

Akron Intergroup Council Meeting – December 7, 2020

This hybrid Zoom/in-person meeting at Paradise Club was opened at 12:10 pm 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 present.

Groups in Attendance: (31) Akron Men's Big Book, Carry this Message, Cigar Smokers Big Book Study, Cuyahoga Falls, East Akron, Fairlawn, Keep it Simple Big Book, Kenmore Group, King School Group #1, Ladies Big Book Study, Medina 12Step, Medina Tuesday Night, Mid-day Serenity, Mogadore Thursday Morning Discussion, North Hills Men's Group, North Hampton, Norton Big Book, One Day at a Time, Ravenna Sobriety Checkpoint, Serenity Big Book Study, Serenity Through Recovery, Silver Lake Involvement, Sons of Ebby, Steps and Beyond, Sunday in Paradise, Sunday Night 12 & 12, Thursday Closed Women's, Thursday Night Men's Non-Smoking, Trusted Servants, Wednesday Night Mixed Discussion, Western Reserve 12&12 Discussion

Secretary's Report: Karen K. –

A motion was made to waive the reading of the November Secretary's report. Secretary's report was accepted as written by a unanimous vote.

Executive Board Report: Nick B. – Not present; no report

Old Business:

1. Jim B., Archivist, reported changes to the bylaws related to Article VI, Duties of Committees. Propose removing 3- year sobriety requirement and rotation requirements (changed to ACTIVE members). A motion was made to approve amendments, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote. It was noted that changes are outlined in document on the website under council meeting documents.
2. Tim Q. reported the budget for 2021 was figured conservatively. Has received no questions from members over the last month. Opened the floor for comments/questions. No questions were posed. A motion was made to accept the budget as written, was seconded and with no oppositions, was passed with a unanimous vote.

New Business: Bill M.

Bill reported that Chairman Nick B. needs to step down. Based on past precedence, the Vice Chair will assume the duties of the chairman for the remainder of the term which is 7 months. John D. stated Open Motions need updated as they have not been updated in some time. Karen K. reported she has a copy of the living document and has kept it up to-date. Will send copy with the December minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Tim Q. –

The numbers through October 31st look good all things considered. We operated in the black in October. We are about 11 k in the negative for the year and are on pace to end between 20 and 40 k in the red. May not have to move prudent reserve to operating account.

Founders' Day: Jeff C.

Not present. Next meeting will be at the Intergroup Office on Dec. 7th at 7pm.

Archives: Jim B.-

Display panel “P” is prepared for its completion, and panel “Q” has been removed and stripped of its covering for final sanding and wall papering. There are still visitors arriving and some are scheduled for touring.

Our volunteer, Chris B., is still under the weather, but John D. is forging ahead with the scanning projects under Gene M.’s guidance. Mary K. will be delivering the items to fill the “P” panel soon and she continues work on Grapevines and other papers to file.

Recently, an Akron Street Directory from 1941 was donated by Gary Z. of Gainesville, Florida. Many changes in Akron have been made since then.

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

AMD will not be meeting in person again until Jan. 2021. On November 15, it was my pleasure to attend Gratitude Sunday. Past Delegate Jamie Bailey presented a brief history on Gratitude Sunday. This was a luncheon which was discontinued in 1967. The first speaker was Peggy R. from Baltimore. She is a past delegate and past trustee. She said that in recovery she has a series of surrenders and finds that now Gratitude is where she chooses to live. Sr. Judith Ann K., a class A trustee on the General Service Board of AAWSB, have a personal history of Sr Ignatia. Sr. Ignatia joined the Sisters of Charity in 1917. She met Dr. Bob in the 1920's. Sr. Ignatia was the director of admitting at St. Thomas hospital. Also, she did major work at Rosary Hall in Cleveland to get their program up and running. Sr. Ignatia returned to the grounds of the Sisters of Charity. She was 90 when she died. The final speaker was Class B trustee Mark E. who continues to serve as an archivist for his local area. This is his last year as a trustee and he needs to appoint 8 new trustees. Mr. Arnold R. was the last speaker for the afternoon. He stressed the importance of rotation of service so that all that would like to serve may be given that opportunity.

Intergroup News: Jack B.

- 1) December Newsletter went out on time. (500 subscriptions)
- 2) January Topic (Winter Blues- What do you do? How to cope? Anything AA!!!)
- 3) Committee participation- Do you have anything to report or write about?
(please reach out by 12/11 deadline)
- 4) Proof reading will be Saturday 12/19 @ 9am.

Information Tech: Randy A.–

No report. Unable to attend meeting

Intergroup Anniversary: Katie K.

Not present. Jack B. stated will probably not be able to hold event. Will meet with Bill M. to discuss.

Public Info/CPC: Michael B.-

Not present. Dusty reported the committee has gone through the process of collecting contact info. For lawyers, judges in the 5-county area. List was given to Mike B. Letter drafted which describes information about AA and its functions.

New Year's Eve Dance: Katie K.

Not present; no report. Jack B. stated we will probably not be able to hold the event. Will discuss with Bill M.

Office Committee: Charles S.

No Report. Will be sending annual office personnel evaluation forms to board members for completion electronically. Members are to complete, scan, and return. Alternate method is to return forms via mail.

Answering Service: Bill M.

Total Calls - 71

12 Step Calls - 1

Meeting Calls - 32

Other - 38

Bill is asking for volunteers from Council to answer phones during off hours.

12 Step Fund Drive: Michael B. – Not present.

No report.

Treatment Facilities: Jerry C.

1. Root House – Ravenna – 10 bed men's residential facility would like A.A. volunteer help to run meetings on Tuesdays and Wednesdays after 5:00 p.m. Big Book based format for 1 meeting.
2. Horizon House – Ravenna – women's residential facility would like A.A. volunteer help to run Zoom meetings on various days.
 - Please contact the Akron Intergroup Office if you can help us with either of these requests.
3. Our ongoing campaign to put Grapevine Magazines in treatment facilities needs your help. Please consider subscribing to print copy and once a year bring your used magazines to the Intergroup Office.
4. January Treatment Committee meeting via Zoom to be posted later.

Group Services: Dusty S.

The Group Services Committee met on November 21 at 10 am. The meeting is being moved to 9 am, the next meeting will be December 19th.

We discussed how quickly group information is changing with everything going on and decided to put the efforts to contact individual groups on hold. Instead we drafted a flyer to ask the groups to update the office as soon as their information changes. The flyer also asks if the Group Services Committee can be of service to their group.

Intergroup Picnic: Joyce B.

Joyce is working with the 12 step fund drive, the PI/CPC, GROUP SERVICES, and the Corrections committees. Goal is to set up booths at the picnic from each committee. Create info poster boards describing work of each committee. Will raise funds by offering a raffle at each booth. Pavilion is reserved for August 15, 2021.

Literature Committee: Vance S.

Not present. Report given by Jim B. A new book, The Soul of Sponsorship is available for purchase. Two new bronze coins are also available. There will be a sale from Dec. 1 – Dec. 24 for all purchases. Reduction will be 5% of cost. Design of pin for Founder's Day has been approved. Colors will be determined after badge ribbon colors are chosen. Next meeting will be Dec. 16th at 6pm in the office.

Corrections: Michael B.-.

Not present. Report given by Dusty S. Still not letting members in jails in Summit County. Need women to take meetings to Glenwood.

Good and welfare:

Jim B: Prayers for Matt H. whose mother passed away.

Joyce B: Prayers for sister Donna.

Gene M: Prayers for Greg K. whose mother-in-law passed away.

Melissa C.: Homegroup is Carry this message. Second group, Practice the Principles, will be added on Fridays at 6pm.

The Council meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen K., Board Secretary