

Akron Intergroup Council Meeting – May 3, 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 not present.

Groups in Attendance: (18) Afternoon Alkies, Akron Men's Big Book Study Group, A New Freedom Group, Briarpatch, Carry this Message, East Akron, Fairlawn, King School Group #1, Mogadore Thursday Morning Discussion, North Hills Men's Group, PPG, Road to Recovery, Steps and Beyond, Sunday Night 12&12, Sunday Women's Big Book, The Turning Point, Thursday Night Men's Non-smoking, Trusted Servants

Secretary's Report: Karen K. –Two motions were made to waive the reading of the April secretary's report. Reading of report was waived. No quorum – unable to vote on accepting minutes as written.

Executive Board Report: Nick B. – No report

Old Business: None

New Business: Nick B.-

Treasurer's Report: Tim Q. –

March ended with \$19,694 surplus. After that, up to 4/29: We ended with negative \$42,000 + However, \$41,000 was refunds for Founder's Day. What is not in yet is rent and Employee healthcare. Will end roughly \$50,000 negative. When considering the refund, we're really around \$9,000 negative. Previous year we ended \$15,000 in neg without Founder's Day. Even without meetings now, individual donations are up \$3,000 and group donations are about even. We've had approximately \$1,000 in misc. sales. We are in process of setting up pay pal account. No Quorum to vote on accepting report.

Founders' Day: Jeff C.

Sub-committee meeting regularly. Creating virtual format and agenda. Will bring all the ideas to FD committee on 5/4. Will have option to sell ribbon and pins. Will have ability to accept donations throughout the weekend. Next month will possibly be able to bring a demo to the council meeting.

Nominating Committee Dan F.

Group consists of Dan F. Michael B, Jeffrey C, Tim Q., and Karen K.

Karen volunteered to set up a zoom meeting to discuss logistics for this year's nominations

Archives: Jim B.-

Not present. Gene M. reported. Office closed. Gene M. stated there's a lot of work to catch up on. Is requesting to come back into office.

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

Intergroup News: Judy K. –

The proofreading of the May newsletter was completed over email. The printing and mailing were done by office staff and volunteers. The theme for the June issue is “Service” We would encourage any Ex. Bd. members to share their experience strength and hope about service is AA. Thought that would be timely as we get into the nomination of new Ex. Bd. members. I would like to remind all committee members that the newsletter is available to contact the Fellowship. It is not only mailed but is emailed and put on our website. Our deadline for the June issue is May 16, 2020 but if you have something that you want in, please let me know by that date and we can save space and work with you on formatting anything that you want in the newsletter.

Information Tech: Judy K.

The IT committee met on April 14th online. Peter reported that Founders’ Day is planning on doing something online to replace the weekend and to celebrate our Founders’ Day. He did not have much information yet about what will be required of our committee to assist with the Founders’ Day. He will have more information on what assistance if any from our committee for the Saturday and Sunday will be needed.

Discussed possibility that some groups will want to keep their online meetings after stay at home order is lifted. We will wait to see what happens but will accommodate as requested.

We discussed a system for our backups.

Greg is keeping the website up to date. Peter has been letting us use his Zoom account for meetings of our board and council.

Intergroup Anniversary: Laura N.

Rescheduled for next year. All sold tickets will be good for next year

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

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

No report

Office Committee: Charles S.

Office committee met 4/29. Drafted memo for guidelines to phase in opening of the office. Per the memo:

Only the front retail portion of our building will be open. Restrooms will not be available. Posted occupant limits for social distancing must be respected and masks must be worn. Please limit visits to sales and donation transactions only; continue to handle what you can by phone and internet. Akron Intergroup Office archives and historical displays/tours will continue to be closed. When a re-open date is available it will be posted here. HOURS: M – F 9am – 5pm Sat/Sun – Closed (This may change).

Number of customers admitted will be based on square footage. Committee/meeting activity remains suspended during this phase. Our Office Manager has the authority to determine which volunteers are necessary to be on premises and to see that all restrictions are adhered to.

Admittance to building after hours is NOT PERMITTED FOR ANYONE!

As far as archives committee – just need first phase done, then will address getting other committees.

Office covers 5 counties. Questions were raised about what's going on during lockdown. We understand groups need and want to know money is spent on.

Charles noted Greg is doing all the work that is normally done from Home. Cheryl is in office, taking all the calls, donations, etc.

Per Bill M., Volunteered during this time, and noted how busy Cheryl is during the day. Addresses work from all over the states and beyond.

Gene M. noted archives does bring in revenue. When people visit the archives, they purchase literature.

Jeff C. Suggested creating a new committee to identify how we as a group can reach out to more of the masses, show our archives, etc.

Judy noted we have committees already in place, i.e. IT committee. Need to recruit more people to come on to the committees.

Joyce suggested a ledger be created for staff and volunteers to document activities on a daily basis. This has been done historically and suggests it should be done again.

Bill M. There is a website for online meetings.

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Answering Service: Dan F. –

The answering service had 10 calls for meetings and 81 calls for other reasons. 1 about Founder's Day. 3 male 12 step calls.

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

The 12-step fund drive is usually responsible for 1/3 of revenue, but this year is 2/3. Donations are stepping up. Are really leaning on individuals and groups. Looking at different ways to raise money.

Treatment Facilities: Jerry C. –

No zoom meeting was held. Starting a zoom meeting at 7P Monday at Horizon House.

Requesting Grapevines so they can be given to the facilities.

May treatment meeting postponed. Keeping in touch via phone.

Group Services: Lynette J. –No report because there are no meetings. Need to add passwords on website for zoom meetings. Greg is working on it.

Intergroup Picnic: Lynette J. – picnic has been postponed. Called park but no one is working. Bill M. noted he was at the park yesterday and all the tables have been removed.

Literature Committee: Vance S. – No report:

Corrections: Michael B. –

Cutting down on mail. Institutions donated money turned into office

Good and welfare:

Lynette: Keep Kevin in our prayers; had brain surgery on 5/1

Joyce B.: Don S. Left nursing home but still needs prayers.

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

Respectfully submitted:
Karen K., Board Secretary