

Akron Intergroup Council Meeting – February 2, 2020

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) 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. –Not present. Dan F.: Two motions were made to waive the reading of the January secretary's report with 2 corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Tim Q. –

We finished the year with a \$17,000 surplus which was well over the projected budget. This was \$3,000 better than last year. Even though we spent \$10,000 more we ended up with this surplus over last year. Fund drive: This is a year- long drive. We took in \$23,000 less than last year, but last year we received a donation of \$25,000. If we take that # away, we did much better than projected in budget. Budget average ended \$10,000 over.

The December report was accepted unanimously.

Executive Board Report: Nick B. –

Dick W. member at large, stepped down from the Executive Board for health reasons. Nick said he called Kevin B., who was the next highest available vote getter from the August elections. He left a message stating Kevin had two days to express an interest in coming onto the board, but he never heard from him. Charles Steiner was then asked as he had the next highest votes. Charles graciously accepted. He's our new Member-at-Large to replace Dick W. and finish out his term. He also has been on the Akron Treatment Committee for the past five years.

Old Business: None

New Business: Jim B. – Discussed providing hospitality suite at the international convention. Stated we did a suite for the convention in Atlanta but ran approximately \$750 over budget. (Had asked for \$2500 but was granted \$1400). It had been brought to the Executive Board's attention that the Board five years ago discussed putting aside \$500 a year to have money to help with an Area 51 hospitality suite at the Detroit International Convention. Unfortunately, that money was never put aside in budget. With the convention coming this year the Board moved and seconded that the board recommend Council vote to approve \$2,000 for the hospitality suite. The motion was approved unanimously. Tim Q. reported there was no record he could find that the \$500/yr was ever voted on. Motion was made to approve the \$2000 for the hospitality suite and was passed unanimously.

Founders' Day: Jeff C.

Registration opens March 1st. That will be on a Sunday this year. We're looking for volunteers to man the office that day in case there are any questions. Registration is \$30 this year. Committee will meet at the University on 2/2 to start working things out.

Archives: Jim B.-

- We are still busy scanning the archives collection and going through the old Grapevine magazines. We have submitted a proposal to Akron University art students to see if someone will help design additional archives boards. The visitors to the archives are starting to pick up again. We're looking for volunteers who would like to do tours. There were 3 visitors from Poland the other day. Question was asked if help was needed during Founder's Day and their reply was a yes – always looking for help.

General Service: Val D. – On the 18th went to Akron Multi district's first meeting of the year. Approximately ten people were in attendance. It was asked of Val to put in a bid for the hospitality room at the state convention. The young people in the group requested they put in a bid – the group voted in favor of the young group. It was also suggested to do a hospitality suite at the mini conference and Val will bring it for a vote at next month's meeting.

Intergroup News: Judy Konya –

Everything is running fine. The January issue went out on time. Our topic for March is Spring Cleaning. Deadline is Feb. 8th. The next meeting is Feb. 15th.

Information Tech: Judy Konya

We don't have much to report other than the office server has been replaced. Everything seems to be ready with the Founders' Day website. The next meeting is Feb. 11th.

Intergroup Anniversary: Laura N.

Before Dick stepped down, he did a lot of the work for the Anniversary. We are having it this year April 19th at 10:45 am at Guy's Party Center. Tickets are \$15.00. I will be doing the agenda this week. We will have a meeting Feb.8th at noon. Will have raffle baskets if anyone wants to donate.

Public Info/CPC: Laura N. – No report

New Year's Eve Dance: Jesse J. – No report

Question was raised about wrap-up meeting held on January 14th. What were the final numbers? Jesse reported the committee started with \$3,200 and ended up with \$3,481. 250 tickets were made and 238 were sold.

Office Committee: Charles S.

Charles reported that he collected all the evaluations for the office employees.

Answering Service: Dan F. –

The answering service had 30 calls for meetings and 66 calls for other reasons. There was one 12 Step call - male. Question was raised as to how many 12 step calls come into the office during weekdays. Per Bill M. there were approx. 3 for the month of January. Judy K. reported she receives IG Newsletters from all over the country and 12 step calls are down everywhere.

12 Step Fund Drive: Jessie J. –

The soup cookoff was cancelled due to lack of response. It was decided by the committee to do an event in the summer – perhaps sell dinners at intergroup.

Treatment Facilities: Jerry C. –

Took a tour and met with the manager of Safe Harbor in Wadsworth. The received a loan of Big Books and 12 & 12s. Touchstone Women's facility has a new AA volunteer conducting weekly meetings. We have arranged a meeting with NOAH, which is running a new facility directly across the street from the Intergroup Office. The current meetings at IBH and RAMAR are going well. We used the Correction's Committee manual as a template to create a Treatment Committee manual. Our committee reviewed and approved the manual at our last meeting. Our next meeting is Feb. 26th at 7:00 pm

Group Services: Lynette J. –

The January meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. Our next meeting will be Feb. 15th at 11:00 am. We will have breakfast!

Lynette pointed out list of meetings that need to be contacted and asked for volunteers to step in.

Intergroup Picnic: Lynette J. – We are going to have our first meeting Feb. 15th at noon. We will have the picnic in the same location as last year.

Literature Committee: Vance S. –

Reported the new pin for Founder's Day is available to view after the meeting. Stated Jeff did a great job on the design. Pin is redone annually; medallions are every 5 years. The next meeting is February 19th at 7:00 pm. at intergroup.

Corrections: Michael B. –

We discussed our budget from the jail cans. We have been trying to spend down the donated money by buying literature. We are going to be developing a plan for how much jail can money we want to keep as a prudent reserve. We created a new position on the committee which is workshop coordinator. We will be holding a Corrections Committee workshop on March 7th. at the Pilgrim church. Doors open at noon. The idea behind the workshop is cooperation. We hope that this workshop will build cooperation between the committee and the facilities we cover.

We'll have different speakers: inmate services supervisor for Summit County jail, a person from the sheriff's department and supervisors talking about the importance of bringing AA into the jails. Will also have a literature rep as well as raffles. We need door prize donations. Discussion around volunteer needs and requirements ensued. Per Mike, requirements for the Oriana House are you must go through pre-training, have a background check, be off probation for a year and be out of the facility for a year.

Good and welfare:

Jim B.: Pick up a directory form on the front table. Take back to your group and fill it out completely. This will not only help your group's history, also helps the 12- step fund drive and group services committee.

Joyce B.: Announced last month that St. Vincent's closed their doors temporarily but have found a new place to meet. It will be at the Kenmore Immaculate Conception Church, 2021 17th St. SW on Mondays at 7pm. Joyce B. is also celebrating her 39th anniversary.

Dean: Don S. celebrated 75 years on the 31st.

Melissa C.: Celebrated 12 years on 2/1.

Michael B: Celebrated 11 years on 2/1.

Vance S.: Celebrated 6 years on 1/7.

Nick B: Celebrated 13 years on 1/26.

Jim: Missy W. passed away – sober 17 years. Her husband Ed W., sober 27 years is in a nursing home with a brain tumor. They have a son just 12 years old.

The Council meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen K., Board Secretary