

Akron Intergroup Council Meeting – October 3, 2021

This hybrid Zoom/in-person meeting at Paradise Club was opened at 12:03 pm by Vice Chairman Bill Chairman Mike B. was not present. Did a group check for quorum then opened with the responsibility statement, Serenity Prayer. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

Groups in Attendance: Akron Men's Big Book Study, Barberton Big Book, Carry This Message!, East Akron, Faith & Hope, Fresh Start, Golden Link, Kenmore Group, Hudson Tuesday Clockwatchers, Keep it Simple Big Book/12 and 12, Medina 12 step, Medina Tuesday Night, Mid-Day Serenity, Morning Meditation, Northampton, North Hill Men's Big Book, Progress not Perfection, Serenity Big Book Study, Sunday Night 12 and 12, Silver Lake Involvement, Sons of Ebby, Sunday Nite Twelve and Twelve, The Broad Highway Group, The Turning Point, Thursday Night Freedom, Thursday Night Men's Non Smoking, Towers Discussion, Women's Tool box

Secretary's Report: Nikki M. – Present

The reading of the September Secretary's Report was waived –

One correction asked to me made on last month's report. The wording in the treasurer's report stated "a report was made" need to change to "a motion was made"

Motion was made to accept with correction

Seconded

Accepted by a unanimous vote

Treasurer's Report: Tim Q. – Present

After reviewing the numbers for the month of August, we ended the month \$677 in the black. We hadn't paid insurance. We are still \$26,315 in the negative for the year. There is \$101,000 in the prudent reserve which is \$73,000 short.

The motion was made to accept, it was seconded and passed by a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Bill- Board selected Hugh to look into the ad hoc committee for removal for cause dismissal in bylaws- let him know if you want to join that committee.

Tim- Committee is going to look over laws as a whole and go over with a lawyer since Hugh is a lawyer he is a good person to lead the committee so we can bring them up to date

Question- if going to look into it should look into the whole thing

Bill- Hugh is versed in it and will like help

Question- Did committees submit budget request

Tim- Yes, they submitted and I will prepare the budget to be looked over and approved

Jim- I also asked to find the missing minutes from previous board meetings and they said they would look into it

New Business:

No new business.

Answering Service: – Bill M- Present- Nikki Read

Month of Sept- had a problem with report is waiting for a call back

Total calls - 61

Meetings - 20

12 Step Calls - 1 male
1 female

Call from AZ asking for help because they are having a Big Book study and wanted history and referred them to Jim

Group Services: Dusty S. – Present on Zoom-

No report for September

12 Step Fund Drive: Joyce B. – Present-

Mtg on 28th 6 pm- discussed round up met at hotel. week before got a list of prices of meals at hotel and it would be \$5000 to \$7000 to have meals- unanimous to not have round up there then looked into church, make plan to provide meals- Joyce called all the people who had already paid. Left 4 a message and 1 was busy- all others were still in and still okay even with changing the venue- some out of town but mostly from 5 county area, had positive feedback from them

Call back today from Karen- backing out of committee with speaker- speaker will be different- Joyce redid the flyer Wed and will send it out- Greg had her wait previously- they have to have new venue and speaker

Fund drive meeting- packets have been sent out- will have some available for council meeting if they didn't get them- next meeting will be on 16th 9 am- 3rd Sat at intergroup- then at next Tues. the 5th and possibly the 12th too- maybe every Tues. but they will let office know if they aren't- Tues. meeting for round up and Sat. is for fund drive-

No discount for hotels now

Contract we had was notify within 5 days of deciding not to do it at hotel. No penalty

Bill- If my group wants to help do we have to pay

Joyce- If a group wants to help, they have to pay \$100 per person to attend

Joyce- packets available and there are some here

Bill- we mailed to 300 groups

Corrections: Kathy-Not present- Nikki verified no report

Didn't provide a report

Treatment Facilities: Melissa C-Present-

The Treatment Committee met on Wednesday, September 29th at the Intergroup Office 6PM

For national recovery month the treatment committee had a table set up at an event that was held in Ravenna City Park on Saturday September 25th.at which we had pamphlets and information available for treatment and alcoholics anonymous.

Hope Town recovery housing for men is now available in Windham which is portage county and the housing for women should be available by the end of the year. We have a pamphlet and contact information available.

The root house in portage county resumed in person AA meetings on site on 9/27 after a 1-week closure

Akron House Recovery will be provided with some literature on loan from the committee

Inventory on literature was completed and a google docs spread sheet was created to keep track of literature inventory. A box of random books were found not pertaining to treatment so committee voted to donate to intergroup to decide where to be placed.

We filled 3 open positions on the committee so now all 5 counties have coordinators.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday November 2nd at 6PM at the intergroup office

Office Committee: – Dave H and Melissa C- Present and Present-

No report hasn't had a meeting

Literature Committee: Dave H- Present-

Committee met 9/15/2021; Aaron K (Founders Day); Cheryl L (Office); Jim B (archives) and David H (Chairman).

Spent the majority of the meeting getting the new members (Aaron and David) up to speed. Discussed budget, will maintain previous years value (\$400).

We discussed the Circle Triangle game that was brought up during the Board meeting, No Action Required.

We discussed reaching out to previous committee members to engage for continued support.

We discussed the revised Preamble. The committee voted to keep both on hand original and new.

Printed Manuscript costs about the same amount we sell for so won't be restocking

We discussed updated pamphlets; the office will order the revised pamphlets when current stock is out.

Printed manuscript: current product, doesn't sell. Will not order additional.

Raquel will come back to help with Pin and Mike too

Meeting date has adjusted to the Monday after Council Meeting before Founders' Day meeting. Next meeting 10/4/21 at 6:00pm at the IG Office.

Joyce- if they want a manuscript can they still make them

Dave- yes, they are still there and will still be on file

Question- shouldn't we be changing if it is conference approved

Dave and Tim- yes but the old stuff is also approved

Question- shouldn't we use it or it will cause conflict

Nikki- it is just a new option we can't be mandated to use something specific it goes against the traditions if both are conference approved

Dave- can they change this if it wasn't approved by local

Tim- they did have talks brought to some local meetings and there was a long meeting and voted on it in the Zoom meeting

Question- Spoke with area delegate personally and said there was a lot of discussion but these things did start at the group area levels- this had been going on through GRS and we haven't been getting info

but the change was made through the Grapevine as that is through NY and Preamble is owned by Grapevine- said it is very important our GSR bring back info

Question- we want to talk about it but most groups don't have a GSR but there are no reps going to the meetings- there are a small percentage here for this- the problem is at the group level because people aren't filling the positions

Question- if a person is sharing at a discussion meeting but someone says something offensive should the speaker be shut down

Joyce- said there were only 4 people representing the district of Akron people should volunteer if they want to have a voice

Question- during our election no one wanted to be a GSR and think the problem is the day and time being middle of the day on a Saturday- said maybe better attended if it was a weekday

Question- I am an alcoholic I am selfish and self-centered and this is always inconvenient- but the motion is that there will always be a better time for some people, if it is not inconvenient it is not service was what I was told

Question- it has already been approved that isn't for discussion, the issue is if we want to carry both copies- we need to decide if we want to continue or discontinue the use of the old one in the intergroup office

Joyce- said that we already explained in literature committee they will keep old until sold then replace with new-

Question- table it and decide if we want to order the new copies or continue to carry both

Motion to table

Seconded

17 (assumed) to table (based on subtracting the votes not to table from total)

10 to not table

Asked to hear minority opinion

Joseph minority opinion- there wasn't a motion to carry both by lit committee- we are being fiscally smart to keep old and when we need to buy new we will buy new conference approved

Asked if anyone wants to change vote and one said not to table

We asked for yes to table- had 12

There is 12 for and 11 against tabling

Item is tabled for next meeting others withheld their vote

Intergroup Picnic: Dave H- Present- Nikki Read

Date has been set August 14, 2022; Pavilion reserved. Working on building committee have (4) members currently engaged. Won't look to hold planning meetings until after New Years

Public Info/CPC: Doug M- Present-

Last meeting 9/15/21 9 am Intergroup Office

Got letter from Mike and lady at work helped him update it. Does he need to give a copy to counsel- Mike said yes and asked Greg to make copies and he said he would

Letter is to professionals to let them know we can do to help- going to send out

Work on C.P.G. letter

Next Meeting 10/16/21 9 am office

Founders' Day: Matt H- Not Present-Mary made report she is 2nd yd coordinator

The meeting is Monday at 7 pm

When reading the Founder's Day info, "with loss of our 2-year Founder's Day Event" is wrong so just remember to think "the loss of our in-person founder's day event"

Let them know if you want to be in committee- leave info in mailbox if you can't make the meeting

Joyce apologized for the wording- apology accepted

Archives: Jim B – Present

The Archives is now planning a renovation of the display panels in the back hallway. John D. and Chris B. are continuing to scan and digitize the Archives holdings. Mary K. and Gene M. are researching information to redo the displays. We have had to buy a few more 3 ring binders for the Nominating Committee, IG Anniversary Committee, Group Histories and Archives Committee as these are expanding. The visitor maps are looking quite colorful due to all of the pins that are being placed by the many visitors. There is a small tour planned for this Saturday from Colorado Springs, CO but it was cancelled and rescheduled and another on the 9th from Chicago. Gene will tour a group on the 14th.

Gene- went to library and was able to get everything written up off microfilm about Oxford group and can do the boards for that

Intergroup News: Jack B –Not Present- Judy made report

Intergroup news mailed

2 people stepped up, Ed and a sponsor for formatting- don't have to come to meeting but can write to get involved- handwritten or emails- ignews@akronintergroup.com-Oct. 23rd proofreading at Intergroup office in back

Intergroup Anniversary: Jack B– Not Present- Nikki Read

Guy's Party Center April 24th, 2022 Sunday @ Noon. No meetings for awhile

Information Tech: Hugh M – Not Present- Nikki Read

September 2021 IT Committee Report

Attendance:

A new Member, Dan D, joined the IT Committee. He is experienced in the area and currently works with Amazon Web Services. He is shadowing Peter McH and is serving as liaison with Founder's Day Committee.

Dan D, Jerry W, Tim M, Greg K and Hugh McD were present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Security:

New battery backup lights were installed for safety and building code compliance. A new floodlight was added outside over the back door, which will remain on from dusk until dawn. The installation was completed by volunteers

The update of our security system is nearing completion. For the full history see the previous month's reports. Last month the type and number of components needed was discussed. It was determined that the office and archives together need:

- One Hub
- One door pad
- six smoke detectors,
- four door sensors

- 2 glass break sensors
- 3 panic buttons
- 1 outside camera

Cameras:

It was determined that our current camera system will continue to meet our needs for indoor monitoring. We have a multicamera system which is hardwired. It is paid for and has no monitoring cost. It was determined that we want to add an outdoor camera to cover the parking lot. It will be easier and more cost efficient if we make this part of the new system and leave the indoor system as is.

All of the above components were ordered on September 14 and will arrive soon. Further savings were realized due to a sale, the total cost being 398.00 for the components.

Jerry W has secured the install manuals and stands ready to lead the install once the equipment is received.

The cost of monitoring was believed to be 15.00 a month. Someone at the Executive Council meeting pointed out that it may be more because it is a business. We will report the actual cost of monitoring once the system is activated.

Fax line:

We previously (In July) discussed whether we should do away with our fax line, as the technology is outdated. It may not be costing us any extra, so additional investigation is required. This is still under review.

Founder's Day:

Registration for Founder's Day 2022 opens March 1, 2022, and the software will need to be completed and tested prior to then. The software build is currently on schedule.

Founder's Day Committee is currently planning an in-person only event, with no online option for participation available. Because of the unpredictability of rapidly changing mandates concerning COVID, IT Committee is preparing for both online participation and in-person registration to be available. The online participation option will be standby only, so if circumstances change unexpectedly we will be prepared to rapidly move the event partially or fully online. The decision will be made by Founder's Day Committee when/if the need arises to move partly or wholly online.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A request from a group to add a "Hybrid Meetings" link to the website. (Hybrid means both online and in person)

The matter was discussed and it was decided that the goal of making sure everyone was aware of the meeting could be accomplished more simply by listing hybrid meetings under both "live" and "in person" meetings on the website. The information for the group that made the request was updated so that it appears under both links on the Akronaa.org website.

2. Founder's Day Committee requested a list of past attendees of Founder's Day and a monthly email was proposed to remind prospective attendees to register. Upon discussion it was determined that tradition 11 could be violated by a monthly email.

IT Committee usually meets on the second Tuesday of the month, all are welcome to attend. Our next meeting is **Tuesday October 12 at 6PM** at the Aron Area Intergroup Office located at 775 N Main Akron Ohio 44310. The dates can also be found on Akronaa.org under the "News and Events" button from the main page. I can be reached at hughdmcdaniel@gmail.com. Feel free to join us!

J-the new security system is easy to get I and out

General Service: Heather F– not present-Nikki read

Contributions to Area 54 are at 46% which is below average. In order to cut down on cost the board will be reviewing the mailing lists. Gratitude Sunday, a dinner and service panel, will be held November 14th at 1pm located at 563 N. Belle Vista Ave. Youngstown. East Central G.S.O. Virtual Regional Forum will be held November 19th-21st, it is designed to improve communication between AA members, general service board, and AA grape vine. Registration opens Oct. 25th. You can register at AA.org.

Unfortunately, the OYPAA conference has been canceled for reasons not yet known. We are also in need of more GSRs to attend Area 54 assembly in order to pass on information and vote on issues pertaining to our area. If you are a current GSR and are not receiving the monthly newsletter from area 54 please email recordingsecretary@area54.org

New Year's Eve Dance: Paul Misner – Not Present- Nikki read

New Year's Eve dance ! No new update ! Next scheduled meeting is October 16th @ 9:00am! Please show up to get active !

Good and welfare: -

Joyce- prayers fractured 3 ribs

Motion to adjourn- seconded and passed by all

The Council meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted:
Nikki M., Board Secretary