

Akron Intergroup Council Meeting – April 11, 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: (19) Carry This Message! East Akron, Fairlawn, Faith & Hope, Golden Link, Keep it Simple, Kenmore, King School Group #1, Ladies Big Book Study, Lost & Found, Mid-Day Serenity, Silver Lake Involvement, St. Vincent's, Steps & Beyond, Sunday in Paradise, Sunday Nite Twelve and Twelve, Sunday Women's Big Book, Wednesday Night Mixed Discussion, West Side Big Book Study

Secretary's Report: Karen K. – The reading of March Secretary's Report was waived – **no quorum.**

***Treasurer's Report:** Tim Q. – After reviewing the numbers from February. We ended the month \$12,888 in the negative, which is only \$60 more than 2020. No need to worry at this time. We typically are more than \$12,000 in the negative for the month of February.

No motion to accept report – no quorum

Executive Board Report: Dan F. –

Several groups stepping up and working hard on funds.

Founder's Day will be on-line but watch parties are being planned. Firestone park on June 12th is looking promising as a venue. Will have food trucks.

Intergroup office and Dr Bob's house will be fully opened. Gatehouse will be open during normal hours. Fundraising committee and Founder's Day committee will communicate to get everyone on the same page for supporting events.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Founders' Day: Jeff C. –

Planning is going well. Pins have arrived. Founder's Day t-shirts are black and yellow. Schedule is posted on the website. Pins and ribbons are available with donations when registering.

Postcard mailings will be sent next week.

There are 548 registered as of today and \$2, 846 has been donated.

Archives: Jim B. – Location – Intergroup Office. The check for framing of Panel S has been approved and work should soon be completed. The remaining four panels will be removed, wallpapered and rehung as the final designs are approved.

Next Meeting: May 5, 2021 at 12:00 pm at the Intergroup Office

General Service: Val D. –

Intergroup News: Jack B. –

- 1) Seeking volunteers to help with folding and mailing the IG News
Please stop by the office the last week of the month to help!
- 2) Always looking for writers. Feeling creative? - send in an article!

Intergroup Anniversary: Jack B. –

- 1) Everything is coming together nicely.
- 2) If you or your group would like to donate a gift basket there is still time.
- 3) Tickets are still available at the Intergroup Office or online

Next Meeting: There is a Committee Meeting Thursday 4/15 @ 6pm to discuss volunteers and finalize any loose ends before the Event. If you would like to attend or volunteer, please join us. Info is available at Intergroup Office.

New Year's Eve Dance: Paul M. – No report.

Will work on ideas for venues in June/July.

Information Tech: Hugh M. – Not present. Report read by Karen K.

1. Discussed using speaker view for zoom participants at future Intergroup meetings so the people who attend in person can see the people on the screen better.
2. Discussed ZOOM account needs at length – both for Founder's Day and throughout the year:
 - How many accounts do we need? – decided on 3.
 - What number of participants should each account support?
 - Decided to use base level accounts of 500 because that gets us to a You Tube channel for base level
 - WE NEED VOLUNTEERS WITH ZOOM EXPERIENCE TO MONITOR SMALLER MEETING DURING FOUNDER'S DAY.

Discussed the need to handle a huge volume of participants logging on at nearly the same time so that our site does not crash at the start of Founder's Day

- Suggestions included:
 - sending out a direct link to as many people as possible in advance to reduce traffic through our website
 - Renting cloud space to be used just for the day
- 3. Discussed moving to cloud based website once our current equipment ages out
 - Benefits include normalized cost, easier maintenance, and higher security.
- 4. Discussed need for cat-5 wire to hook up new routers for the office. We probably have enough laying around.
- 5. The new chairman wants a gavel. Was informed there is no money in the budget for a gavel.
- 6. Discussed minor changes to the web site to make it easier for those who want to help out the committee chairs find the info they need to **get active**.
 - Possibly a big "GET INVOLVED" button on the home page linking to all the volunteer opportunities.
 - This will only work if committee chairs let the office know what people they need – WHEN, WHERE, HOW LONG, HOW OFTEN.

Answering Service: Bill M. –

Total calls: 94; Meetings: 34; Founders Day: 2; 12 Step Calls: 0

12 Step Calls at Office: 2 (1 male, 1 female) Joyce reached out to female and they are currently going to meetings. The male Bill reached out to ended up in the hospital.

Public Info/CPC: Michael B.- No report

12 Step Fund Drive: Michael B. –

Groups are showing support in Sponsoring fundraising events; Northhampton group is sponsoring a fish fry, Sons of Ebby is sponsoring a barbeque, North Akron is having a large banquet. Primary Purpose Group is sponsoring watch party for Founder's Day.

Group Services: Dusty S. – No report

Challenge getting call list back.

Waiting for reports from volunteers as to which meetings are opening.

Contact interoffice if your group will be returning in-person.

***Intergroup Picnic:** Joyce B. –

Theme:

United we stand !!

A personal hugs n kisses booth was imagined by a participant of the committee. Calling it the "Covid relief hugs n kisses booth" this can be your own booth also...or one you imagine.

Other than that...

Committees keep creating ideas for your booth.

August 15th, 2021 is the date of the picnic.

***Office Committee:** Charles S. –

The Intergroup Office orientation plan for new Board members is now in place and operating. Thank you to Greg for taking this on.

***Treatment Facilities:** Jerry C. –

As several treatment centers are in the process of re-opening for in-person meetings. We are seeking men and women that are willing to take A.A. meetings into these facilities.

Summit County – R.A.M.A.R.

I.B.H.

Wayne County - 180 Inc.

Community Medical Services – Portage County continues their request for a man or woman that can bring a daytime meeting into their facility on a weekday.

If anyone can help us with these service work requests, please contact our committee through the Intergroup Office by phone at 330-253-8181 or by email at info@akronaa.org.

Our Grapevine campaign continues. Please consider subscribing to print copy and bringing your used magazines to the Intergroup Office once per year so we can distribute them to our residential treatment programs.

Anyone curious about service work with our Treatment Committee may attend our meetings.

The next one is Wednesday April 28th at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. Those codes will be posted on the Intergroup Office website.

Literature Committee: Vance S. – Not present.

New small book – Illustrated History of AA is available. Looked at new Founder's Day stamp that will go on all Founder's Day literature.

Corrections: Michael B. –

Corrections committee met on Saturday March 20 at the intergroup office. We had 3 ladies attend who are interested in volunteering at the Orienna House. Only 1 was qualified to volunteer.

Some Facilities are opening back up to AA.

Meetings third Saturday of every month at 9 a.m.

Good and welfare: -

Tim: Sons of Ebby Group is sponsoring picnic on May 15th at Wedgewood United Methodist Church in Akron at 12 p.m. Raffle tickets are being sold at the intergroup office.

Jim B.: New meeting starting on Monday, May 3rd at Immaculate Conception Church in Kenmore. 8p.m. 12&12 study.

Joyce: prayers requested for sister who is moving from hospice to rehab center. Continued prayers for daughter who had successful kidney surgery.

Anniversaries: Dusty S., 6 years; Wanda, 10 years; Dan F., 31 years.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Karen K., Board Secretary