Akron Intergroup Council Meeting – March 3, 2019

This meeting was open at 1:00 pm by Joyce B. with the Responsibility Statement, Serenity Prayer and the reading of the Twelve Traditions. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.


Secretary’s Report: Dean J. - Two motions were made to accept the February Secretary’s Report. The report was accepted.

Treasurer’s Report: Tim Q. – The December Treasurer’s Report was accepted. The January Treasurers’ Report was tabled due to printing errors.

Executive Board Report: Joyce B. – An Ad Hoc Committee has been formed to find a possible new location for the council meeting if St. Thomas hospital closes. The board voted unanimously 12-0 to accept Jesse Jones as a new 2nd year trustee on the board. Council meeting will be held April 7, 2019 at St. Paul’s Church on Brown Street. Held in conjunction with the 65th Intergroup Anniversary. (New location for this meeting only.)

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Founders’ Day: Scott T. – Coordinators are on schedule with duties. Registration opens up tomorrow 3-1-2019. Ready to go at 9 AM.

Archives: Jim B. - Archives collection scanning is still in progress. Gene and John could use a little bit of help with the project as Gene and I keep getting sidetracked by visitors and other requests. We are asking the fellowship to volunteer as a guide at the archives on FD weekend. A “Don’t Throw Me Away” bookmark is being developed to mail as a flyer and in the IG news. Greg is polishing up my copy on his computer now. The new page will be in the May issue. Spanish tour recording has been completed and I hope to hear it on the headset soon. Next meeting is April 17th 2019 at 1:30 PM IG Office.

General Service: Rob R. - Akron Multi-District will meet on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at the Pilgrim UCC, 130 Broad Blvd. in Cuyahoga Falls. Multi-District is tentatively planning spring seminar for Saturday April 27, 2019, Location to be determined. Area 54 GSR school has 80+ attendees. Next area assembly will be March 17, 2019. The 44th NEOH Mini-conference will be held March 29-31st, at the Double Tree in Westlake. See flyer or go to: area 54.org. 63rd Ohio state convention, hosted by area 56 – Southwest Ohio, will be August 16-18th, 2019. See flyer. Area 75 regional conference will be in Milwaukee on October 18-20th. See flyer.

Intergroup News: Judy K. - Last meeting was February 16, 2019 when five of us proofed the March Issue and discussed future issues. We had a group of seven people on Saturday February 23, 2019 to prepare the mailing. It was mailed his week, and Greg sent out the email issue on February 27, 2019. I am happy to say that we had many articles and flyers submitted this month. Jasmine is already working on the April issue. The deadline for articles in March 8, 2019. The topic is AA Is A Family Affair—How has your drinking and sobriety effected your family?

Information Tech: Judy K. – Last meeting was February 8, 2019. The topic for that meeting was the Founders Day and website. We went over issues and discussed what needed to be completed for the March first registration. It is ready to go, and people should be able to sign up as scheduled. We also talked about the Android App and getting that fixed. It still is not working, but we decided that we will go with it.

Intergroup Anniversary: Laura N. -The 65th annual Akron Intergroup Anniversary Celebration: Held on Sunday, April 7, 2019. At St. Paul’s Parish-1580 Brown St., Akron, OH 44301. Everyone is welcome. Doors open at 11:30 am eat at 12 PM, Council meeting to follow at 1 PM. Council meeting and anniversary will be combined together.
Public Info/CPC: Laura N. – No report.

New Year’s Eve Dance: Rikki R. – Budget was 3200.00. Expenses were 3022.89. Brought in 1570.00 Money. Paid out of budget was 1452.89. 148 out of 250 tickets sold. BUT!!!! Everyone had an amazing time, all areas of this night were a hit!

Office Committee: Rikki R. – No report.

Answering Service: Dan F. – 26 calls for meetings. 63 calls for other reasons. 2 male Twelfth Step call. 2 female Twelfth Step calls. 0 Founders’ Day calls.

Nominating Committee: Dan F. – On the committee is Dean Johnson, Judy Konya, Michael Blouir. We had our first meeting 3 total in attendance.

12 Step Fund Drive: Nick B. – No report.

Treatment Facilities: Dee T. – Continuing to seek more volunteers to help facilitate meetings at centers, men and women. Reaching out to ADM to see if they need help with/meetings and just to check in with them. Still excepting use literature and Grapevines.

Group Services: Lynette J. – Nothing new, getting more info out to meetings. Need help for men to visit some men’s meetings.

Intergroup Picnic: Lynette J. – We discussed asking home groups to donate a basket. We talked about where and what we need for the picnic. Right now we are working on getting people to donate baskets.

Literature Committee: Georgiann D. – The Founder’s Day Herald has been sent out and Cheryl has the Spanish Speaking labels. Cheryl and Tom discussed the issue of tax on the Founders Day items. We will be charging tax but are taking it out of our portion; this alleviates problems with stocking a consistent supply coin change in the registers and allows faster transaction processing. Tom reminded the committee of the decision to have a “Spanish” section, along with an “Atheist/Agnostic” section in the literature room at Founders Day 2019. Mike, Cheryl and Tom discussed ordering the literature stands, bag holders, and finger pads for the literature room as well. These will be ordered and made available. Jim provided a receipt for the January 2019 purchase of “One Big Tent” (several copies) in the amount of $57.50. This brings our budget to $342.50, currently. Jim reported he has not heard any news regarding the pamphlets we decided on at our last meeting (Friday Forum Luncheon Group) and is hoping to hear from Greg after Founder’s Day about printing so they may be available for Founders Day 2020. Mike inquired about the process of establishing a presence at International in Detroit 2020, for Founders the Day to attendance. Jim informed the committee that Area 54 is in the process of forming a committee for such matters but must wait until one year prior to the event to begin establishing plans. Mike reiterated the idea of Founders Day at this event and offering leftover merchandise as an incentive and to clear out what is left of our inventory. Mike will be meeting with Tom to discuss the volunteers for Founders Day and he will be meeting with Cheryl to review the literature that will be made available this year. The next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13th, 2019 at 6:30pm.

Corrections: Michael B. – – Corrections increase the budget from $200 bi month to $150 a month. Briefly discussed a corrections workshop. Summit male coordinator, no report. Summit female county, needs ladies- two ladies showed up to volunteer. Ravenna and Portage Co. reported well. CBCF men’s-needs volunteers. Glenwood jail has tuned into the CACS program which it has more alcoholics attending meetings. Receive calls for literature for the R.I.P. program. 3 girls responded VIA correspondence and they were returning letters. Spoke with Summit County Jail for a meeting to start in May.

Good and Welfare: Pray for: Eric S.-sister. Nancy A.-son. Casey B.-father. Mike S. passed away, pray for family. Rick C. is out of the hospital after accident. Mike S, active member in service, went home. Please pray for his family. A New Freedom Group will host anniversary on April 13, 2019. Brunch at 10 AM/3 member panel at 11 AM. Joyce B.-celebrating 38 year anniversary. Michael B. Celebrating a 10 year anniversary. Sons of Ebby meeting moved from the Paradise Club to the North Hampton location. (Tuesday night meeting.)

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer at 2:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted:
Dean J., Board Secretary