

Akron Intergroup Council Meeting – February 7, 2021

This hybrid Zoom/in-person meeting at Paradise Club was opened at 12:00 pm by Chairman Dan F. 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) Akron Men's Big Book Study Group, East Akron, Barberton Big Book, Faith & Hope, Fresh Start, Highland Square Turn the Page, Hudson Terex PM, Kenmore Group, King School Group #1, Medina 12 Step, Mid Day Serenity, Mogadore Thursday Morning Discussion, Morning Meditation, North Hill Men's Group, North of Akron, Northampton, One Step at a Time, P.P.G., Serenity Big Book Study, Silver Lake Involvement, Sons of Ebby, Steps & Beyond, Sunday in Paradise, Sunday Night Twelve and Twelve, Thursday Closed Women's, Trusted Servants.

Secretary's Report: Karen K. – No motion to accept report – no quorum

Treasurer's Report: Tim Q. – No motion to accept report – no quorum.

Executive Board Report: Dan F. – No report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Founders' Day: Jeff C. – The committee met Feb 1 with Akron University, which said it could not commit to holding on-site Founders' Day in June. Therefore we are going to hold this year's Founders' Day online as was done last year. The committee is going to meet before its next scheduled meeting to work on the format and speakers for the event. Updates will be posted on the website.

Archives: Jim B. – Location – Intergroup Office. The "R" board is down with the "S" and "T" boards to be completed in sequence. The Scanner Chris fell last week and hurt his back. Scanner John is working on the sixth committee box, which is IGNews, is almost done. NOTICE: No committee papers can be entered into a completed committee box without being scanned first. Gene, Mary and Jim are organizing the images and frames to be used on the "R" "S" and "T" boards. The next meeting will be held May 5, 2021 at noon at the Intergroup Office.

General Service: Val D. – Not present

Intergroup News: Jack B. – The February newsletter went out on time. The March deadline is Monday, 2/15/2021. Proof reading will be Saturday 2/20/2021 at 9:00 AM. Keep the letters coming...Thank You All!

Information Tech: Greg K.– Held on Zoom: Greg K., Peter M., Tim M., Wes M. - 1/12/2021
The committee spent some time trying out different options for having an ASL interpreter appear on screen along with a "speaker" as a potential solution for Founders' Day. We also discussed some options for distributing the Zoom meeting id / password in a way that will not cause the same website issues we had during the past Virtual Founders' Day. Tim and Greg are going to work on some website code to facilitate that. Tim and Peter are researching the options and costs associated with wireless upgrade for the office. Our current system has become too outdated to support the new security protocols that are widely used. We believe a full upgrade will cost

about \$200. We plan on presenting our recommendation to the Executive Board after our February meeting.

Intergroup Anniversary: Jack B. – The Executive Board decided to have the Anniversary Dinner on Sunday 4/25/2021. Venue will be all inclusive in price (food, service) Price: \$20-\$25 per person. We need to decide on a Speaker/Lead and the festivities (50/50, money tree, raffles, prizes, dual-zoom format etc.). A meeting will be held on Zoom 2/13/2021 at 10:00 AM.

Public Info/CPC: Michael B.- The committee sent letters to 74 corrections facilities and judges to let them know of the CPC/PI committee. Letters will continue to go out to other groups like hospitals and doctors. One judge already has responded to the initial letter.

New Year's Eve Dance: Jack Beegle – Thanks again to everyone that helped and participated in the Virtual New Year's Event. A committee meeting for this year's event will be scheduled later.

12 Step Fund Drive: Michael B. – Total donations to the Intergroup ended the year \$3,000 ahead of 2019. However, January donations were down \$1,800 or 35%. The Fund Drive Committee will be brainstorming additional ideas to make up the deficit throughout the year.

Group Services: Dusty S. – The next committee meeting will be held Feb. 20 at 9:00 AM at the Intergroup Office.

Intergroup Picnic: Joyce B. – The picnic committee has secured a walleye charter as the main door prize. We want to remind the committee chairs to get their committees to brainstorm to create a representation and a raffle prize to be raffled off at the picnic. We want the committees to have representation at the picnic to encourage and attract people to join their committee. We are hoping that each committee uses the picnic as an opportunity to get new blood and to promote AA unity between groups, committees and AA as a whole. While the world is disunited, we ought not be!

Office Committee: Charles S. – Evaluation forms for Staff performance were sent out by email to Board members on January 3rd. Office/HR Committee will meet with Staff and discuss.

Answering Service: Bill M. – Total Calls: 65. Meetings: 24. 12 Step: 3 (males)

Treatment Facilities: Charles S. – Pamphlets are being supplied to Family and Community Services. Portage Co. Root House Portage Co. – In-person mtgs are in progress and being held Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and Sat. 10 Big Books and 10 12 & 12 have been provided for their use as part of our Literature on Loan program. Grapevine magazines and AA pamphlets were also delivered. Horizon House – Ravenna – 2 bi-weekly AA Zoom meetings are being held. There is a call for women to assist with expanding these meetings to weekly. AA pamphlets have been provided and Big Books are onsite. Community Medical Services – Kent – AA pamphlets and Grapevine magazines have been provided. They would like a man or woman to bring an AA meeting to this facility during the day on a weekday. If anyone would like to assist with these service work opportunities please contact our Intergroup Office by phone or email akronaa.org. TownHall II – Kent – AA pamphlets have been provided. Our request for Grapevine magazines continues. Please subscribe to print copy and bring your used magazines to the Office once per year so we can distribute them to residential treatment facilities. Next Treatment Committee meeting will be held by Zoom on Wed. March 3rd at 7:30 codes are available on the Intergroup website at akronaa.org.

Literature Committee: Vance S. – The January committee meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be held Feb. 17 at 6:00 PM at the Intergroup Office.

Corrections: Michael B. – The men’s CBCF facility is still not allowing anyone in from the outside. There is a desperate need for women willing to take meetings into Power Street and CBCF. There currently are no available women.

Good and welfare: - Michael B. had 12 years on 2/1/2021. Vance S. had 7 years on 1/7/2021. Joyce B. had 40 years on 2/2/2021.

The Council meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:
Karen K., Board Secretary