

Akron Intergroup Council Meeting – September 13, 2020

The meeting at Paradise Club was opened at 1:05pm 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: (28) A New Freedom, Akron Men's Big Book, Carry this Message, East Akron, Fairlawn, Fresh Start, Golden Link, How are You Today, Journey to Progress, King School Group #1, Ladies night out, Mid- Day Serenity, Mogadore Thursday, North Hills Men's Group, Medina 12Step, Morning Meditation, Peninsula 12&12, PPG, Serenity Through Recovery, Silver Lake Involvement, Steps and Beyond, Sunday Night 12&12,*Sunday in Paradise, Sunday Serenity Discussion, The Broad Highway Group, Thursday Closed Women's, Towers Discussion, Trusted Servants, Wednesday Night Mixed Discussion

Secretary's Report: Karen K. –

A motion was made to waive reading of the Secretary's Report for August. Motion was seconded. Report was accepted as written and approved unanimously.

Executive Board Report: Nick B. – No report

Old Business: None

New Business: Nick B.-

Will no longer be able to meet at St. Thomas. Need to discuss if we're going to stay at Paradise club. Time change to 12Noon needs to be bought to vote from groups.

Nick introduced guest Steve Lanza to discuss adding daily morning meditation zoom meeting to the intergroup list. Discussion included concern about this since many members are outside the 5 -county area. Bill M. Stated he spoke with our rep to NY and this is an issue that has been brought up by multiple groups. Will be having a meeting to come to a decision in order to provide guidance. Council made a motion to wait on vote until guidance is provided. Motion seconded, and unanimously approved.

NY rep email: Jeffw.aa.org

Treasurer's Report: Tim Q. –

The Numbers for July are as expected. Office sales are at 30% compared to other years. We will probably end the year right around 30%. Founders Day brought in 66% of the surplus projected in the budget. The 12-step fund drive is doing well, and it may far exceed its budget projections.

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– no report

Archives: Jim B.-

Display board “L” is completed, and “M” is nearing completion. The scanning project of IO Committee binders is starting and will take a few months. When completed, its digital component will be “Main Framed” and committee volunteers will be able to access from main office screens. The newspaper scanning is completed up to 2007 at present. The archives committee operations manual of March 25, 2006 is being discussed and updated.

Gene M: Had tour this past week (14 from Macon GA.) which provided us with \$400 worth of sales after the tour. Charles suggested we visit the issue later with office committee.

General Service: Val D. –

Mark E., Trustee of the ECR Board meeting stated these are difficult times. Literature sales are down; had to tap into their prudent reserves of 13M, due to the Change of Forum: Change Everything to a virtual format. Audit Conference Report up and moving forward. Grapevine subscriptions are up, sales of La Vina are up, Enterprise resource # via My Portal : GSC: 4 days in a row. He suggested that we postpone any and all larger gatherings for 1st and 2nd half of 20&21. General Service Board to involve General Service Conference canceled, going to a virtual format. Spirit of Rotation of Service. My Portal should be up and running by 12/15/20.

Joyce asked if there will be an area 54 Gratitude meeting. Val reported yes. Can go to website for details: Area54.org.

Intergroup News: Katie K.

Met with former chairperson, Judy Konya, on 9/6 over zoom. Sept. 19th date set for proofreading. Two members have left the committee. Currently have 5 members for proofing and 3 for mailing.

Information Tech: Randy A.– Not present – No report

Intergroup Anniversary: Jack B. new chairman – no report
Will be checking in with St. Sebastian’s

Public Info/CPC: Michael B.

CPC Committee First meeting scheduled to meet Sept 19th at noon at the intergroup office. Have new people on committee. We have drafted a mailer and informative letter to launch our outreach to professionals.

Volunteers welcome.

New Year’s Eve Dance: Jack Beegle– new chairman – no report

Office Committee: Charles S.

No Report

Commented that Covid restrictions are still in place on the honor system. Stated if members are not compliant, the office may need to go more restrictive.

Answering Service: Bill M.

12 Step Calls: 1 Male - 1 Female

Meeting Calls: 39

Other Calls: 79

Total Calls: 120

12 Step Fund Drive: Michael B.

All members attended meeting. Trustees met August 29th at the intergroup office. We have gathered a list of meetings that have reopened and will be reaching out to deliver packets. There are approx. 149 groups meeting in person currently. The new Trustee flyer is tentatively scheduled to go out in the mailer and newsletter in October.

Always looking for volunteers.

Next 12 step fund drive meeting scheduled to meet at the Intergroup office Sept. 19th at 9am

Treatment Facilities: Jerry C.

Phone meeting with Director and Manager of Touch Stones regarding their inventory of A.A. Big Books and 12 & 12 books. We will supply them with additional 12 & 12 books for the women to use while they are in residence. The weekly Zoom meeting conducted by Sandi C. is going very well.

We continue to seek Grapevine magazines for our fellowship. Please consider subscribing to print copy and bring your used magazines to the Office once a year so we can distribute them to our local treatment facilities.

New detox in Portage County. Will have more info next meeting.

Group Services: Dusty S.

-First committee meeting is September 19, 2020 at 10:00am.

- Two AAs, A Member at Large, and a Trustee or two have expressed interest in being part of the committee

-One AA mentioned they would like to have something to read when visiting meetings; see draft below.

-Various information has been collected from Akron Intergroup's website, Area 54, as well as from Conference approved literature and service material; to serve as a reference base for composing the Group Services Committee Guidelines.

-The Group Services Committee Guidelines will be a working draft until the chairperson has more experience in the position.

Hello, I am a volunteer for the Group Services Committee from Akron Intergroup.

The Group Services Committee acts as liaison between Akron Intergroup Council and AA Groups. It is our committee's responsibility to promote fellowship and unity between the Intergroup Council, Intergroup Office, and Home Groups in the service area.

Is there anything that Akron Intergroup can do to assist your meeting? Please let me know and I will take it to our committee.

The Group Services Committee is also responsible to collect current group information. The benefits of making sure your group's information is current with the Akron Intergroup Office include:

- A correct group listing in the printed and online directories
- A vote at the monthly Intergroup Council meeting

- Weekly mailings of the current lead sheet and area flyers
- One free copy of the Intergroup Newsletter each month
- A \$200 credit limit at the Intergroup Office store

You can provide information changes about your home group to me after the meeting by filling out a Group Changes Form, or you can do it online at AkronAA.org

John D. Suggested sending information directly to intergroup reps' emails rather than going through secretaries.

Intergroup Picnic: Joyce B.

Discussed having picnic be the kick-off for the 12-step fund drive next year. Will have packets there. Will be reaching out to members to join the committee.

3rd Sat of Nov. (21st) will be first picnic committee meeting at 1pm at intergroup office.

Literature Committee: Vance S.

No report. Committee will resume meetings in October.

Corrections: Michael B.

3 people attended. Corrections Committee met August 18th at 10am @ Oak Park.

CBCF is still open for AA meetings.

Summit County Jail is reopening. Some restrictions on Literature (except books) Only 2 people allowed per visit.

Next Corrections Committee meeting will be held at the intergroup office on Saturday Sept. 19th at 11am.

Good and welfare:

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John M. Celebrated 43 years sobriety.

Dee celebrated 38 years

Dean Aug 3rd 28 years

The Council meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen K., Board Secretary