

Akron Intergroup Council Meeting – November 7, 2021

This hybrid Zoom/in-person meeting at Paradise Club was opened at 12:03 pm by Vice Chairman Mike B.. Did a group check for quorum then opened with the responsibility statement and Serenity Prayer. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

Groups in Attendance: A New Freedom, Afternoon Alkies, Akron General, Akron Men's Big Book Study, Broad Highway Group, Coffee Donuts and Discussion, Dry People's Midday, Dry People Wednesday Night, East Akron, Fairlawn, Faith & Hope, Kenmore Group, King School Group #1, Hudson Tuesday Clockwatchers, Keep it Simple Big Book/12 and 12, Ladies Big Book Study, Medina 12 step, , Mid-Day Serenity, Morning Meditation, Progress not Perfection, Saturday Night Lost & Found. Deapar, Serenity Thru Recovery, Sunday Night 12 and 12, Silver Lake Involvement, Sons of Ebby, St. Anthony's Women's Group, Sunday Nite Trusted Servants, Twelve and Twelve, The Turning Point, Thursday Night Freedom, Towers Discussion, Upon Awakening, Women's Tool box

Secretary's Report: Nikki M. – Present

The reading of the September Secretary's Report was waived –
Motion was made to accept
Seconded
Accepted by a unanimous vote

Treasurer's Report: Tim Q. – Present

Negative month -\$1,009.62 negative operating total -\$33,677.95

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

Old Business:

New Preamble Discussion; Ad Hoc Committee for process of dismissal

Ad Hoc -Mike- person will be working on it to set up a purpose and a goal and will have it ready next month

Dave- Literature Committee brought up the preamble men and women was swapped for people, decided we don't have to carry Grapevine literature but we do as a courtesy- we make it ourselves, said we will carry both versions of the preamble

Tim- we will have old Preamble in nonconference approved section and new Preamble in approved section

Q- where is this coming from?

A- Grapevine

Q- We are all men and women

A- Mike- that was brought through General Services in NY

Q- Ad Hoc Committee- it will be created or done in a month

A- we will have it created and formed

Q- who made the decision about Preamble, general services?

A- World Service

Q- Who is the governing body?

A We are, it is the upside-down triangle
Q- So there was a vote?
A- Yes, there was a vote
Q- Wasn't it the grapevine that owns the preamble- Yes, they own that and have the rights to change it
Q- They didn't just change it; it went for two years and there was a vote
Q- Ad Hoc Committee- how do I get ahold of someone to do this-
A-we will get the phone number
Q- Aren't board members supposed to be here
A Yes

New Business:

2 People resigned Kathy and Paul stepped down from the Board. Anthony is new for the 2-year position and Jeff for 1 year position.

Q- I have been on the board and looking at the Credit Card fees

Tim- they have gotten a lot better haven't they?

Q- I'm assuming the 2nd column accumulated personnel-

Tim- Yes, personnel the insurance etc. for office workers

q- The bank fees and Credit Card fees, 11,000?

Tim- yes, those are the Credit Card fees, anything paid online, donations and Founders' day, all have to have a fee

Answering Service: – Bill M- Not Present- Nikki Read

Month of October

Total calls - 72

Meetings - 31

Founders' Day- 3

12 Step Calls - 2 people

Group Services: Dusty S. – Not Present – Nikki Read

The Group Services Committee met on 10/16 at 9am. We discussed claiming the Akron Intergroup Facebook business page by the office. We also discussed the possibility of creating an Akron Intergroup Facebook group with the intent of distributing flyers more efficiently and to a wider audience. We are following up with Greg this month and will have more information.

12 Step Fund Drive: Joyce B. – Present-

Still accepting people have 50 registered, still accepting people to help clean up- we need numbers for Marty for banquet Thursday Night, need to know by Monday to get the number. Met and we have numbers were up by 29%, mailed packets, heard some announcements at meetings and made some at meetings, meeting with Round Up Committee, met with caterer went to look at venue- looking at sponsorship packets and one member is able to make the decisions about that. Next mtg on Thurs. before the Round Up at Primary Purpose group at 6- going to set

up after meeting- called Dr. Bob's to reserve to let them know they are coming Jerry K is going to do the tour outside of the office and is going to call the gatehouse to let them know we are coming – got a donation of Starbuck's coffee

Q- who will pick up the tab if Round Up doesn't make enough money since it is the fund committee?

Joyce- we already made the money,

Mike- it is the first annual we plan to do it again

Q- is it in the budget since there will be expenses

Tim- I can't add it in the budget until I see it, they began getting registrations before they decided to fully do it and were prepared to refund money, it will be on the budget next year

Corrections: Anthony-Present

We need men and women for Summit County

Summit county meeting going well meeting for men and women every Friday- have to wear mask until you get in; meeting going well- Oriana house is more open for volunteers to get training to go in- 3rd Sat. of month 9 am at Intergroup if you want to do it- Corrections committee was big then covid made small but picking back up- finally got a female volunteer- there is a liaison between us and Oriana house

Q- is Summit County open to women

Anthony- yes both open but only allowing the people who were bringing it in to continue, Friday afternoons at 3pm

Q- are they looking for a reserve list?

Mike- they don't want a bunch of people doing it, just a couple men and women that are approved

Anthony- if you want to get approved go ahead and go through the process so when they open it more up you can- talk to Mike he is the one who has been working in it

Q- if you can't do Summit County jail they are still doing it with Oriana and CBCF

Anthony- they have their different processes, no violent felonies, a year's worth sobriety, they do a background check

Mike- after searching a year for a female volunteer we got one

Q- how do we get involved, call Oriana?

Anthony- do not call Oriana, contact us through corrections to use the liaison

Mike- we have people going in on their own and we couldn't track them and they weren't showing up, called rogue AAs

Anthony- also if you don't have an orange can at your homegroup, please get one- it goes to the committee, we pay for literature so you don't have to pay for your own literature

Joyce- can we bring the papers to the council meeting

Anthony- yes I'll put a stack in the back

Treatment Facilities: Melissa C-Not Present- Nikki Read

- Meeting started at 6:00 on Tuesday 11/2
- Chairman Report -as a treatment committee we have a list of detoxes and other getting sober resources available so please tell your groups we can provide them with this list if needed.
- Portage County Report -10 BB dictionaries to be given out on loan to Root House in Ravenna
- Summit County Report-literature to be given out on loan to Sterling House in Akron and pamphlets donated to take with them.

- Medina, Wayne, and Holmes County had no report
- Horizon House Facility Coordinator reports that one AA volunteer is still coming in to do a meeting every other Thursday and it is going well. The facility provides the meeting with literature.
- Copies of the treatment committee manual were made and passed out to all committee members to follow.
- Next treatment committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 30th, at 6:00pm

Mike- copy of the treatment information mentioned on the table in the back

Office Committee: – Melissa C- Not Present-

No report hasn't had a meeting

Literature Committee: Dave H- Present-

Old business- changed wording in preamble from men and women to people- we will keep the previous version on hand and get the new one- try to keep everyone happy- kind of like how it works we have previous and current versions- decided to keep hold the position to keep both after second discussion- invited the council member who was concerned about it to committee meeting but they didn't go- We have a Dec. 6th next meeting to talk about inventory that has to be done by Jan. 7- biannual- may miss the 7th because the first weekend in Sat. is the 1st will probably push back to 8th

Joyce- how will we separate it to make it look older at intergroup

Mike- it has already been set up and has been that way

Intergroup Picnic: Dave H- Present-

Nothing new to report. Will begin meeting in spring.

Public Info/CPC: Doug M- Present-

Doesn't have a committee yet- trying to talk to Judge but keep missing each other Nov. 20th 9 am

Founders' Day: Matt H- Present

No report. Everything moving as planned no surprises

Q- Is the projection good?

Matt- yes, Akron University says there is no chance they won't allow us to proceed

Q- can we maybe use JAR for inclement weather

Matt- Yes, EJ Thomas, JAR, if there is inclement weather and will decide at 2 pm that day if to move it

Archives: Jim B – Present

We don't tell anyone not to use phones for videos or photos have notices around to self-police- A Stepping Stones complaint of copyright violation originating from our Archives is being considered by the committee for a solution. We will reframe, and add owners' names and "use permission requirement" to the display as per legal requirements. John and Chris are enjoying their work with the new scanner's ease of operation. I am back from my New Mexico, Virginia

and Florida engagements which promoted your and our work here. They were all highly appreciative. The committee is still organizing the new back hallway displays.

Joyce- If someone wants to be a part of when do you meet?

Jim- We meet every Wednesday of the year except on holidays sometimes

Joyce- point of order what is the time to come in?

Jim- 10 to 3

Intergroup News: Jack B –Not Present- Nikki Read

No report.

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 – Present-

Attendance:

Ed B, Dan D, Tim M, Greg K and Hugh McD & Peter Mch were present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Security:

The New system has been installed by Jerry W. After installation some glitches were discovered. We are within the return window so the system will be returned.

Further research was conducted but a decision was not yet reached. Discussions will resume at the next meeting. Dan D has volunteered to do additional research.

The current ADT system is still active and will not be turned off until a replacement system has been installed and tested.

See previous reports for the full history.

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. NONE

IT Committee usually meets on the second Tuesday of the month, all are welcome to attend. Our next meeting is **Tuesday November 9 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 "Events Calendar" button from the main page. I can be reached at hughdmcdaniel@gmail.com. Feel free to join us!

General Service: Heather F– present

Gratitude Sunday service panel held November 14th at 1pm on 563 N. Belle Vista Ave.

Youngstown will be only in person, not hybrid as a past flyer stated.

Area 54 currently has \$6,000 in the prudent reserve, and their income is at 56% for the year.

District 25 is holding a 12 traditions workshop via zoom every Saturday starting January 9th, 2022 at 6pm.

On Oct. 17th Area 54 unanimously voted in a new tech committee to help their website and donations stay up to date.

In January a vote will be held to potentially change the website title to "History Of Area 54 Website" and add the sentence "In September 2021, the Website became part of the Technology Committee."

Need to take back to groups so we can vote on it next month. To change the website title and the sentence

Q- Do we have anything written to take back

Heather- no

Q-this is for general service reps to vote on if the group has a general service rep

A- so this is for your general service rep

Q- do they send this info out?

Heather-Yes, it is sent to GSR newsletter

Jim – if no GSR, they have no vote in General Service

Joyce- if anyone wants to be GSR- this whole Summit County is dark -If you want to be GSR there is a qualification for years of sobriety but go to multi-district meeting- 3rd Sat. 1 pm at Pilgrim

A- Area 54 3rd Sunday at 2 pm Brunswick Recovery Club next in Jan.

Q- we have been told we are the least represented in General Service in world

Heather- no GSRs from our area going to GSR

Q- can you be intergroup rep and GSR

Mike- yes

Greg- what was said on groups-there are 6 districts- should have one rep for each

Greg- Heather has vote

Heather- I have a vote and was told to tell counsel and bring that as the vote

Joyce- if she has a vote- then she needs to make a motion to have that vote, then can take group conscious but she can vote her conscious especially if there is additional info at the vote

New Year's Eve Dance: Anthony –Present

Secured St. Sebastian's for next year - also voted and came up with \$20 tickets on sale at office only- only 125 available- meetings 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 10 am at AA intergroup- asking groups to donate baskets from group or anonymously- have fliers out that Joyce put out

Good and welfare: -

North Hampton meeting- last Friday of every month does donation dinner November 26th- lasagna dinner- serve at 5 meeting at 7- proceeds all go back to intergroup- soup bar was \$175 donation

Home group meeting 8 am Saturday at Paradise- all ladies welcome- had bake sale upstairs during Halloween party raised \$200

Turning point from 6 pm to 7pm on Friday

Motion to adjourn- seconded and passed by all

The Council meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted:

Nikki M., Board Secretary