

Akron Intergroup Council Meeting – August 2, 2020

The meeting at Paradise Club 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: (32) Afternoon Alkies, As a Matter of Fact, Carry this Message, Cornerstone to Sobriety, Evening Reflections, Journey to Progress, Just for Today, Keep it Simple Big Book 12x12, King School Group #1, Medina Tuesday Night, Medina 12 Step, Mid-Day Serenity, Morning Meditation, One Step at a Time, Peninsula 12&12, PPG, Serenity Through Recovery, Silver Lake Involvement, Sober Surroundings, Sons of Ebby, Steps and Beyond, Sunday Night 12&12, The Broad Highway Group, The Turning Point, Thursday Closed Women's, Towers Discussion, Trusted Servants, Women's Wisdom, Wednesday Night Mixed Discussion

Secretary's Report: Karen K. –

A motion was made to waive reading of the Secretary's Report for both May and June. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Executive Board Report: Nick B. – No report

Old Business: None

New Business: Nick B.-

Elections were held for out-going positions of the Board.

Elections: for Vice Chair:

First Vote: Bill M. 16 votes; Tryna K. 7 votes, Joyce B. 8 votes

Second vote: Bill 24 votes, Joyce B. 8 votes

Bill M. has been elected as Vice Chair of the Board.

Nick announced that Pete S. needed to step down from Trustee position on the board. Joyce B. was asked if she would step in and she agreed.

Joyce B. elected as 2nd year Trustee.

Tim was appointed as Treasurer for second term by Chair Nick B. and it was unanimously approved by council.

Uncontested positions:

Trustee: Dusty S.

Members-at-large: Randy A., Jack B., Katie K.

Treasurer's Report: Tim Q. –

May report – individual and group contributions were up, however we ended \$17,000 neg for May. June – Founder's Day, Group contributions down from last year. Numbers are down as expected. June is a lot better however than it could have been. Founders' Day, Donations, and Fund Drive all helped. Have not needed to go into prudent reserve, but we will be cutting it close and it will be a tough year.

Tim made a request to move \$40,000 from prudent reserves into operating account to serve as a cushion in case it is needed. Discussion ensued and ultimately, group voted on and passed a motion to move. Encouraged everyone to contribute as you can.

Founders' Day: Jeff C.

Next meeting will be Monday – should have final numbers by then.

Approx. \$53,000 will be transferred over. Need to figure out what we'll do next year. Founders Day committee voted that all speakers chosen for 2020 will remain the same for 2021.

Nominating Committee Dan F. not present – no report
No report

Archives: Jim B.- not present. Nick B. reported from Board meeting:
Committee is still meeting on Wednesdays at the office. Making improvements on the archives display. Latest batch of pictures sent to framer. This will use up the remainder of the donation from the International women's Conference. Tours have resumed: 3 groups, 2 from Las Vegas, 2 from NY and 2 from CA.

General Service: Val D. – From Board meeting:

On July 18, 2020 Seven of us meet at Pilgrims' United Methodist C
We discussed Concept 7 and Tradition 7 and the importance of understanding our Traditions.
DCM REPORTS WERE PASSED. Discussed the Spring/Fall seminar. It was suggested that we might find some new volunteers from the Morning Meditation Group. Matt suggested a flyer for Gratitude Sunday. Vincent wanted to table Gratitude Sunday until next month. I told them with our current Covid Restrictions, there would be no seed money for Gratitude Sunday as it will be virtual.

Area 54 Zoom meeting on July 19, 2020. Gratitude Sunday was brought up and Heights Hub with Leslie assistance will be hosting Gratitude Sunday. A vote was taken and was unanimously passed.

Intergroup News: Judy Konya –

The August issue is in the process of being mailed. The committee got together in the park to proof the newsletter. The topic for September: Love and Tolerance – it is our code but, are we actually showing it? The deadline for articles is August 10, 2020. The August proofreading is scheduled for August 15, 2020 at Hardesty Park at 9:00.

Information Tech: Judy Konya –

The committee met on July 14, 2020. The committee is reviewing our computer needs for the office and our extra needs for Founder's Day. The goal is to use the office resources the most efficiently. Committee members will be making some calls and report back next month. Our next meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2020.

Intergroup Anniversary: Laura N. – Not present -No report

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

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

No report

Office Committee: Charles S. Not present. Report read by Karen K.

1. Our Office Manager has adjusted the webpage to reflect the mandatory mask requirement put in place by the State of Ohio. Mask and social distancing requirements apply to ALL areas of the building.

2. The Office Manager has authority to determine which volunteers are necessary in the building.
3. The monumental task of handling our Founder's Day retail/mail-order sales has been completed by the office staff.
4. Greg and Cheryl would like to extend their appreciation for the additional 5 days applied to their time off. The Board is grateful for all their extra work and unpaid hours put in while coping with the pandemic.
5. There are certain volunteers at office consistently, and helped tremendously: Cassie, Catherine, Bill

Answering Service: Dan F. – not present. Reported by Karen K.

The answering service had 48 calls for meetings and 105 calls for other reasons. There was 1 call about Founder's Day, and 1 male 12 step call.

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

Group donations YTD are about the same as last year. Individual donations are way up; \$14,381.86 vs \$2,875.59.

Treatment Facilities: Jerry C. –

Community Oriented Recovery PLUS – (C.O.R.E.) is opening on Market & Portage Path. A 30- person intensive outpatient program. We are currently working with them on what A.A. materials and other assistance we can provide for them. They will open a regular daytime A.A. meeting at that location in the near future.

BrightView Treatment is opening a branch at 999 N. Main St. Akron -an intensive outpatient program. One of 24 facilities in Ohio. Our Chairman has received a tour of the facility. We are currently working with them to determine which of our materials may be helpful.

We continue to request Grapevine Magazines from our members. If you do not subscribe, please do so and bring your print copies to the Intergroup Office once a year. This is the ONLY A.A. message reaching many of these patients in facilities during this pandemic.

If you wish to know more about the Treatment Committee's service work to see if it is something you would like to help us with, please contact the Intergroup Office and they will connect you with us.

Group Services: Lynette J. –

Have had no meetings – no report

Intergroup Picnic: Lynette J. – Cannot get our deposit back. Group discussed waiting to make a decision until we have a better idea whether we can proceed or not.

Literature Committee: Vance S. – No report:

Corrections: Michael B. –

Corrections Committee met on July 18th at 10:00am at Oak Park in Cuyahoga Falls.

4 were in attendance. Jail are still reluctant opening for A.A. meeting and accepting literature. C.B.C.F. is open for men's and women's meetings. Next Corrections Committee Meeting will be August 15th @ 10:00am at Oak Park in Cuyahoga Falls.

Good and welfare:

Jim B. Celebrated 30 years on July 11th,

John: Celebrated 28 years

Jeff: July 30th celebrated 2 years

Lynette: Asking for prayers for Kevin. He is going back for brain surgery to attempt to remove remainder of brain tumor and attempt to save his eye.

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The Council meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen K., Board Secretary