

## Akron Intergroup Council Meeting – December 4, 2022

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 41 groups with registered reps, one group without a registered rep.

**Groups in Attendance, (41 groups, 1with unregistered reps)** Akron General, Afternoon Alkies, Carry This Message , , East Akron, Fairlawn Big Book Study, , Faith with Works, Falls Discussion, , Flame Breakfast Group , Golden Slippers, Goodrich Group, Hudson Terex, Fresh Start, Kenmore 12 & 12, Kenmore Big Book Study, Kenmore Group, , King’s School Group, Ladies Big Book Study, Loyal Oak Big Book, McDonaldsville Saturday Night, t, Mens’ Closed St. Eugenes, Morning Meditation, North Hill Mens Discussion, , Primary Purpose Group, N.U.T.S. Big Book Study, Progress not perfection, Road to Recovery, Saturday Night Lost and Found, , Serenity Big Book Study, Sons of Ebby, Spiritual Solutions, , Stow Thursday Night, Sunday Nite 12 & 12, Tallmadge Heritage AA Group, Temple Square, , , Thursday Closed Womens, Thursday Night Freedom, Thursday Barberton 12 and 12, Thursday Night Men’s Nonsmoking, Towers Discussion, Turning Point, Wadsworth Thursday

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

The reading of November’s Secretary’s Report was waived. Accepted with no correction.

Accepted unanimously with no corrections.

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

### IG TREASURER’S REPORT-BOARD Dec 1, 2022

**Operating Accounts Oct 31, 2022**

\$ 178,676.05

**Reserve Accounts Oct 31, 2022**

\$ 68,189.07

**Founders’ Day Oct 31, 2022**

\$ 31,854.11

**Total Liabilities Oct 31, 2022**

\$ 6,621.63

**Total Equity Oct 31, 2022**

\$ 401,699.18

**INCOME**

|                             |              |          |               |             |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------|---------------|-------------|
| <b>Office Sales</b>         | \$ 11,208.09 | Oct31’22 | \$ 174,022.74 | Jan-Oct ‘22 |
| <b>Group Donations</b>      | \$ 12,442.64 | Oct31’22 | \$ 56,099.59  | Jan-Oct ‘22 |
| <b>Individual Donations</b> | \$ 6,074.58  | Oct31’22 | \$ 15,926.56  | Jan-Oct ‘22 |

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| <b>Founders' Day</b> | \$ 126,674.74 | Oct31'22 | \$ 171,785.70 | Jan-Oct '22 |
| <b>Golf Outing</b>   | \$ 1,055.00   | Oct31'22 | \$ 11,168.00  | Jan-Oct '22 |
| <b>Other</b>         | \$ 1.27       | Oct31'22 | \$ 330.11     | Jan-Oct '22 |

**Total Income**

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|---------------|----------|---------------|-------------|
| \$ 157,456.32 | Oct31'22 | \$ 430,065.70 | Jan-Oct '22 |
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**Cost of Goods Sold (Sales Costs)**

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| \$ 6,000.16 | Oct31'22 | \$ 107,408.58 | Jan-Oct'22 |
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**Gross Surplus**

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| \$ 151,456.16 | Oct31'22 | \$ 322,657.12 | Jan-Oct'22 |
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**EXPENSES**

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| <b>Personnel-Office</b>  | \$ 12,956.57 | Oct'22 | \$ 168,520.02 | Jan-Oct'22 |
| <b>Program/Committee</b> | \$ 691.08    | Oct'22 | \$ 3,459.15   | Jan-Oct'22 |
| <b>Other</b>             | \$ 1636.51   | Oct'22 | \$ 23,056.43  | Jan-Oct'22 |
| <b>Social Events</b>     | \$ (49.44)   | Oct'22 | \$ (613.55)   | Jan-Oct'22 |

**Total Expenses**

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| \$ 14,334.72 | Oct31'22 | \$ 194,422.05 | Jan-Oct '22 |
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**Net Surplus**

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| \$ 137,121.44 | Oct31'22 | \$ 128,235.07 | Jan-Oct '22 |
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**Group Donations-Jan-Oct'22**

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| \$ 35,877.92 |
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**Customer Balance Summary Nov 23, 2022**

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| \$ 1,729.79 |
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Q- Brunswick is still \$388

A- Yes, it is the customer balance is less than last time and there is an accounting error somewhere

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-

Met with Corrections committee on the assigned date. Took many phone calls in regards to counsel meeting topic of how meetings are approved for intergroup meeting schedule.

**Old Business:** Yearly budget

Q- surplus- this year it was decided to put net surplus into prudent reserve- do we want to do that for the proposed budget

- A- It was left blank because being new there was supposed to be a finance committee- thought I shouldn't make that decision- bring it to committee
- B- That needs to be a separate issue from the budget, being put off for the time when it is appropriate

Q- Some of these things might have been one time cost- maybe we need to call out things in the budget so we know that they were one-time things so we know

Move to accept- seconded- all in favor none opposed

Nikki- made an apology to council to apology for accusing council at last meeting of not showing up and meeting quorum

**New Business:** No new business

**Answering Service:** – Jim B- Present-

23 calls

Most for meetings

- 1- I picked them up and took them to Dry Peoples
- 2- Another one I picked up and took to the Community Center and I wanted to take him to the hospital but he didn't want to go but he went in on Monday

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

I attended the meeting in Medina and it is a well-attended meeting with AA literature and a lot of support, it was a really good meeting

I through something out to Group Services in NY to get their opinion on what I am doing

I want to put a letter in IG New to get contacts in other counties to help and introduce myself

10:30, Dec. 10 IGO

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

Discussed additional events to hold and putting together pricing to hold said events. Discussed sending out donation reminders every other month with the group info to remind people to contribute. Next meeting 2-25 Sat, 10 am IGO

- A- Looking at the budget we had a good Oct. and we are shaping up to have a good November- if you look at 2022 we are at \$84,000, we were at \$85,000 last year which was a really good year because of not having FD and having a lot of generous donations

Q- How does the money get split up where does it go

- A- One of 3 income lines, sale office sales, golf, founders day, and contributions- the income is part of the operating expenses then goes into the saving or prudent reserve whatever council decides to do with the money

Q- we didn't get the 12 step fund drive until middle of Oct.

- A- The committee didn't sent them out until the middle of Oct.

- B- We had the election that month so I was still getting into the position and it was a few weeks late
- C- The trustee quit, and Shane had to jump into a 3<sup>rd</sup> year job and he still got it done

**Corrections:** Anthony B. Present –

Everything going well. Committee had a good turn out. Mike B. was in to let us know that he needed a break from Summit County Jail turned meeting and connections over to chair, then put a new coordinator in a SCJ. Thanks Michael for all your hard work, please enjoy the break, we appreciate your honesty and and hard work hope you come back soon. Next meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 am

Q- any women able to step up to do 3 pm Summit County meeting- see Jerry- the lady going is Kathy but she needs another person

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

Everything in good order. We need table cloths and balloons. Still would like more help we had Rod come in this last meeting. He's been a big help already and this meeting we will be meeting with caterer to figure out our lay out. Last 2 meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 am

I was told there were table clothes but there weren't. I was thinking about buying them but wanted to see if other committees would use them. I can rent them instead but if other committees will use them, I can buy them.

Q- How many can we have

- A- We can have 280
- B- At. Sebastian's is thrilled they are there
- C- We were at the garner center and we were able to
- D- The NY Eve dance for anyone who feels awkward, we will have a screen and that will be up so you don't have to watch people dance or we will have karaoke
- E- Please donate baskets from your groups,

Q- when do you need them?

- A- As long as we have them by the 31<sup>st</sup>
- B- Doors open at 7:30 if you want to come help set up

**Treatment Facilities:** Melissa C- Present-

Treatment Committee Report

Committee met on Tuesday 11/29 at 6pm at the intergroup office

Summit County Report:

The Recovery Center of Ohio has 3 sober houses in Akron, 2 for men and 1 for women and the committee will be providing them with big books from our literature on loan and they are interested in men and women coming in to do meetings and we have been provided with the contact info.

There are 2 new sober houses for men in Akron who are veterans and who are alcoholics and we have been provided with the contact info.

Sons of Ebby homegroup has signed up for a year commitment at Ramar to do a meeting with clients every Sunday at 7pm (men only)

The AA meeting at the North Coast facility is still going well. They have a speaker every Tuesday at 3pm and the committee will provide them with literature on loan.

Oriana still has 2 meetings going well, the women's meeting on Mondays at 6:30pm and the men's meeting on Fridays at 10 am both at the coffee house and are open to more volunteers.

#### Portage County Report:

The Roothouse for men which has 5 AA meetings are all still going well and the committee is providing them with big books from our literature on loan and also 100 A Newcomer Asks pamphlet. The PARC house and Horizon House for women are still interested in volunteers for AA meetings. Town Hall 2 and Family and Community Services both have AA pamphlets in the lobby for their clients. Recovery Works Detox has been provided with big books from our literature on loan and we have a new contact who is helping us with clarity on days and times they would like AA members to come in to do a meeting.

Medina/Wayne/Holmes County: No report given and the committee still needs help with these counties

#### New Business

We had 2 new women show up to the committee meeting looking for ways to help and get active

Our committee will be donating some of our literature from old inventory to a few different facilities.

Our committee will also be donating a gift basket to the New Years Eve dance.

Next committee meeting will be on Tuesday January 3rd at 6pm at the office:

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

#### Office Committee Report

The office will be closed on Saturday December 24th and Monday December 26th and Saturday December 31st for the holidays. And the Monday after NYs

The committee handed out the new employee evaluation forms to the board members which are more simple and meaningful. The board will complete an evaluation form for both office workers to be done by January and then reviewed

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

Dr. Bob's last talk pamphlet, we reproduced it in a smaller version that is cheaper, we talked about a Chicago pamphlet called Devil and AA- we are going to read it and talk about it, decide if we want to sell it- talked about getting ahead on the pin design for the 88<sup>th</sup> FD- talked about colors and coordinating with book covers and lanyards. The book covers sold pretty well. We were given some samples of the pin we will talk about.

Q- what is the pamphlet

- A- The devil and AA
- B- It is from an actual talk he had
- C- I remember there was one from a God pamphlet from England, they read it and started carrying it and I am glad they did
- D- Have they gotten more BBs because they didn't have them when we went
- E- They have started getting some back orders in but some we are still waiting

Grapevine is looking to do relaunch as literature and online with the app- looking to do it in Sept. next year and wanted to have it in Akron, spoke with them and asked for help getting interest- it can be a group, people, if anyone has interest in it let me know Next meeting Jan. 7 8:8o IGO

#### **Intergroup Picnic:** Dave H- Present

No report.

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

Last Meeting 11/25/22 11-1 pm IGO

Sonya B. has been extending the addresses we got, we have gone through Medina County schools, then we are going to reach out to jails and judges. More letters for Medina County

Q- when is next meeting

A- There aren't any set times, we just reach out and see when we are available, if we get more responses we might look for more people

**Founders' Day:** Woody- Present

Met with U of A and we signed the contract and locked in the dates of June 9-11 and made the payment

Keep eye on website for updates since Herald is about to go through first production

Last year we had volunteers taking tickets for the big meeting, that had the benefit we didn't have to pay for workers so

We are trying to see if we can use the big screen as well

Colors for ribbon are hot pink and purple

We had some people saying there were issues with distortion on the CDs so we are working U of A to get nice clear copies

Monday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> next meeting

Q- what is the number, how much we pay in gross?

A- \$246,000 is an estimate, we expect to be the same but expect surplus to be higher, we cut out Roo Express, cut out gifts for committee, using volunteers as ticket takers, if you have ideas come to meeting

Q- what was the deposit

A- \$100

Q- how many people go to the dance? (few people raised hands), there are a lot of people that aren't registered but go to the dance? I know we are not the AA police but they come in and attend the dance and have not registered. People flood in and didn't pay, they should have to pay.

A- That is part of peoples registration

B- What if we registered people at the dance, I would be willing?

C- What if we charged separately for the dance?

D- I am in charge of the dance, I would love for you to show up and help figure it out

E- What if we charged a cover and did a stamp for the dance?

F- If you want to come to the meeting we will bring this up

G- What is the surplus?

H- What if we have Akron U people there doing it

I- They are

J- I am there and they are not

K- There are, when I was there, they were there

L- Don't tell me, I was there they are not

M- If you want to discuss this, stop complaining and come to the meeting

**Archives: Chris B. –Present-**

The last archives committee mtg was November 10 2022, at the IGO 1200 hrs.

Tours have slowed down to more the norm for this time of the year. This comes on the heels of a busier than normal September & October.

We have added a half dozen audio recordings to the "Voices of the Past" section of the IGO's website. To access these audio recordings:

1. Go to the IGO's website, [Akronaa.org](http://Akronaa.org)
2. Select History from the drop down menu
3. Select Voices from the past
4. Select the desired recording by clicking on the blue button under the titles description
5. Enjoy your selected audio recording

The archives committee volunteers on Wednesdays from 10ish-4ish at the IGO. Our next committee meeting will be held on March 1, 2023 at 1200hrs at the IGO. All are welcome to come.

**Intergroup News: Shannon S. – Present-**

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Date: 11//22/22

Committee: IGNews

Committee Chairperson: Shannon Stanley

Report for the December Board meeting

Editing meeting 11/19 @9am. We are all working together and establishing a good flow in the editing process. I asked for an assistant chair and Amy B. has agreed to provide that support as needed. Fresh input remains a challenge. We have about 5-6 people who write tirelessly- if you want to see your name in print- I can get you published

Continued conversation on adding features.

Next meeting Sat 12/17 9am.

Q- What is the topic?

A- Peace for January, you can get 2 yr. subscription for \$5

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

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE REPORT Kim H.

For mtgs 12/1/22 & 12/4/22

1. Mtg 11/21/22-
2. 7 volunteers on committee currently. Just picked up a new one at the Thursday meeting.
3. Dessert being chosen- communication/consult with vendor, awaiting prepared options from which to choose and comparable prices
4. Encouraged group member to consider and bring ideas for raffles, baskets, prizes, etc.

5. Next meeting will be provided and brought to IG board meeting on 12/3. Mailer announcement will be sent to IG for disbursement.
6. Private mtg with previous committee chair upcoming.

To learn more and get OneNote, visit [www.onenote.com](http://www.onenote.com).

Q- where is it at?

A- Guy's arty Center and it isn't until April so you have time to get involved

**Information Tech:** Bill B. – Present- Nikki read report from Greg

IT Committee:

Date: 11/8/2022 6 PM Intergroup Office

We need to start working on the Founders' Day website but have not been given the information for next year's event. Dan will try to get the Founders' Day Committee to provide the information and artworks as soon as possible.

The committee is planning on creating training videos for the new Square cash registers. The tentative timeline is to have them done by March.

We are investigating new software to produce bar codes for new literature items. The software we were using is no longer usable in the office.

Next meeting: 12/13/2022 at 6 pm Intergroup Office

Q- the meeting app isn't ours and I know Greg can update it, when you go on there and look for a group it says Akron IG- it should be changed to Akron Area Intergroup

Greg K.

Office Manager

Akron Area Intergroup Council of AA

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

No report.

- A- The website is (. . .) if you need to register a GSR
- B- Went to area 54 gratitude Sunday it was a good time
- C- Is there a mission statement for council
- D- Mission statement is printed on IGO
- E- How many groups have GSR reps- (about 10 raised hand)

**Good and welfare:** -

Tuesday Jan 3- Sons o Ebby having Anni- chili cook-off but there will also be pizza and other stuff- Men's only event

25<sup>th</sup> of Nov. David has 15 years

Wed. at 2 pm at snowball bookstore new meeting needs support

In 1990 the council had 0 meetings that were not a quorum- more groups, in 2000- there were 6 no quorum meetings and less meetings

Marty S. in Prayers- anyone have update? – he is home and it on a cancer regiment treatment, it wasn't working, he is on chemotherapy again, his energy level is down and isn't able to get around like he wants

Motion to adjourn- seconded and passed unanimously

The Council meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted:

Nikki M., Board Secretary