

Akron Intergroup Executive Board Meeting – March 4, 2021

This hybrid Zoom/in-person meeting was opened at 7:00 pm by Chairman Dan Ferguson with the Responsibility Statement, Serenity Prayer, and the reading of the Twelve Traditions. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

Board members in attendance: Karen Komondor, Jerry Coffman, Tim Quinn, Bill Madden Jr., Tim Quinn, Dusty Samples, Jack Beegle, Charles Steiner, Dan Ferguson, Michael Blouir, Vance Stapleton. Paul Meisner and Hugh McDaniel (*See old business below*)

Not present: Katie Kelley, Randy Anders, Joyce Burgess

Others in attendance: Jim Burns, Greg Kennedy, Jeff Capen

Founders' Day: Jeff Capen – The committee is now planning to have multiple Zoom channels so more than one meeting/event can take place at the same time. A full schedule still needs to be developed. There will be a need for additional volunteers who are capable of running / monitoring Zoom meetings during the event. The Founders' Day Committee is now meeting every two weeks to finalize the details of the event.

Old Business: – Members at Large Katie Kelley and Randy Anders had stated they could no longer serve on the Executive Board. **Paul Meisner and Hugh McDaniel were unanimously approved to fill the rest of their terms.**

New Business: – The IT Committee recommended purchasing two new wireless routers to be installed by Greg Kennedy and IT volunteer Tim Myers to provide for the current internet security protocols. Total cost for the project would be near \$170. **A motion was made and unanimously passed to proceed with the project.**

Chairman's Report: Dan Ferguson – Dan stated that he is trying to attend all committee meetings.

Secretary's Report: Karen Komondor – The reading of the February Secretary's Report was waived. **The report was accepted as written by a unanimous vote.**

Treasurer's Report: Tim Quinn – After reviewing the numbers from January, we ended the month \$13,071 in the negative which was more than 2020. No need to worry at this time as we typically are more than \$10,000 in the negative for the month of January. **The report was accepted as written by a unanimous vote.**

Archives: Jim Burns – Location – Intergroup Office. The "R" panel display board is ready to install. The "S" panel needs to be removed for refinishing. Last month we received two boxes from Mallorca, Spain containing about 20 reel-to-reel tapes of mostly AA leads. 8 are believed to be very rare from the GSO Lend & Return era. They will be appraised this Saturday by George & Freddie's Tapes. There were also 13 missing IGNews issues which were from the 1970s along with the February 1990 Board Minutes. Old Intergroup Council reports and newspaper clippings

were also found. Scanning and filing are continuing. We have a tour of four from Des Moines Iowa this Saturday.

General Service: Val Decker – Attended the Area open house for new GSR's on Feb. 20. Ola P. stated that GS will be registering Zoom meetings that have no brick and mortar affiliation. For clarification contact Ola P.

Intergroup News: Jack Beagle – The March issue went out on time. The next proofreading will be Saturday March 20 at 9:00 AM, mailing will be Saturday March 27 at 10:00 AM. We are sending a flyer with the group mailing to try and recruit writers. Please help spread the word!

Information Tech: Bill Madden Jr. – The committee discussed purchasing two new wireless routers for a cost of about \$170 to provide for newer internet security protocols. A discussion was made about ways to handle a large amount of international sales orders during Founders' Day weekend. Rebecca H. said she has experience with international shipping and could help the office develop a plan to account of shipping charges and customs forms.

Intergroup Anniversary: Jack Beagle – The Anniversary will be held Sunday April 25 starting at noon at Guy's Party Center. The committee selected a menu and is working on a schedule of events. Juanita Wilson will be the speaker. We have sold 20 tickets so far, which is a good start. Spread the word and join us!

Office Committee: Charles Steiner – The Office Committee thanked the board members for completing the staff evaluations. The evaluations have been received and recorded.

Public Info/CPC: Michael Blouir – A second judge responded to the Committee's letter to law enforcement stating that the Public Info / CPC committee was available to provide information. The committee is preparing another letter that will go to all the middle and high schools in our five-county area.

New Year's Eve Dance: Jack Beagle – No report.

Intergroup Picnic: Joyce Burgess – The Committee met on Feb. 20. Discussed the booths each committee will have the opportunity to create and how home groups can take advantage and contribute a raffle prize for the Chinese raffle. The picnic spot is reserved at Water Works Park on Monroe Falls Ave for Aug. 15, 2021. Confirmed the picnic's main raffle prize is the walleye fishing charter. The theme of the picnic is "United We Stand." Next meeting is 3/20.

Answering Service: Bill Madden Jr – Total: 55 Meetings: 15 12 Step: 0. Founders' Day: 0.

12 Step Fund Drive: Michael Blouir – There have been 5 groups so far that are planning activities for this year with donations to be given to the Intergroup. The Primary Purpose Group is planning a Watch Party to be held the weekend of Founders' Day at the Intergroup Office. Planning for the event is in the early stages.

Group Services: Dusty S. – The Group Service Committee met February 20 at 9:00 AM. We discussed the list of "question mark" meetings, or meetings with an unknown status in regards to

meeting in person or online. We also reviewed the questions put together by Greg to ask when making calls. There were seven volunteers to reach out to the question mark meetings and we are working at completing the calls this month. The next Group Services Committee meeting will be March 20 at 9:00 AM at the Intergroup Office.

Treatment Facilities: Jerry Coffman – 1. We have distributed a literature catalogue and sample brochures to Cleveland Clinic / Alcohol and Drug Recovery Center – Akron Bellefaire JCB (Jewish Children’s Bureau – Medina) 2. We met with the Summit County Public Health Dept. ADM (Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Board Outreach Director.) Literature Catalogue and sample brochures were given. 3. Portage County Coordinator Update: FCS – Family and Community Services – AA pamphlets now available at FCS. Root House, Ravenna - AA meetings continue in person Tues thru Sat. 10 Big Books and 12 & 12’s are in use from our Literature on Loan program along with Grapevines and brochures. Men leaving Root House have continued to remain active in A.A. and have started a Big Book Meeting on Sunday mornings at Otter House – the sober living house which is associated with Root House. Horizon House, Ravenna – 2 bi-weekly Zoom meetings occur and there is a call for women to help expand that to weekly. Pamphlets and Big Books are onsite. Compass Recovery Center remains closed. Community Medical Services – Grapevines and pamphlets have been delivered to CMS in Kent. A Big Book is on premises. Their request continues to have a man or woman bring an AA meeting to the facility during the day on a weekday. Recovery Works - University Hospital (Robinson) Ravenna – a new 36 bed detox has opened. Our committee continues to work on bringing a Zoom meeting on premises until and in-person speaker meeting can be established. Town Hall II, Kent – A.A. pamphlets have been provided. 4. Wayne & Holmes Counties Coordinator Update: One Eighty, Inc., Wooster – They offer in-patient residential, IOP and sober living programs. Our committee met with in-patient program Director, patient navigator and Lead Sober Support/Recovery Coach to determine how we may assist them. Literature has been requested and there is a strong interest in developing A.A. meetings in all three of their areas. We are looking for men and women that can assist with these requests in Wooster and surrounding Wayne and Holmes counties. 5. Summit County Coordinator Update: IBH – is beginning to discuss organized Zoom meeting for their residents. Planning is underway for in-person A.A. meetings and speakers as COVID restrictions lessen. We are making a call to the Fellowship for both men and women to help support these needs once restrictions are lifted. 6. Our committee is asking for men and women active in the A.A. program to take service work commitments for meetings at the treatment centers in our 5-county area. Also we are seeking men and women to help on our committee in capacities such as county coordinators and facility coordinators. If you are interested in finding out more about how you may help, please contact us at treatment@akronaa.org or call the Intergroup Office at 330-253-8181 or join our next Treatment Committee meeting which will be held on Zoom on Wed. April 7th at 7:30 p.m. Zoom codes will be posted on the Intergroup website. 7. We continue our Grapevine magazine campaign. Please help us supply these to the area treatment facilities by subscribing to print copy and bringing your used magazines once per year to the Intergroup Office.

Literature Committee: Vance Stapleton – The Literature Committee decided to stop producing the CDs sold in the store and move to mp3s that will be provided as thumb drives. The CDs are

not selling well due to lack of interest in that format and take a considerable amount of time to produce.

Corrections: Michael Blouir – The Corrections Committee is still in major need of women to attend facilities in our area.

Good and welfare: – Jeanne R. celebrated 22 years. Karen K. celebrated 28 years. Jeff C. celebrated 27 years.

Respectfully submitted:
Karen Komondor, Board Secretary