aren't getting any 12 step calls  
We just took one yesterday

**Group Services:** – Greg C.- Present –

Out of 300 over 100 have been updated on the spreadsheet per county

Meeting is every second week of the month this Sat at 10 at IGO- Need to check with Greg, people who signed up on the sheet will I will send out a text if there will be a meeting, or call IGO

A- This is the first time 274 groups receiving announcements by mail

**12 Step Fund Drive:** Shane W. – Present-

Next meeting on April 22 at 10 am

We had a flier to bring people in to IG, working with a commercial realtor, going to send an invite out to visit IG.

Another flier will outline the 3 main types of IG income, FD, group donations, and literature sales. Going to ask groups to get their literature from IG instead of other sellers so they get the income.

\*Read funding report

### **Corrections:** Anthony B. Present –

Met on the 18<sup>th</sup> last month and again 18<sup>th</sup> this month at 10 at IGO

We are looking for more women for SCJ- only have one- that isn't good, isn't safe. They changed the meeting to Tuesdays at 3 pm. We need more men too, there are only a few, we get like 8 people, then they don't have to go in every week, they can rotate. Get the paperwork at IGO and we will turn it in to SCJ

Q- Is the meeting an existing meeting?

A- It is a meeting that exists and needs help

### **New Year's Eve Dance:** Anthony B- Present

Contract signed St. Sebastian's locked down

### **Treatment Facilities:** Melissa C- Present- Treatment Committee Report 2/28/23 6PM

In addition to the committee we had 6 new volunteers with interest of helping

Chair report: We had a zoom meeting on 2/6/23 with the chief clinical officer and senior housing manager of IBH myself and 2 other committee members. I read the purpose of the treatment committee from our manual and began a discussion. The request at IBH is a 1-2pm slot for the women and a 3-4pm slot for the men on Sundays only for AA members to come in to do a meeting. No more than 3 at a time. We took this info back to the committee

John K. who will be coordinating for the men and Danielle Burns will be coordinating for the women will both be back in contact with IBH to get things rolling.

We have a new contact for Recovery works detox and hoping to get volunteers for meetings there during the week at 6pm other than wednesdays. We have someone for Sundays possibly and I will be taking a Thursday commitment rotating people to go in with me. No more than 2 at a time.

The Archives committee donated 40 4th edition big books to the committee and we voted on where they would go and all are stamped literature on loan to stay at the facilities. 10 went to Sterling house in Akron 10 went to CATS in Medina and 10 went to Truth and Honor house in Akron. We still have 10 left.

Summit County Report: Jerry W. sat down with Wes and broke down all the facilities in Summit county to split between them. We will need to fill Anna's position as Oriana facility coordinator and coffee house meetings since she is moving to ROMANIA!

Sons of Ebby have the next 3 months of the Sunday meeting at Ramar covered.

North Coast meeting has been getting a lot of help and also from AA members from another intergroup because they are close to both. James spoke with staff at NOAH who is looking into meetings and literature and will get back to him.

Portage County Report: Portage County has 12 facilities Hope Village has closed but Hopetown for men has opened up in Windham which is sober living. PARC and Horizon House, both for women, are still in need. Horizon House's time slot is Thursdays at 1pm. Joe was voted as the roothouse facility coordinator and Tom is still actively looking for more coordinators for other facilities also working on updating all portage county facility contacts.

Medina County Report: We finally have a county coordinator who started by finding facilities that were not already on our list. He also left a voicemail at Cathy's house offering literature if needed. CATS facility which is inpatient and outpatient treatment would like meetings on Saturdays and Sundays for the men. Our coordinator will be setting a day and time to meet with staff.

Q – I get to take meetings into Summa, after talking to a friend who went through Clev. Clinic treatment, they said there was no AA representation there, just wondering if we could look into it?

A- yes, we can if it is in our county-

B- Cleveland Clinic Rehab

Q-What is a coffeehouse meeting?

A- It is the meeting in the treatment side

### **Office Committee:** – Melissa C- Present-

We are getting ready for FD, need volunteers and groups to People's Park for that weekend, it is next to IGO

### **Literature Committee:** Dave H- Present

Literature committee meeting 2/25/23

Serenity Prayer

Roll Call: Bill, Jim, Greg Mike, Mary, Cheryl, Robin, Dave, Raquel (via Zoom)

Dave: Notes/minutes review: Pin, training, operations (Mike reviewed various issues with connectivity, ethernet cables, registers, etc. Wireless connection is preferred but may have to use wired) Mike will talk with IT and Greg and look for best option.

Committee reviewed pins and decided on one design to make variations of to vote on next meeting. Raquel will work up variations to present in 2 weeks at meeting Mar 11 830am.

Treasurers report: We purchased books, 12 of them, "Living the 12 traditions in today's world." (2012)

Cheryl: Each Day a New Beginning, Karen Casey took back copyrights. Replaced with "She recovers every day" Cheryl was wondering if we should sell another men's meditation book offered as well?

Cheryl received notice World's Service is increasing prices starting 4-3-23 ( 20% on books, 30% on pamphlets). We have already decided to keep a rolling increase to account for these increases as we have anticipated these for a while now.

Lanyards: Members discussed colors, pink, black, purple, blue. Black was the most popular.

All laminated sheets have been sold for 1 each, but we need to raise them up to 2 each.

Founders Day: He has 3 shift leaders and was thinking of having more volunteers to help set up and break down.

Q- Has anyone come back about the new design of the Big Book?

A- No

B- We do have the new BB in IGO

C- I have heard people don't like it because carrying it because it isn't anonymous

**Intergroup Picnic:** Dave H- Present

Going to put a flier out after the Intergroup Anniversary

**Public Info/CPC:** Doug M-Present-

Request from Kim Whited from chief probation officer in Wadsworth, she wants meeting guides we will be sending them, sending out more letters to Wayne County and Medina, focusing on courts and Judges, then we will work on schools, but still need to do Holmes

**Founders' Day:** Woody- Present

Had meeting at UA and everything is in place. Only one correction, UA will be taking over the gates, we will not be using volunteers for safety reasons. It will take us away from liability. The heralds are out. Registration is up and open. Next meeting is tomorrow 7 pm IGO. Ribbons are hot pink and purple. Serenity Singers will not be at the Big Meeting, but they will be at Olin Hall. It was voted, not just the committee. Feedback was asking for something different.

Q- I heard they were not doing serenity singers at FD can we revisit that

A- Yes, for next year

B- What about coffee, last year SB made a lot of money

C- Yes, the food court will be open a lot later and the coffee will be flowing

D- Mayflower has a sign about office hours,

E- We let them know about FD, but our buses do not let them out, they need to reach out to other buses because they will not allow anyone in FD weekend because it is a private residence

F- Are they having the main speaker in the middle?

G- Yes, it will be back where it was before

H- Can we use the screen or not?

I- We were told the screen does not work

J- What was the total registration for last year?

K- Over 8,000

L- There were 260 registrants on the first day

M- We expect to be higher than 2019

**Archives:** Chris B. –Present-

The archives received and responded to 13 requests for information. We've had several tours over the last month, including 60 attendees to an H/A conference. The west wall in the archives room has been completed. The archives received a \$1,000 donation from the NAAAW for keeping their records for the past 20 years. Anyone wishing to volunteer can come to the IGO on Wednesdays 10-3ish. Our next committee meeting is May 3, 2023 at 10 IGO

**Intergroup News:** Mike V. – Present-

Met on 18<sup>th</sup> Feb., difference of opinions at the meeting but was resolved, we are always looking for new articles

Q- What is the deadline?

A- 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month

**Intergroup Anniversary:** Kim H. – Present-

For Dates: Th 3/2/2023, (Sun. 3/5/23)

## ANNIVERSARY DINNER COMMITTEE REPORT

### 1. EVENT:

A. Sunday **April 23rd**, 2023. 12pm-3pm

**@Guy's Party Center:** 500 E Waterloo Rd., Akron, OH. 44319

B. **\*CMTEE DECISION: \$25/Tkt**

2. (1/4)2/18/23 - Meeting Minutes
- 3.
4. -Voted on Food
5. -Menu:
6. Chicken Cordon Bleu
7. Rigatoni & Meatballs
8. Parsley Potatoes
9. Green Beans
- 10.
11. -Notify Guy's 'exact' head
12. (2/4) count by April 14th (Max occupancy is 400)
13. -Volunteer Arrival 11:00AM
14. -Guest Arrival 11:45 AM
15. -Doors 12:00PM
16. -Eat 1-2PM
- 17.
18. -Next planning meeting will be (3/4) Saturday March 25th, 2023 at 11am
19. -To be discussed:
20. -serenity singers: during desserts or dinner or entry?
21. Will Archives have a presentation?
22. -Do we have a lead? yes
23. -Dessert Menu?
24. -Do we require a projector?— ask archives to attend next mtg or contact for info & decision next mtg
25. Desserts to be voted NM
26. Flier for baskets bi-Elly/ weekly
27. Flier announcement with menu updated and display Elly with updates

Q- what is the website?

A- Akronaa.org- on the main page if you scroll down

**Information Tech:** Bill B. – Present-

Website is up for registration since March 1<sup>st</sup>, there is a flaw, when someone pays online, sometimes it goes to junk mail, Next meeting March 14 at IGO

**General Service:** Heather F.- Not present

No report

**Good and welfare:** -

Carry this message- 12 step fundraiser- looking for AA talent, anything, - family friendly

Jeanie will be leading King's school last week in April

Jenie- I celebrated 24 yrs

Prayers for Betty B. she is in hospice- no visitors

Chris- prayers I am seeing an oncologist on Wed.

2 yrs in Feb.

Jerry- 22 yrs

Motion to adjourn- seconded and passed unanimously

The Council meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted:

Nikki M., Board Secretary