

Akron Intergroup Council Meeting – April 19, 2020

This virtual zoom 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: (61) After Work Serenity, Afternoon Alkies, Akron Men's Big Book Study Group, As a matter of Fact, Barberton Monday Nite, Beaten into a State of Reasonableness, Big Book Comes Alive in Kent, Carry this Message, Community Center Group, Copley Saturday Night Group, Cornerstone Candlelight, Dalton Men's, Doylestown Big Book Study Group, Early Birds Flock Together, East Akron, Fairlawn, Faith & Hope, Falls Discussion, Friday Night Focus, Garrettsville, Golden Link, High Nooners, How Are You Today? Hudson Terex PM, Into Action Big Book Study, Kent Friday Night, Kent Informal Group, Kids at Heart, King School Group #1, Knuckleheads, Ladies Big Book Study, Loyal Oak Big Book Study, Medina 12-Step, Medina Men's Meeting, Medina Tuesday Night, Mogadore Thursday Morning Discussion, *Morning Meditation, *New Freedom Group, *New Hope, New Horizons, North Hill Men's Big Book, North Hill Men's Group, Northampton, Peace of Mind, Peninsula 12 & 4, Post Office, Rebos, Sisters in Sobriety, Sober Men and Women United, Staying the Course Recovery Group, Stow Men's Tuesday, Sunday Night 12 & 12, Sunday Serenity Discussion, Sunday Women's Big Book, Tallmadge Heritage Group, The Toolbox, The Turning Point, Thursday Closed Women's, Thursday Night Men's Non-smoking, Together Sober, Towers Discussion, Trusted Servants, Wednesday Night Mixed Discussion, Y.O.U.R. Beginners Group

In addition, 30 guests were present.

Secretary's Report: Karen K. –Two motions were made to waive the reading of the March secretary's report. Report was accepted as written.

Executive Board Report: Nick B. – No report

Old Business: None

New Business: Nick B.-

Covid-19 Aid. Nick noted 6 members of the Board voted to apply for the Government loan. Received feedback from New York that they denied the loan. We followed suit with New York. In addition, we were denied loan because the funds ran out.

Lengthy discussion ensued. Numerous members of Council questioned why board would even consider receiving money from outside contributions – felt this was in violation of our seventh tradition.

Other members discussed alternate methods for collecting donations such as Venmo accounts and encouraging donations through the website.

Treasurer's Report: Tim Q. –

Nothing out of order in February's report. As an intergroup office, our prudent reserve should be determined on 12 months operating expenses from prior year and 5% Founder's Day expenses from prior year which means our prudent reserve should be sitting around \$240,000. It is right now at \$140,000. We spend as an office \$21,000/month. We did spend about \$10,000 for Founder's Day (much on Literature) Cheryl called Hazeldon and they agreed to take back what we don't think we will sell. Where we sit today, we have about 8 months of operating costs. Tim stated we need to bring up our prudent reserve and find ways to operate more efficiently.

Motion was made to accept the treasurer's report. Report was accepted as written.

Founders' Day: Jeff C.

Committee has had several exploratory meetings to discuss alternatives to this year's Founder's Day due to the current pandemic. Some ideas included an online format with a tour of AA in Akron, would have a couple of speakers, tour the gravesite without the motorcycles. Still working on format as cheap as possible. Will need to recoup the \$10,000 spent.

Archives: Jim B.-

Not present. Gene M. reported Office closed.

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

Intergroup News: Judy K. –

Although the office is closed, the newsletter was mailed out on time. Group is working on online version that will be reformatted: single column, different font. Unanimous approval was made by the board. Are still taking subscriptions. Question for Council: should office still mail out hard copies. Approx. \$110/mo. Also, is available online. Discussion to continue subscriptions as it brings in revenue and members have already paid. Also, this is a matter that does not need to be brought to council.

Information Tech: Judy K.

– IT committee is working very hard. Is getting a lot of help from Greg. Archives computers updated. Working overtime – full back up has been done to bank vault.

Intergroup Anniversary: Laura N.

Board unanimously approved cancellation of anniversary for 2020.

Public Info/CPC: Laura N. – Not present -No report

New Year's Eve Dance: Jesse J. – Not present.

No report

Office Committee: Charles S.

Charles Steiner- Memo went out re: office closure. Closed according to the bylaws. Memo posted on website.

Operations of office going smoothly. Cheryl remains in office; Greg is working from home. Form being developed related to reopening guidelines.

Answering Service: Dan F. –

The answering service had 71 calls for meetings and 126 calls for other reasons. There was one possible suicide patched through to suicide hotline. There were two calls about Founder's Day. No 12 step calls.

12 Step Fund Drive: Jessie J. – Not present. Mike B. reported:

The 12-step fund drive has been extended until the end of the year. Will continue to ask for donations to the intergroup office. Looking at different ways to raise money.

Treatment Facilities: Jerry C. –

Met via zoom on March 25th. Treatment centers are trying to get technology for Zoom meetings. Horizon House has one on its own account. Next meeting April 29th at 7Pm. Contact committee via website: Akron AA.org,

Group Services: Lynette J. –No report

Intergroup Picnic: Lynette J. – picnic has been postponed.

Literature Committee: Vance S. – Not present. No report:

Corrections: Michael B. –

Corrections workshop was very informative. Large number of people attended. Orienna House coordinator attended. \$143 collected; some will go to intergroup office. Summit County jail cancelled – everything's on hold.

Good and welfare:

Judy K. 20 years on 4/12

Jerry C. 12 years on 4/12

Lynette: keep Kevin in our prayers; going for brain surgery.

The Council meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen K., Board Secretary