

Akron Intergroup Council Meeting – January 9, 2022

This hybrid Zoom/in-person meeting at Paradise Club was opened at 12:00 pm by 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:, Afternoon Alkies, Akron General, Akron Men’s Big Book Study, Carry This Message, Coffee Donuts and Discussion, East Akron, Faith & Hope, Fairlawn, Golden Link, Kenmore Group, Keep it Simple, King School Group #1, Ladies Big Book Study, Lost and Found, Medina Tuesday Night, Mid-Day Serenity, North Hill Men’s Big Book, North Hill Men’s Discussion, Northampton, Primary Purpose, Progress not Perfection, , Silver Lake Involvement, Ravenna Sobriety Checklist, Sunday Night 12 and 12, Sons of Ebby, Temple Square, Trusted Servants, The Turning Point, Thursday Night Men’s Nonsmoking, Towers Discussion

Chairman’s Report: Michael B.- Present-

No report.

Secretary’s Report: Nikki M. – Present

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

Treasurer’s Report: Tim Q. –Not Present

No report

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Jim B. Propose amendment in bylaws to give archivist as the committee chairperson of the Archivist Committee after 26 years of continuous years of service a voting representation in Akron

Q Any changes have to be sent out to the groups and the groups come back for the meeting in Feb. or March to vote

Joyce- groups need 30 days to peruse

Mike- it will be voted on in March

Q- When will we get it, will it be in secretary’s report?

Mike- it will be in the mailer

Q- if it goes out in Feb., then march will not be 30 days

Mike- okay it will then be June

Ad Hoc Committee- Jeff C.- Present

We went over our purpose and goals. Discussed adding legal terms to the purpose of intergroup office, “clarification of Nonprofit” status and add section VI “Indemnification Insurance”

Attendance: Jeff C. Joyce B., Beth F., Aaron C., David H., Hugh M.

Went over adding an intentment cluse to protect all board members of a nonprofit committee

Joyce- we are looking at what we need in the nomination form- coming in April so start looking at who you want to nominate

Q- 9 not 11 am?

a- 11 am January 15

Q- primary purpose is to go over removal for cause

a- It is one of the things we are looking into and part of the agenda

Answering Service: – Bill M- Present-

Answering Service December 2021

Ahoy Nichole Happy New Year.

Total calls: 63

Meetings: 25

12 Step: 0

Had a call from Columbus had a hr. long talk- said he needs to call the intergroup there and they will be able to help

Group Services: Dusty S. – Present –

The Group Services Committee met on December 18th. We discussed the possibility of having a summer series one night a week at the commons next to intergroup. The Twelve Step Committee and Group Services Committee will coordinate with the office, groups, and the commons. The goals are to continue supporting intergroup financially by encouraging group participation in sponsoring a night event. We will bring this up at the council meeting to judge group interest and discuss the costs involved

Q- going to put a flier out?

A- Yes, we just need to send it out

Q- when you say sponsor an event is it a meeting, dinner, or undetermined?

A- There is a firepit, grill, it is up to what you want to do, firepit meeting or cookout, something to cover the \$77 and then for intergroup

Q- what is the location?

a- Next door behind the intergroup

Bill- next time you are at the intergroup office- 2 doors up, and 2 doors down in an international area- good people in international neighborhood- fenced in- good location

12 Step Fund Drive: Joyce B. – Present-

Jan 18 6 pm not 15th - wrong on intergroup website- we changed from Sat. meeting because planning a new poker run- trying to find a day in May, asked Dee to come and get her input on what would be a good day and she is involved in motorcycles- eventually going to decide if we will have 2 annual poker runs or 1. Numbers are up from last year 152% of people are donating

Corrections: Anthony B. -Present -

Have a group of 8 men wanting to come into Oriana house wanting to go in 2-man teams and cover one day a month- but we are having an issue with committee members getting back to these guys and that is an issue if we have people that want to go we should be getting them the info

Glenwood looking to go Zoom

Not sure if Oriana is looking to go zoom

Q- they are going to be cancelling meetings

Mike- they have only cancelled it for one week so far

New Year's Eve Dance:

Dance went well it was sold out. We made the best of the situation. It was a great time lots of fun and fellowship.

Cost of Event:

DJ- \$1,400

Venue- \$500

Food- \$2,800

Dec- \$150

Total- \$4,850

Money Received

Ticket Sales- \$2,500

50/50 Raffle Baskets \$818

Photo Booth Donations- \$45.75

Total- \$3353.75

St Sebastian's locked in for next year. Marty Schmitt going to cook for event.

Going to have last committee on the 15th at 10 am

Q- was that over the cost?

A- No, that was the total

Bill- We have a \$3,500 budget, it isn't a money maker, we didn't lose, lose money, just didn't make money

Treatment Facilities: Melissa C- Present-

Treatment Committee met Tuesday January 4th at 6:00 pm at intergroup

- **Chairman Report** : The new community outreach manager from Brightveiw reached out and would like to meet and discuss ways to be helpful to each other. Schedule to meet on Tuesday January 11th at the facility.
- **Summit County Report** : Ramar and IBH had been provided with a sober support contact list from Sons of Ebby's home group for the men. Facilities like these are still seeking other contact lists from AA home groups.
- Ramar had two new additional weekly meetings with outside AA members but now Ramar shut down meetings currently due to COVID till further notice.
- ADM detox is super grateful for the literature that was provided on loan. They keep the box of Big Books behind the desk and they have to be checked out and returned. The Big Books are also available to any AA speaker who comes in. Pamphlets are left out for people to view or take at liberty.
- Anyone needing to be detoxed at ADM the main criteria is that they are able to walk, sign their name, and have a state ID.
- **Portage County Report** : Root House is back to zoom meetings due to recent rise to COVID cases in the area.
- Horizon House is also back to zoom meetings due to COVID and still has zoom with AA women every other Thursday at 6:00 pm.
- **Medina/Wayne/Holmes County** : no report.
- Our next treatment committee meeting will be Tuesday February 1st at 6:00 pm and we are also discussing meeting again in January with all county coordinators to review our treatment hand book, discuss our mission and goals for this year.

Office Committee: – Melissa C- Present-

Office Committee met on December 7th at 6PM at intergroup

Committee discussed a Christmas bonus for the office workers

Was motioned to the board and board voted yes and Christmas bonuses were received.

Committee completed office workers' yearly evaluations and will meet with them to review.

Next committee meeting to be determined in February

Literature Committee: Dave H- Present

Chris B was officially introduced and attended January meeting on behalf of Archives. Inventory scheduled for 1/8/21. American Sign Language DVD's ordered to have on hand. Alternative Preamble from 1st Printing of the 1st Edition of the BB to be created and sold in house. We discussed discontinuing Grapevine sales w/in the office. Discussion was brought up to review pricing w/in the office; tabled, to review further.

We discussed the online sale of literature and availability. Akron specific items are sold online, it's World Service and Grapevine that are pushed towards other localities. Committee came up with (2) options: Sell limited quantities online or add disclaimer online that the office can be contacted directly for WS/Grapevine items. If someone tries to buy literature from us we usually divert them to their intergroup

Other intergroups call our office buy cases of big books from us and it is an unwritten rule they don't have to pay shipping- we need to continue to discuss because it is not financially viable

Founders Day is ramping up with commitments from Michael P. (To attend next meeting) for Literature Room Sales, Cheryl to begin purchasing literature inventory for sale at FD, Stamps ordered, BB Covers Discussed (Design/Quantity for sale), Ribbon colors selected so Pin can be designed. Raquel to produce and present at February meeting for review/approval.

Next meeting to be held 2/5/21 at 9:00am at the IG Office.

Inventory was conducted yesterday- haven't hear back how accurate we were yet.

What we are selling literature for we are probably not able to buy at that price wholesale so that is an ongoing discussion

Q- are we deciding whether we can sell big books online? Because yes, a lot of times they don't have an intergroup to sell, they just have a club

A- We can discuss maybe being discriminate about who we are selling to, the smaller areas vs. boxes from Chicago

Joyce- we were told that we don't sell online because our intergroups are self-supporting and we are taking away money from other intergroups from literature sales

Jim- said we would only allow the literature from General Service by phone or in person- not online so we aren't taking money from other groups

Intergroup Picnic: Dave H- Present

Nothing new. Building committee, plan to send flyer in March for monthly meeting starting in April. Will be in mid-August, not sure of the exact date.

Public Info/CPC: Doug M- Present-

Nor report at board meeting.

Thank Dusty of email – gave me a list of Portage County courts and Wayne and Portage County schools, mailed out 61 letters but have not gotten a response yet. Last meeting on 18th, next is on the 15th. Talk to Greg to get some volunteers to send out more letters.

Founders' Day: Matt H- Present

Founder's days committee meets 7th at Akron U not intergroup

No indication from Akron U that we will not be having a live event, the Herald is almost done just needs to be review and will go out next month, flier went out Friday to the intergroups to remind them since we haven't been live

Q- flier of who is coming with speakers?

A- Letting them know we are live and to the intergroups, just speakers, the Herald will go out once we get it done and printed will have the itinerary

Q- does it go out March 1?

A- No, it goes out before so they have it before, registration opens on March 1

Q- previously we helped coordinate dorm rooms will that be available?

A- Yes, we will and it will also open up on March 1 and it will have the package price for package a and b and the prices didn't change

Bill- isn't that meeting at Akron U just the committee?

A- Yes, we will be meeting with staff but if you have a burning desire, I guess you could come

Archives: Chris B. – Present

First off, I would like to give my thanks to the archives committee for their support and to the board allowing me to serve as your archivist. Jim tallied the pins from the visitors map for 2021. There were 52 visitors from Akron, 58 visitors from area 54, 46 visitors from Ohio, and a worldwide total of 601 visitors placed a pin in the map. The 2022 archives committee business meetings have been set. The meetings will take place Wed. at noon at the IGO. The dates are 2/2/22, 5/4/22, 8/3/22, and Nov. 2nd. Anyone interested in serving the archives is encouraged to attend a committee meeting. Currently, the committee volunteers meet at the archives on Wednesdays from 10-3ish. The digitizing of the files continues to take place. The committee will start to utilize the tech services at Akron Library on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The planning stage has begun for remodeling of the back hallways. We would like to have this completed by Founder's Day.

Intergroup News: Jack B –Present-

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Date: 1/6/2022

Committee: IGNews

Committee Chairperson: Jack Beegle

Report for the Board meeting the month of: January

- 1) Purchased new laptop and operating system for the IG News committee. Staff will be making subtle changes, already looks good and have gotten positive feedback.
- 2) Proof reading will be Saturday 1/22 @ 9am/ Intergroup Office

Jack- Was speaking with Tom H. we will be doing another golf outing, May 7th, Sat. 8 am, after Tom approves the name, flier in the works as soon as we get approved, the money will be for Intergroup

Intergroup Anniversary: Jack B– Present-

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

Date: 1/6/2022

Committee: Anniversary Committee

Committee Chairperson: Jack Beegle

Report for the Board meeting the month of: January

- 1) Volunteer Committee meeting will be Saturday 1/22 @ 11am Intergroup Office. Please join us or call to sign up to help. Thank You
- 2) There will be 120 tickets available this year.
- 3) Sunday 4/24 @ Noon (Guy's Party Center)

Dave- When are you going to sell tickets, it is in April?

A- Probably next month, we need to finalize the menu then will send it out

Dave- So February?

A- Yes

Information Tech: Hugh M – Present-

12/14/2021 – 6:00 pm – Intergroup Office

Attendees: Greg K., Gerry W., Wes M., Tim M. (Chair Hugh McD. absent due to illness)

Founders’ Day: A privacy policy compliant with current Internet best practices has been posted on the Founders’ Day website as requested by the Founders’ Day Committee. The coding for the registration ordering process has been completed and is ready for testing. IT members will place test orders to find any initial problems this coming week before asking Founders’ Day Committee members to begin testing.

Websites: On December 9 an alert was issued about a major hacking vulnerability in web-based software. Wes M. scanned the software used on all Intergroup websites and found that we are not using the Log4J library code that is causing the problem. No further action is needed at this time to protect our websites. Tim M. is looking into the best way to add a “cookie notification” to our

websites to bring us into compliance with Internet best practices. He expects to have a proposed method to be implemented by the end of the year.

Alarm System: Committee research found that it would cost around \$15,000 to upgrade our current system to include smoke detectors that directly notify the fire department. As an alternative, the office is going to install one smart smoke detector that will instead send notifications to the Office Manager cell phone in case of an alarm

Next Meeting: 1/11/2022 – 6:00 pm – Intergroup Office

Greg Kennedy

Office Manager

Akron Area Intergroup Council of AA

General Service: Heather F– present

No report, Area 54 held no meeting in December.

Q- When is the next meeting

A- This Sunday at 2 at the Brunswick Recovery Club

Bill- The multi is this Sat. at 1 at Pilgrim Church

New Year's Eve Dance: Anthony –Present

Good and welfare: -

Andy celebrated 27 yrs.- this mother who contracted covid fell and had a hip replacement

Jeff- mom had her best friend pass away- just mom and Diane's fam in prayer

Carry this message will have a Play on the traditions on April 20 at 7 pm

I see there was a nomination form online- said it is a proposal- did I miss that?

a- It is just the one proposed we are having a meeting on the 15th and we are discussing it

Bill- You can get these docs from the meeting on the Intergroup website

Northhampton does a dinner and donations go to intergroup- this January we probably won't but will continue in Feb.

Gail's son was in an accident and broke his leg in two places please keep Chip in prayers

Motion to adjourn- seconded and passed unanimously

The Council meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted:

Nikki M., Board Secretary