

Akron Intergroup Council Meeting – January 5, 2020

This meeting was opened at 1:00 pm by Vice Chairman Dan F. 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) Afternoon Alkies, Akron General, Carry This Message, Copley Saturday Night Group, Dry Peoples Wednesday Night, East Akron, Falls Bailey Road, Flame Breakfast Group, Golden Link, Hudson Terex PM, Kenmore Group, Kids at Heart, Ladies Big Book Study, Medina Tuesday, Mid- Day Serenity, Moring Meditation, North Hill Men's Group, Northampton, Rebos, Serenity Through Recovery, Silver Lake Involvement, Sober Men and Women United, Spiritual Solutions, St. Anthony Women's Group, Steps and Beyond, Sunday Night 12 & 12, Sunday Women's Big Book, The Turning Point, Thursday Closed Women, Thursday Night Freedom, Thursday Night Men's Non-smoking, Wadsworth Women's Study

Secretary's Report: Karen K. – Two motions were made to waive the reading of the December secretary's report and accept report as written. No corrections needed.

Treasurer's Report: Tim Q. –Not present. Report given by Karen K. The November's Treasurer's report was reviewed accepted as written. This month's numbers are as expected; nothing seems to be out of the ordinary. Individual fund drive donations down \$3,000. Will be reflected in next month's report

Executive Board Report: Nick B. – Not Present. Dan F. States no report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Founders' Day: Jeff C.

Registration will be open March 1st. Please spread the word. Updated the Founders Day Manual according to Executive Board recommendations.

All coordinator positions are in place after the passing of the 4th year coordinator.

Archives: Jim B.-

- We sent a thank you card to the committee responsible for the 2018 International Women's Conference of AA thanking them for the \$5,000 donation to the Akron AA archives. After 6 months, the Post Office returned the card as undeliverable. The Archivist phoned the webmaster for the 2020 IWCAA and requested the chairperson's address to resend the card with an apology for the delay. It was resent.
- We recently purchased the new book, "Writing the Big Book: The Creation of AA" by William H. Schaberg. It is 750 pages long. Just started reading it.
- Scanning of the collection by John D. and Gene M. is continuing with regularity. Mary K. is keeping all new papers and histories upgraded and the Grapevines correct.
- Our search within our local universities for art students needing skills practice is slowly moving forward.

General Service: Val D. – No Meeting over Holidays, therefore, no report.

Intergroup News: Judy Konya –

The January issue was mailed out on time.

Our topic for the February issue is Relationships in AA, focus on romantic. The deadline for articles is January 10, 2020.

The Committee still has a great group producing the newsletter and we can always use more people to help with the folding and mailing.

We are working on the next issue throughout the month.

Next Meeting: January 18, 2020 when we proof the February issue. Mailing will be January 25, 2020.

Information Tech: Judy Konya

Founders Day updates continue and are going smoothly. Working on updating cash registers for Founders Day. We are on target.

We are receiving a donation of some laptops from the employer of one of our committee members. The IGNews will get three of the laptops because the ones presently being used are in need of replacement.

Next Meeting: January 14, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the Intergroup Office

Intergroup Anniversary: Laura N./Dick W.

Anniversary will be held at Guy's on April 19, 11-3pm, 2020. \$15 per ticket.

Meeting next month, Feb 8th at 12 noon

Public Info/CPC: Laura N. – No report

New Year's Eve Dance: Jesse J.

Wonderful evening. Great turnout. Candlelight countdown was very moving.

Wrap up meeting will be held on Jan 14th at intergroup office at 6:30pm.

Office Committee: Dick W.

No Report

Answering Service: Dan F. –

Office received 22 calls for meetings and 72. calls for other reasons. There was 1 male 12-Step call. Still a glitch with the email server so is not getting the emails every day. Getting the report from Greg.

12 Step Fund Drive: Jessie J. –

Individual donations down.

Group donations are down from last year but would be up \$4500 when taking last year's large group donation out of the equation. Committee started discussing alternate methods of raising money.

Will have soup cook off in Feb. Date and location TBD. Requesting soup donations.

Next meeting Jan. 18th, 9 am

Treatment Facilities: Jerry C. –

1. Committee Chairman has appointed Brenda M. as Portage County Co-ordinator. She will be responsible for communication to the Treatment Committee as to the needs and status of treatment facilities in her geographical area.
2. Representatives from I.B.H., R.A.M.A.R., P.A.R.C. and Sterling Sober House attended the December treatment committee meeting. They supplied us with their literature needs. Those orders were placed and have been received from A.A.W.S.
3. We continue to request used Grapevine magazines from our fellowship. If you do not currently subscribe to print copy, please consider doing so. Once per year, bring your copies to the Akron Intergroup Office so we can distribute them to the area treatment facilities.
4. The next meeting of the Treatment Committee will be Wednesday Jan. 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Akron Intergroup Office. Our meeting is open to anyone who would like to learn more about what we do.

Group Services: Lynette J. –

No Report.

Joyce B. Requested members look at Groups listed that need more info from.

Intergroup Picnic: Lynette J. – Not present. Report given by Jessie J.

Picnic for 2020 is reserved at same location.

Literature Committee: Vance S. – Not present. Report given by Karen K.

1. Treasures report No report
2. Old Business
 - a. Book New Pair of Glasses has been rejected for consideration to be sold at inner group
 - b. No Coin from Literature Committee this year at Founders Day
 - c. No ordering lanyards for Founders Day
3. New Business
 - a. A new pamphlet has been approved for sale: “A.A. for alcoholics with mental health issues – and their sponsors” (this is A.A. General Service -Approved Literature)
 - b. Raising Literature prices is under way - \$1.00 per book
 - c. A pin prototype was approved and are waiting on drawings to finalize vote
 - d. Nepali e Big book is being considered along with being mindful of the cultural changes in our area
 - e. At Founders Day the Literature committee is exploring the possibility of placing 2 easels at the entrance to the literature room with a US map and a world Map to give people to mark their hometown

Next Literature committee Meeting is 1/15/20 6pm Inner Group office

Corrections: Michael B. –

The Corrections committee met December 21, 2019 at the Intergroup Office.

Our Workshop coordinator reported that we have reserved the Pilgrim Church in Cuyahoga Falls on March 7th for the 2020 Corrections Workshop. Speakers also have been reserved. Still working on food, door prizes, and particulars.

Received a call from Oriena House about a gentleman trying to get an unapproved guest into one of their facilities.

SCJ has changed their times for the men's and women's meetings. The meetings there are going well. Our Treasurer reports that we have spent down our jail can money which is for literature only.

Next Meeting is January 18, 2020 at the intergroup office!

Question was raised about how much money is being raised via group jail cans. Referred to written treasurer's report. Money is used for big books and other pamphlets. Judy K. reported jails now have Big Books and other pamphlets and are very well received and appreciated. These are for the inmates to keep. Committee is bringing in new pamphlets every week.

Question was raised about starting a library to keep at the jail. Jim * reported per the traditions, we, as a group, cannot monetarily support the jail. Individual donations could be accepted.

Good and welfare:

Walter C. just celebrated 53 years of sobriety.

Received letter from Frank O from London wondering when he

Laura N. Celebrated 25 years on 1/1/20

Joyce B: St Vincent's group has lost their meeting space. Have between 4-10 people committed to the meeting. Have been searching for 3 weeks. Will call office to take off the website until location is secured.

Melissa C.: Group Carry the message. Looking for other groups to join. March on a Sat will have a roundup. Dedicated to sponsorship and the 12 Steps.

Tom O'Neil passed away last week. Services will be held on 2/1 at 1pm at St Paul's

Prayers for Don S. in nursing home in Barberton Room 152

Michael B.: The new group "Primary Purpose Big Book Study" will start January 13th at Bethany Church, Cuyahoga Falls

Jeff celebrated 6 years on January 5th

Jim: Dale S. passed away Long- time member of AA. Did a lot of work at Ignatia Hall. Also, Daryl L. passed away last month. 21-year member.

Jeff celebrated 6 years.

The Council meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen K., Board Secretary