

Akron Intergroup Council Meeting – November 1, 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: (44) A New Freedom, Akron Men's Big Book, Aurora Friendly Group, Carry this Message, Cuyahoga Falls, East Akron, Dry People Mid-Day, Dr People's Wed. Night, Fairlawn, Faith and Hope, Flame Breakfast Group, Fresh Start, Golden Link, Good Year, Hobos in the Park, How are You Today?, Hudson 12 Step Study Group, , Journey to Progress, Keep it Simple Big Book, Kenmore Group, King School Group #1, Ladies Big Book Study, Mogadore Thursday, Morning Meditation, North Hills Men's Group, Norton Big, Medina 12Step, Medina Tuesday Night, Mid-Day Serenity, North Hampton, North Hills Men's Group, Norton P.P.G., 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, Thursday Men's, Trusted Servants, Wednesday Night Mixed Discussion , Western Reserve 12&12

Secretary's Report: Karen K. –

A motion was made to waive the reading of both the September and October Secretary's report. Secretary's report for both September and October were accepted as written by a unanimous vote.

Executive Board Report: Nick B. – No report

Old Business: None

New Business: Nick B.-

Bylaws Change: Changing time of Council meeting. Change to the following:

The monthly meeting of Council shall start at a time to be determined by a vote of the Council Representatives and last no more than one and one-half hours unless the time is extended by vote of the Council.

Discussion: One group proposed leaving time in the bylaws to be clear to all groups.

Another group suggested changing venue instead of time since people want to go to church.

Bill M.: Need to vote today.

John D.: Made a motion to accept procedural change as written. 37 yay, 7 nay. Motion passed
Motion made to change time to 12 noon. Approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Tim Q. –

The Numbers for September are as expected. Hopeful. On pace to end the year using just \$20,000-\$40,000 of prudent reserve. Donations in September leveled off to where we were last September. Golf outing brought in approximately \$2,500.

August Report accepted as written. Treasurer's report accepted as written.

2021 Budget: Proposed to get budget out one month early. Will vote next month.

Opportunities for questions: No Questions

Founders' Day: Jeff C.

Will be meeting Monday at Intergroup office and Zoom. Are waiting until December to make any spending decisions. U of Akron is approving the venue. We plan to do hybrid: In-person and on zoom.

Nominating Committee– no report

Archives: Jim B.-

The new display wall panels up to “O” have been completed. John D. and Chris B. are continuing their scanning projects. Mary K. is continuing her filing of Grapevines and new “papers and the organizing of new framing for the display panels. Gene is monitoring all work and helping to smooth the flow of all work. There is still no word from GSO on the decision of historical photo from 2020 International that was cancelled. Small group touring is continuing on an almost daily regularity.

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

On October 17, 2020, we had a hybrid meeting. 8 people in attendance live and 2 in attendance via Zoom. Chet J. did the presentation on Concept 10. Carl B. did the presentation on Tradition 10. Secretaries’ report was heard and accepted as presented. Gaeri B turned in her P.O. Box to Christen B. Flyer for Gratitude Sunday will be paid for by AMD. Christen B. gave the Financial report and informed Vincent W. that she will be resigning. Gaeri B. stated that she will also be taking some time off from service work.

Intergroup News: Katie K.

Jack B. is taking over as chair. Proofing set for second lastNext meeting is Nov 28th at 9a.m.

Information Tech: Randy A.–

Met on October 13th. Founders Day:

Discussion was held about the following

1. Turning off ‘chat’ for virtual format
2. Considering YouTube as hosting format
3. Monitoring access to virtual Founders Day meetings for paid registrants only.
4. On-line store, shipping and storage complications
5. Increasing online traffic handling for online store
6. Planning for duel in-person / virtual Founders Day

ARCHIVES

1. Discussed and confirmed ability to post archive videos on website.
2. Discussion was had regarding possibility of having technology (tablet/iPad) onsite at the Archives to create a more interactive experience for those who do not have a smart phone.

Intergroup Anniversary: Jack B. no report

Katie K. is taking over chair

Public Info/CPC: Michael B.-

CPC Committee met October 17 at the intergroup office. We are currently compiling a mass contact list for all pc and will be sending a CPC letter soon. List is extensive – creating spread
Next meeting will be 3rd Sat in November.

Jim B. Questioned if Airports were on list. Mike will take into consideration.

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

Per Nick – Will probably not have NYE dance this year.

Office Committee: Charles S.

No Report

Answering Service: Bill M.

Total Calls: 60

Meetings: 20

Other: 40

12 Step: 0

Would like to request volunteers to answer phones. Call intergroup office if you're interested.

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

12 step fund drive committee and volunteers met on October 17 at 9am at the intergroup office. Sent out the first Trustee flyer highlighting the intergroup office. All 12 step fund drive packets have been sent out and groups have been contacted. Considering raffles.

Group donations down, individual contributions increased. Final tally last year did not come in until December. Expecting the same this year.

Treatment Facilities: Jerry C.

1. Our Portage County Coordinator, Joe C. along with Ryan P. have visited 6 treatment facilities to support our service connections and evaluate ways we can continue to serve them.

Horizon House – Ravenna – Women's 10 bed facility would like to have a woman A.A. volunteer to start a meeting.

Root House – Ravenna – 10 bed men's facility

Meetings are now running most days. Special thanks to Steve W., Denny, and Shawn, and also to Matt G. who will add a Friday mtg. in Nov. They would like an A.A. volunteer to start a Big Book study meeting, and also an additional meeting on Tuesdays after 5:00 p.m.

Town Hall 2 &

Family & Community Services. of Portage County

Visits and offers of literature and meetings have been made to both facilities.

Compass Recovery Center remains closed due to COVID should reopen before then end of the year.

Community Medical Services, formerly Restorative Health and Recovery is looking for a man or woman A.A. volunteer to start a daytime meeting Tues., Wed., or Thurs. between 8a – 3:30 p.m.

This is a non-residential MAT-based site/program.

Our local treatment community needs your help! Anyone looking to help our Treatment Committee with these service work opportunities please contact the Akron Intergroup Office at 330-253-8181 or by email at info@akronaa.org

2. We continue to request Grapevine magazines from our Fellowship for use in Treatment facilities. If you do not subscribe to print copy please consider doing so. Once per year, bring your copies to the Akron Intergroup Office.
3. Our next Treatment Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday Dec. 2nd. at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. You may find the codes on Akron Intergroup Office website. Everyone is welcome.

Jerry reported the committee guidelines committee

Group Services: Dusty S.

No Report

Need to get back to making calls to groups. Went through online meetings –audited.

Bill M. went through all morning meetings to assess access. Some (approximately 10%) were found to have no ID or were no longer meeting.

Intergroup Picnic: Joyce B.

If you want to be a part of the committee, we will meet on November 21, 2020 at 9a.m.

Will discuss getting structure to the meeting.

Literature Committee: Vance S.

No report Committee will be Nov 18th at 6pm in the office.

There is a new book: Soul of Sponsorship. Committee is meeting to read and review.

Corrections: Michael B.-.

Corrections Committee met on Oct. 17th at 11am at the intergroup office. Women's CBCF volunteers have opted out (resigned) and we are in need of a few women volunteers to go to the women's facility weekly.

Detox 1/day from 3/day.

Discussed budget and as the facilities and meetings are opening, we need to make sure all meetings have an orange jail can.

Anyone interested should come to scheduled meeting.

Good and welfare:

Jim B: Prayers for Step brother-in law Gene C. passed
AA member lost her baby – prayers for the family.

The Council meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen K., Board Secretary