

Akron Intergroup Council Meeting – November 3, 2019

This meeting was opened at 1:00 pm by Chairman Nick B. with the responsibility statement, Serenity Prayer and the reading of the Twelve Traditions. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

Groups in Attendance: (31) A New Freedom, Afternoon Alkies, Akron Men's Big Book Study, Akron General, Dry People's Wednesday Night, East Akron, Faith and Hope, Falls Bailey Road, Garden of Hope, Golden Link, Hudson Terex PM, Into Action Big Book Study, Kenmore Group, Kent Friday Night, Kids at Heart, Loyal Oak Big Book, Mid Day Serenity, North Hill Men's Group, Northampton, Rebos, Serenity Through Recovery, Silver Lake Involvement, Sober Men and Women United, Spiritual Solutions, Steps and Beyond, Sunday Night 12 & 12, Sunday Women's Big Book, The Turning Point, Thursday Closed Women, Thursday Night Men's Non-Smoking, Towers Discussion, Y.O.U.R. Sunday Morning Group

***Secretary's Report:** Karen K. – Two motions were made to accept the October Secretary's report. Report accepted as written. No corrections needed.

Treasurer's Report: Tim Q. – reviewed the spreadsheets for the month of September. Everything appears to be in order at this time. We're down from last year. Founder's Day brought in less. Do not know of fund drive donations yet. Bringing in more this year but expenses are more. Credit card fees are high. Will meet with Greg K. to review where we can save, i.e. bank fees, etc.

Executive Board Report: Nick B. – No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Founders' Day: Jeff C. – No Report

Archives: Jim B. – The International photos have been mounted and decisions of secondary images of international slogans and logos are being decided. The "D" display board of Oxford Group arriving in Akron is being discussed and other display board pictures chosen will be reframed and then rehung.

General Service: Val C. - Area 54 Report: On Oct 19, 2019 Val called Chet J., the chair for the Fall Seminar, and told him she'd meet him at the venue at noon on the day of the event and that she would help with set-up. There were approximately 25-30 people in attendance. Assisted with tear down. Seminar appeared to be a success.

Intergroup News: Judy K. - The November issue was mailed out on time.

Our topic for the December issue is Staying sober over the Holidays. The deadline for articles is November 13, 2019. I sent out an email to 63 people asking for tips to stay sober. I am getting some responses. I do not have any submitted articles yet so if anyone is interested in writing an article for the newsletter it would be appreciated. Sharing your Experience Strength and Hope is always good. We have the flyer for the New Year's Eve dance to include in Dec. issue.

Next Meeting: November 16, 2019 when we proof the December issue.

Information Tech: Judy K. – Founders Day updates continue and are going smoothly. The committee members have a link to check out the website. Target is to have everything ready by the beginning of the year.

We got actual prices for the server and software that we will be purchasing. As it turns out we will be spending a lot less than was approved. It should be closer to \$1,000.00. The server will be around \$714.00 and the software will be added to that. Greg has filled out a request for us to have nonprofit approval from Microsoft. Once it is approved, we will get a better price. We hope to have the software and server by next week and everything will be moved over and updated. Most importantly, we have migrated from GoDaddy to Bluehost and the website is working well. I want to thank Greg, Tim, Wes and Peter who are working to get each area moved and tested. All in all, IT is working behind the scenes to keep everything up and running.

Next Meeting: November 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Intergroup Office_

Intergroup Anniversary: Laura N. – Dick W. No report

Public Info/CPC: Laura N. – No report.

***New Year's Eve Dance:** Jesse J./Pete S. –Not present. Report given by Dick W. Had first meeting 10/23 at 6:30pm. 250 tickets to be made. Tickets passed out to board members to sell. Council members encouraged to get tickets to sell. Will make flyer. Find and get estimates for caterer. Find and get estimates for Security. Will get tickets for the money tree Split the pot Baskets

Next meeting will be 11/6 at 6:30 at intergroup.

***Office Committee:** Dick W. – Office comm will meet to discuss the disposition of golf outing donation, 10/31/2019

Will get estimates to improve women's restroom to include Handicap rail.

The public information binder was updated by Greg and Dick on oct 10th 2019. These legal documents are available for public inspection

1. Copy of original IRS letter granting non- profit status.
2. Copy of charter and articles of incorporation
3. Recent copies of form 990 IRS information return
4. Copies of constitution, by-laws and standing rules.
5. Conflict of interest policy
6. This information states our purpose, who we are, what we do, and how we spend our money.

Our next meeting is 10/31/2019, 6:30pm at intergroup

Per Greg Kennedy, received letter stating our accountant is no longer doing non-profit reviews. Need to find new accountant before end of January. Dick Wilson offered to coordinate efforts to locate new accountant.

Answering Service: Dan F. – Office received 19 calls for meetings and 47 calls for other reasons. There was 1 12-Step call. Suggestion was made that chair and office manager meet with answering service in-person to ensure callers are helped appropriately.

12 Step Fund Drive: Jessie J. – not present. Mike Blouir gave report. Met on Third Sat of month at 9 am as usual. Other Trustees are responsible for attending as well. Trustees not showing up. Very little complaints of wrong addresses. Individual donations are running about the same. Group donations up about \$4000 from last year.

*****Motion made that Board address the issue we do not have 3 active Trustees as required per our Bylaws. Motion was seconded. Motion was passed by a vote of 27-3.***

Treatment Facilities: Jerry C.-

- Community Assessment Treatment Services (CATS) in Wadsworth – 16 bed men’s residential treatment center is in need of 2 volunteers to facilitate an AA meeting on premises, Sat., 1 pm. Our committee is currently filling that role until volunteers can be found. Their Wed. meeting is going very well.
 - Root House in Ravenna – 18 bed men’s residential treatment facility is requesting we set up an AA meeting on premises during a weekday. Their Sat. meeting is going very well. We are seeking 2 volunteers to take on that service work.
 - The AA meeting at Touchstones – 18 bed women’s treatment Center in Akron is going very well. At their request, we have loaned them ten 12X12 hard cover books labeled with sticker: “Literature on Loan” Remain the property of Treatment Committee.
 - we continue to ask AA members to subscribe to print copies of Grapevine Magazine. Please bring used copies to Intergroup to distribute to treatment facilities.
- 11/13/19, Wednesday, 7 pm Intergroup office will be 1st meeting!

Group Services: Lynette J. – Not present. Report given by Nick B. Last meeting 10/19/19, 11 am at intergroup office. Looked at meetings that the committee already went to. Also talked about getting a new list from Greg with updated meetings. Another topic was about putting out a flyer so that groups can update their handicap meetings.
Next meeting will be Nov. 16th

Intergroup Picnic: Lynette J. – Not present.

Literature Committee: Vance S. - No pamphlets brought in for review. Looking at new pin for Founder’s Day. Encouraged everyone to read new book “Our Great Responsibility”

Corrections: Michael B. –

Corrections Committee met Sat. Oct. 19 at the intergroup office. All Facilities including the SCJ. report well! We nominated and voted for new committee positions with the newest being the Corrections Committee Workshop Coordinator. Need more women for Summit County Jail for meetings every Thursday.
Next Corrections Mtg. will be November 16th at 10am at the intergroup office!

Good and welfare: Melissa – Celebrating Gratitude Month at King School Nov 10th Doors open at 12. Meeting 1-4. Long-timers panel
Prayers for the following deceased members: Don S., Ray C., and Tony K.
Bill – If you are board or council rep please be knowledgeable about Bylaws.
Dick W. Celebrated 29 years of sobriety.
The Council meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Karen K., Board Secretary