

## **Akron Intergroup Council Meeting – June 4, 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:** (27) Afternoon Alkies, Akron Men's Big Book Study Group, A New Freedom Group, Beaten into a State of Reasonableness, Briarpatch, Carry this Message, Copley Saturday Night Group, East Akron, Fairlawn, Faith and Hope, Golden Link, Hudson Terex,, King School Group #1, Mogadore Thursday Morning Discussion, North Hills Men's Group, PPG, Peninsula 12&12, Rebos, Sober Men and Women United, Steps and Beyond, Sunday Night 12&12, The Turning Point, Thursday Closed Women's, Thursday Night Men's Non-smoking, Trusted Servants, Wednesday Night Mixed Discussion

**Secretary's Report:** Karen K. –Two motions were made to waive the reading of the April secretary's report. Reading of report was waived and accepted as written. Two motions were made to waive the reading of the May secretary's report. Reading of report was waived and accepted as written.

**Executive Board Report:** Nick B. – No report

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Nick B.-

**Treasurer's Report:** Tim Q. –

In April, we ended with negative \$46,000 +  
However, \$41,000 was refunds for Founder's Day. May numbers look good. Even without meetings now, individual donations are up \$3,000 and group donations are about double from last year.

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

May numbers – groups \$2,200 more than last year, Individual donations up \$2,400  
Will end with \$25,000 surplus. Back on track.

**Founders' Day:** Jeff C.

Planning is going very well. There are currently > 12,000 people who have pre-registered. We have received \$42, 612 in donations. Chair and committee feel optimistic we will meet budget of \$70,000. All speakers are confirmed. There will be a meeting tonight with all speakers for a trial run. IT committee has been working really hard to set everything up. We now have a zoom capacity of 20,000. The email and password to access Founder's Day will be available at Foundersday.org on Friday

**Nominating Committee** Dan F.

Committee met and recommended sending an email to each group rep with a reminder of upcoming elections. Scanned nomination forms to be sent to office.

List of nominees would be emailed back to reps to share at their zoom meetings.

In July, those nominated would speak at the July council meeting via zoom (if necessary).

Discussion around possibly postponing elections/asking members to stay on an additional year ensued. Council voiced concern if that was the decision, bylaws/constitution would have to be

amended. Council encouraged to get word out and nominations in. Will possibly be able to secure an outdoor venue for voting.

**Archives:** Jim B.- not present. Gene M:

Archives started back in office on Tues. and Wed. only. Are staying in the back. No interference with the back office. Per Charles, the Governor announced museums will be reopening. Per Gene, would be best to have folks register to come in initially.

**General Service:** Val D. –

At the meeting, the LGBTQ group made a motion to change the preamble to “We are a fellowship of people” to be more inclusive. Motion passed with a majority vote. Council members discussed requirement that these types of issues need to come before the council before than can go any further. Recommendation was made to check with NY.

**Intergroup News:** Judy K. –

The June issue was prepared and mailed on time. The committee got together in a park to proof the newsletter. The topic for July is Patience and the deadline for articles is June 12, 2020. We continue to urge anyone who is not already subscribing to consider doing so.

**Information Tech:** Judy K.

The IT committee met on May 12, 2020 via Zoom. Members of the IT Committee are working with the Founders’ Day committee to produce the Virtual Founders’ Day. With Founder’s Day requiring increased zoom capacity, we needed to upgrade the Blue Host server. It was estimated that if 1% of folks purchased \$10, it will pay for itself. Cost is increasing from \$40 to \$119/month. Not much more to report this month. Next meeting is June 9, 6:30  
Bill M. questioned whether increased zoom capacity would be available after Founder’s Day. Judy will check whether subscription is month to month.

**Intergroup Anniversary:** Laura N. – No report

**Public Info/CPC:** Laura N. —No report

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

No report

**Office Committee:** Charles S.

1. Akron Intergroup Office will continue to be open and function for business and 2 volunteers, but going to the next phase. The govt will open museums June 10<sup>th</sup>.

We ask visitors to wear a face mask while on premises and social distancing. No complaints from anyone visiting. There are no restroom facilities available to visitors.

2. In anticipation of a large increased workload due to Founder’s Day materials ordered, our Office Manager will assemble a volunteer team and use the Conference Room as a workstation. It will be arranged to observe COVID guidelines of distancing etc...

3. The option of Treatment Committee has been added to the Donation link on the Akron Intergroup Office website.

**Answering Service:** Dan F. –

The answering service had 26 calls for meetings and 106 calls for other reasons. 4 about Founder's Day. 2 male and 1 female 12 step calls.

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

Trustees and Volunteers met twice this month to discuss a solution to 12 step fund drive and have decided to start with an informative flyer highlighting the intergroup office and its functions. Will be sent out each month. The purpose is to promote transparency, inform the majority, and reach out for funding.

**Treatment Facilities:** Jerry C. –

1. Horizon House Women's facility in Ravenna has an up and running Zoom meeting that is going very well thanks to Jerry and Melissa C. They are conducting a Big Book study.
2. Touchstones women's facility, Akron, has a new Zoom meeting which is currently up and running. Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Facilitated by Sandi C. who has many years of experience in Treatment work in our Akron area and recently joined our committee. Much thanks to Sandi for her diligence in working through the communication and technical issues encountered in attempting to get this set up.
3. C.A.T.S. men's facility in Wadsworth has returned to in-person meetings on Wednesdays and Sundays. Their patient load is currently reduced from 18 to 10. Only 1 A.A. volunteer at a time will facilitate until we get back to normal.
4. We currently need volunteers at Root House men's facility in Ravenna. They wish to re-start their Sat 10:00 a.m. in-person A.A. meeting. If you know someone in that area that would be interested, please have them call our office. They are temporarily reduced to 10 patients from 18.
5. The Grapevine magazine campaign continues. During the current crisis, with no meetings, no Zoom meetings and no A.A. visitors our little magazines in the facilities were more necessary than ever. Please subscribe to print copy and bring your stack to the Office once a year.
6. Please contact our Treatment Cmte. through the Office for questions or volunteer to help.

**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. – Not sure if picnic will still be held in 2020. Discussion around possible Fall options. Deposit was already made.

**Literature Committee:** Vance S. – No report:

**Corrections:** Michael B. –  
No Report

**Good and welfare:**

Joyce B.: Afternoon Alkies is opening their doors on Tues. at 12:30

Jerry C. Celebrating 12 years of marriage

Brenda W. Celebrating 7 years in her chair

Edd B. Celebrating 17 years of sobriety on 5/30

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

Respectfully submitted:

Karen K., Board Secretary