

Akron Intergroup Council Meeting – October 4, 2020

This hybrid Zoom/in-person meeting at Paradise Club was opened at 1:00pm by Vice Chairman Bill M. 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: (26) *A New Freedom, *Akron Men's Big Book, *Carry this Message, *East Akron, *Fairlawn, *Flame Breakfast Group, *Golden Link, *Journey to Progress, *Keep it Simple Big Book, *King School Group #1, *Mogadore Thursday, *North Hills Men's Group, *Medina 12Step, *Medina Tuesday Night, *North Hills Men's Group, *Redemption Recovery, *Serenity Through Recovery, *Silver Lake Involvement, *Steps and Beyond, *Sunday Night 12&12, *Sunday in Paradise, *Sunday Women's Big Book, *Thursday Closed Women's, *Trusted Servants, *Waters Park, *Wednesday Night Mixed Discussion

Secretary's Report: Karen K. –

No quorum – unable to vote on accepting minutes as written.

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 August are as expected. We are currently only 1800 dollars in the negative for the year which is a win considering the circumstances. I am also submitting the 2021 Budget for board approval.

No quorum – unable to vote on approval of treasurer's report.

Founders' Day: Jeff C. Not present. Report given by Mary

Next meeting will be October 12th. Planning going forward with hopes of having live Founder's Day event June 11, 12, and 13th, 2021.

Nominating Committee– no report

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Archives: Jim B.- Not present. Report given by Gene M.

Scanning of collection is continuing with John's completion of the "12th Step Fund Drive" and is now working on the second standing committee, "Group Services". Chris has completed the newspaper clipping scanning and has started the "NY Friends" boxes.

Update of the hallway displays are continuing. Our budget was turned in 2 weeks ago.

October has a few small tours scheduled at this time. The NAAAW webinar was attended by 2 committee members and it is viewable by any interested members at: NAAAW.org. It is highly informative with interactive audio, visuals, and tutorials on many disciplines of archival work.

Next meeting will be October 21st, at 12noon at the office.

General Service: Val D. – Report sent was read by Karen:

On October 26, Area 54 said that they would be having a small gathering at South Park Mall and a Zoom meeting for AMD elections in November.

Intergroup News: Katie K. Not present. No report.

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

Intergroup Anniversary: Jack B. no report

Will be setting up a meeting with Nick to discuss options.

No report

Public Info/CPC: Michael B.- Not present. Report read by Karen K.

CPC and Volunteers met Sept 19 at the intergroup office. Created a Plan to reach out to the Professional Community. Committee volunteers created a compression list of Judges, P.O.s, courts, libraries, police stations, and have created an Informative letter asking for a meeting describing what we do, what we don't do and how we can help.

Next CPC letter is Oct 17 at the intergroup office at noon.

New Year's Eve Dance: Jack Beegle– no report

Will be setting up a meeting with Nick to discuss options.

Office Committee: Charles S.

No Report

Answering Service: Bill M.

September calls:

12 Step Calls - 1 Female

Meetings - 18

Other - 49

Total - 68

12 Step Calls Jan.- Sept.:

12 Male

4 Female

12 Step Fund Drive: Michael B. – Not present. Report given by Karen K.

Trustees and volunteers met Sept. 19 at the intergroup office.

We have touched base with most groups in cooperation and with the help of group services.

Trustees and volunteers met and packed envelopes with 12 step fund drive packets and mailed them to all groups.

Next 12 step Fund drive is: Oct 17 at the intergroup office at 9am.

Treatment Facilities: Jerry C.

The Root House men's treatment facility in Ravenna now has 4 weekly in-person A.A. meetings of varying formats. Steve W. has taken on the role of facility coordinator for us to help see that A.A. volunteers are in place where needed, leads are obtained, and literature needs are monitored. Thank you, Steve!

Our committee Zoom meeting went very well. Joe C. has joined our committee and will be assisting with Root House, and also working towards a county-wide coordinator role. He has volunteered to put our database into a better format that we can all share. Thank you, Joe!

Our call to the fellowship for Grapevine magazines continues. Please subscribe to print copy and once per year drop them off at the Intergroup Office. They are much needed and appreciated at the area treatment facilities.

The next Treatment Committee meeting will be held on Zoom on Wednesday October 28th at 7:00 p.m. Zoom access codes will be available on the Intergroup Office website. Anyone interested in our service work is welcome to attend without obligation.

Group Services: Dusty S.

We had our committee meeting on September 19th. Five were in attendance. We discussed and have made progress on contacting groups to make sure their information is up to date and have collected some emails. We are continuing reaching out to meetings and will draft a group services email. Updated group member list in excel

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 be October 21st at 6pm in the office.

There is a new group involved with Oriana house and is going much better.

Corrections: Michael B.- Not present. Report read by Karen K.

Correction Committee met Sept. 19 at the Intergroup office.

Facilities are reopening and asking for AA meetings and volunteers.

Detox is holding one meeting a day and is in need of volunteers.

Next corrections committee mtg. will receive a thorough treasurer report, in order to discuss future budgets.

Next Corrections Committee meeting will be October 17th @ 11am at the intergroup office.

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Melissa C: Group Carry This Message Will be held on Sunday at 5pm (Zoom only). It is an adventure meeting, i.e. will be hosted at different locations. The first meeting is today from Dr. Bob's house.

Amanda F.: Keep it Simple Big Book is held on Thursdays at 8pm. at Paradise club. Need members to attend or group will have to close.

Vance S: Waters Park moving back- 6pm. Use front entrance. United Methodist Fairlawn Monday at Hardesty – last meeting this week.

Jerry: Practicing These Principles Meeting this Sat at 7pm will not be meeting

Gene M. Akron Men's is moving to Thursday instead of Wednesday at 5:30pm. 10 people allowed.

Mary: Requests prayers for Juanita W. – lost her mother this week.

The Council meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Karen K., Board Secretary