

Akron Intergroup Council Meeting – May 2, 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 April Secretary's Report was waived –

Treasurer's Report: Tim Q. –

After reviewing the numbers from the month of March. We ended the month 5000\$ in the negative and are currently operating out of our prudent reserve.

Executive Board Report: Dan F. – No report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Founders' Day: Jeff C. –

As of today, 1,269 have registered, and \$6,419 has been received in donations. Next meeting will be Monday, May 3rd. Will be working on finalizing IT issues.

Jeff informed Council that the postcard sent to the fellowship for Founder's Day included the words Alcoholics Anonymous printed in public view. This was in violation of our Twelve Traditions and resulted in several complaints.

The executive Board agreed that an amends needed to be made. It was decided to send a direct mailing to everyone who received the postcard.

Greg has written a draft letter and Jeff will take the letter to the Founder's Day committee for input on wording.

Archives: Jim B. – Location – Intergroup Office. Last Meeting: 2/3/2021 at noon at the Intergroup Office

The display panel S is completed, and the T, U, V and W boards have been removed for stripping, sanding, and finishing, awaiting final design decisions. Chris is scanning a Bill W. box of items. John is scanning the Literature Committee binder. Mary and Gene are planning the next panels. There are 2 out of town tours scheduled in May. There are another 2 possible tours. All is running smoothly.

Next Meeting: 5/5/2021 at noon at the Intergroup Office

General Service: Val D. – not present

Per Bill: Area 54 is having a Unity Day on May 16th via zoom. You can go to Area54.com for details.

Intergroup News: Jack B. –

- 1) Mailing and Emailing copies will go out as scheduled.

- 2) Thank You proof reading committee, good time had by all.
- 3) Do not be shy, put those thoughts down on paper and share with the rest of us.

Intergroup Anniversary: Jack B. – not present

Report from Board minutes:

- 1) Great turn out, 107 people (Thank You all for sharing in a great event)
- 2) Food and service was excellent (Guy's Party Center)
- 3) Juanita shared a great message (Thank You)
- 4) Intergroup took in \$1,981 after expenses (full list is available @ the office)

Thank You Volunteers: Greg, Cheryl, Bill, Karen, Jessica, Judy,

New Year's Eve Dance: Paul M. – Not present

Per Michael: Paul contacted Guy's Party Center, but cost would be \$15,000. Will continue to look for other venues.

Information Tech: Hugh M. –

Tim M. and Greg K. installed and turned on the two new wireless routers in the office. The new units are working as expected with better speed and coverage in the office as well as increased security. Peter M., Tim and Greg spent the rest of the meeting creating the Zoom / YouTube events that will be used for Founders' Day. We added the links to the YouTube channel for the event to the confirmation emails people are getting as they register. We discussed the possibility of sending a bulk email with the links to everyone who has registered just prior to June 12 to alleviate the need for everyone to go to foundersday.org to find out how to watch the event online.

Volunteers are still needed to help with zoom meeting monitoring during founders' day. So far two people have contacted the IT committee to volunteer. Volunteers can sign up for a single one- hour session or more. Persons interested should contact Hugh at 513-477-2468 or the intergroup office to volunteer.

Answering Service: Bill M. –

Total calls: 67; Meetings: 19; Founders Day: 2; 12 Step Calls: 0
12 Step Calls at Office: 1

Public Info/CPC: Michael B.-

Sent out a huge mailing to all legal entities in our 5-county area – received 2 responses. Currently compiling a second batch of outreach mailings to middle schools in our 5-county area.

12 Step Fund Drive: Michael B. –

The 12-step fund drive is working with groups that are sponsoring fundraisers to support the intergroup office. Thanks to these groups on behalf of the Board. Sons of Ebby barbeque event will be hosting a fundraiser on May 15th at Wedgewood United Methodist Church at 12 noon. North of Akron and Northampton groups have put on banquets, and dinners and all proceeds are going to the intergroup office. Carry this message is going to do a bowling day event. Primary Purpose group is doing the watch party at Firestone Park- still need volunteers.

Group Services: Dusty S. – No report

Committee putting together phone lists and new meeting directory.

Let office know if there are any changes to your groups.

Nominating Committee: Joyce B. –

Joyce reported she has personally nominated 4 people to serve on the Board. Is asking everyone to consider nominating someone. Nominating committee will be meeting at 10:30 at intergroup office on Sat., May 15th. We need 2 more people to join the committee.

Intergroup Picnic: Joyce B. –

Date: August 15th, 2021 noonish at Waterworks Park.

Theme: United we stand

No new report

Committees tend to your booths. We will discuss more details at next Meeting. May 15th at 9

Office Committee: Charles S. –

1. We are preparing to return to offering Saturday opening hours for the Intergroup Office. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. We are seeking volunteers that are familiar with our office and its operations to fill these shifts. Goal is to open by Founder's Day.

Treatment Facilities: Jerry C. –

1. CMS – Community Medical Services – in Kent is looking for men or women to bring a meeting or two into their location during day hours on a weekday.
2. 4 Big Books and 4 12 & 12's were delivered to Family and Community Services of Portage County for use by their IOP program.
3. Big Books and 12 & 12 's were delivered to 180 Inc. in Wooster for use by their in-patient residential treatment facility, sober houses and IOP program. In person meetings at the facility for their clients are a goal and we are currently looking for men and women able to bring meetings onsite.
4. RAMAR is now able to offer their clients in-person meetings at their site and they are looking for men to bring meetings in a 7pm any day of the week. An A.A. meeting on Wednesday at 7:00 pm just began. RAMAR is also looking to connect their clients to sober support and A.A. sponsors. Please contact the Treatment Cmte. to get involved. Big Books and 12 & 12's were delivered to their facility.
5. IBH – There is a call for men and women to assist with in-person meetings as soon as they re-start. They are also looking for sober support and persons willing to sponsor.

NOTE: All hard-bound books supplied to facilities are through our Literature on Loan program and are stamped accordingly. They remain the property of Akron Intergroup Treatment Committee.

6. HORIZON HOUSE – a women's residential treatment center in Ravenna is looking for women to support A.A. meetings for their location.
7. The above service work opportunities have been on our report for several months. It is not the job of any treatment center to carry the A.A. message. That responsibility falls to us. If you or someone you know needs this chance at service work, please contact our Intergroup Office at 330-253-8181 or treatment@akronaa.org.
8. Brightview Inc. – Summit Co. has been supplied with our Big Book, 12 & 12, and assorted brochures.
9. We continue to seek Grapevine Magazines for our Treatment facilities. Please consider subscribing to print copy and once per year bring them to the office.
10. Next Treatment Cmte mtg. will be June 2nd at 7:30 on Zoom and at the Intergroup office. Codes will be posted on the Intergroup Office website.

Literature Committee: Vance S. – Not present

Corrections: Michael B. –

Things are starting to open. Summit County Jail not yet open. A couple of the CBCFs are opening. Corrections Committee is still desperate for women volunteers! Requirements are 1 year out of treatment, 1 year sober, 1 year off probation as well as passing a background check. Remember, jail can money can still be used to donate literature.

Good and welfare: -

Joyce – Sister is out of the nursing home and is recovering at home; 70% of daughter's kidney was saved in surgery.

Please keep Linda, longtime member of AA in your prayers; she lost her 18-year-old granddaughter to cancer yesterday.

Raquel C. – Please keep mother in prayer; she had a brain aneurysm and has been in the ICU over 3 weeks.

Jerry C. - Celebrated 13 years sobriety on 4/12.

Bill M. – Lynn Frances, long time member passed away; please keep his family in prayer.

Val – Please keep Mary Ann, who has lung disease in prayer.

Ed thanked everyone for prayers; his daughter went to her first AA meeting.

Dan F. – Please keep Karen K., secretary, and husband Scott in prayer. Scott had a heart attack yesterday and is in the hospital.

A motion was made and accepted to review what was discussed at council meetings at the end of each meeting to determine if any Traditions were violated.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Karen K., Board Secretary