

Akron Intergroup Council Meeting – April 3, 2022

This hybrid Zoom/in-person meeting at Paradise Club was opened at 12:00 pm by Chairman Mike B.. with I Am Responsible and Serenity prayer 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, Akron General, Akron Men's Big Book Study, Barberton Big Book, Carry This Message, Coffee Donuts and Discussion, East Akron, Fairlawn, Faith & Hope, Golden Link, Hudson Tuesday Clockwatchers, Kenmore Group, King School Group #1, Medina 12 Step, Morning Meditation, North Hill Men's Big Book, North Hill Men's Discussion, Northampton, Primary Purpose Group, Road to Recovery, Saturday Night Lost and Found, St. Anthony's Womens Group, Sunday Night 12 and 12, Sons of Ebby, Stow Thursday Night, Sunday Night in Paradise, Tallmadge Heritage AA Group, Temple Square, The Turning Point, Thursday Night Freedom, Thursday Closed Women's Thursday Night Men's Nonsmoking, Towers Discussion, Trusted Servants

Secretary's Report: Nikki M. – Present

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

Asked for the 501c3 to be corrected from 5013c

Motion was made to accept with correction

Seconded

Accepted by a unanimous vote

Treasurer's Report: Tim Q.- Not Present

No report.

Chairman's Report: Michael B.- Present-

Met with and attended literature committee.

Discussed 12 step fund drive with trustees including poker run, t shirts, group sponsored events..

Signed checks

Spoke with nominations committee chair in regards to progress as well as allowing current board members who might want off early.

Secured stop in Macedonia for run stop.

Attended founders day meeting

Received letter from volunteer in regards to archives display.

Spoke with vice chair in regards to vacation time away.

Brief discussion with archivist.

Q- I make a motion to table this

A- A Motion wasn't made, a member brought this to me, as a member of AA, I am just bringing it in my report

Q- We need more information

A- We can get more information and then will bring it back next month

Old Business: No old business

New Business: No new business

Ad Hoc Committee- Jeff C.- Not Present- Hugh presented

First section is just language required for nonprofit cooperation which we were in noncompliance of not having it

The second section is just to protect for legal liability- like on Founder's Day they are running around with cash and if something happens and it is lost- then that person is not personally liable- this does not cover crime- it just covers negligence, allows us to get insurance

Q- Does it take long to get the insurance?

A- No idea, never done it, if the board wants to do it then they will have to put together a committee and get quotes, etc.

Q- Do we know in our policy, in our office policy does it have directors and officers covered? Because if so, this might be something we can just add on to a fairly cheaply

A- Not sure, but this clause is just allowing them to get the insurance and spend that money to do it, so whether we have it or not, this allows them to get it

Motion one to add legal language to make us in compliance with nonprofit corporation status passed 34/34

Q- I don't understand the motion-

A- We are not changing we are adding to-

Q- It doesn't matter whether we have it or not- it is putting it in

Q- Someone on the board has to check into whether we have this for the directors and officers' policy

All in favor to add insurance ability into the bylaws- 27/34

1 opposed- Minority voice- I just want to understand how making an addition isn't the same as making a change- and if we don't quite have all the information why are we voting on this in the first place, when clearly we don't even know about the insurance policy

Anyone want to change vote?- no

It has passed

Archivist getting a vote-

Q- Chris does not want a vote on the board and everyone but Jim agrees- we hope you vote this down

Mike- Chris also asked for me to withdraw the motion- I told him that he couldn't withdraw someone else's motion

Q- I was going to vote yes on this, because just because they can vote doesn't mean they can't abstain

Q- What happens when we have a new archivist, do they not have a vote?

A- Yes, they do not have a vote

Q- For now, if we change this, we would have to elect and vote on the archivist and there would have to be term limits, for now, they are in until they are done, which is the best way to have this position, if we change this, we have to change the position and have term limits

Q- If the archivist doesn't want this, can't the person that has made the motion withdraw it?

A- That is Jim and I don't think he wants to withdraw

Q- If this isn't wanted by the Archivist- then this would be throwing a lot of complications that don't need to be there, they do have a voice, they just don't have a vote

Q- When this was all started 27 years ago, they allowed it to be started but they were not able to have a vote- we have always thought the archivist should have a vote, you can sit in the Board meeting and listen but you don't have a voice- the archivist is approved by the Board who is appointed by you

Q- Chris has already said he doesn't want the vote- there shouldn't be any more discussion and it should be put to a vote

Vote 4/34 to give archivist a vote- did not pass

Bylaws change for removal for cause-

Q- since this is a change can we actually read it?

A- (read the change)

Q- At my homegroup we questioned 2nd p line 6- if parties do not come to a resolution through mediation then 3/4th vote of board or council- we want to recommend 3/4 vote for board and council

Q- Also thought it should be and

Q- We discussed it and also thought it should be and

A- Can we vote on it with the change?

A- No, we have to make the change, resend it, then vote

Mike- all in favor as it stands

Q- With the and?

Mike- No, as it stands

Q- We sure we can't change it now and vote

Q- Yes, we already have approval of groups- a motion has to be made

Motion to change language 3/4 vote for exc. Board AND Council

Seconded

All in favor- 30/34

Opposed- 1/34- No, I just oppose, I appreciate the Board- if they think it should be or then it should be or

All in favor of the bylaw change for removal with cause with the change of the word AND 32/34

Opposed 1/30- ditto

Answering Service: – Bill M- Present-

47 calls

18 for meeting

1 Founder's Day

3 12 Step

One 12 step went to Joyce-

Joyce- we went over the 2 questions about drinking and then I started going over the spiritual principles and her mind snapped shut, I have never had that happen before, I don't know what I said

Bill- I volunteered to do this but anyone else wants to volunteer I would be able to help, I finally have a handle on it but we need to think if we want to continue

Group Services: Dusty S. – Present –

No report.

12 Step Fund Drive: Joyce B. – Present-

Many activities play April 20th, Welcome home meeting June 9, Poker Run July 30, North Hampton Every month last Friday, Round Up Fall, Spring Golf Outing, Groups PP, CTM, YANA, Friday Night in the Woods, ? North of Akron, RR Church Meetings, 12 Step Up Club, and others will be added.

New Flyer for poker run, Riders \$25, last rider in and out times, Start at 160 end at same St. Andrews

Next Meeting 4/23/22 11 am IG Office

Corrections: Anthony B. -Present –

Corrections Committee Meeting of 3/19/22

Attendees: Anthony B.
 John C.
 Curtis
 James L.
 Bill M.
 Joyce B.

Old Business

1) Date for Corrections Workshop tentatively set for September 10, 2022. Event scheduled as a four to five hour program, 1:00-5:00 PM. Group will afford pizza and pop.

New Business

1) Treasury Report

\$309.75	Donated to Corrections from 2/18/22-3/18/22
\$1,036.00	Expended by Corrections from 2/18/22-3/18/22
\$1,371.75	Total Money spent for year to date

\$1,508.68	Total Money donated for year to date
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\$2,108.23 in Corrections Account as of 3/18/22

Group agrees to monitor funds closely. Group has spent \$136.93 less than money donated. Perhaps we have reached a “sweet spot” in our Corrections donations and expenditures. Since we are a non-profit group that “sweet spot” may or may not be an acceptable place for our group.

- 2) James L. can no longer manage CBCF schedule because of his other peer support and recovery schedule. James' service is much appreciated! He may be able to schedule a Saturday time if possible.
- 3) Curtis will be vetted for Glenwood: Welcome, Curtis.
- 4) John C. will be taking care of Glenwood CASK.

Power Street needs a women's meeting brought in.

New Year's Eve Dance: Anthony B- Present

No report.

Treatment Facilities: Melissa C- Present-

Treatment Committee Report

We met on Tuesday 3/29 at 6PM

Summit county report: We gathered some info. from ADM detox. They are looking for AA members to fill meeting slots Thurs. through Sun. but there is an extensive process to volunteer, application then background check and PREA training . We now have a committee member who works on the treatment side of Orianna who can help us with ADM, FAA, and the coffee house.

We are still trying to find out the process to volunteer at Summa St. Thomas detox

Northcoast treatment facility now has AA members doing a meeting on Tuesdays for the clients.

Medina county report: In Medina they have HRC (Hope Recovery Community Center) which is a hub of resources including AA meetings on site. They help assist people in getting into detox and rehab and offer peer support and so much more. We took a tour of the center and have all the info. about services they provide and 2 main contacts.

Portage county report: Compass recovery center were having problems finding meetings for clients to attend so we directed them to www.akronaa.org. They also requested some sober support contacts and were provided with sons of ebbys list so far.

Family and community services requested some pamphlets which the committee will provide.

Horizon House still has a zoom meeting with AA women every other Thursday and are always open to have AA women come in to also do a meeting.

PARC house is looking for AA women to come in to bring a meeting and also will let us know if they need any literature.

Recovery works detox does have 1 AA member who does a meeting and we will be providing big books on loan to keep at facility for the meeting.

Roothouse now has a meeting 6 days a week on site with AA members

Next committee meeting will be Tuesday 4/26 6PM at the office

Office Committee: – Melissa C- Present-

Office Committee report

Committee decided that each month we would ask our office workers what they would like us to report from the office to council.

Our office is looking for volunteers for founders day weekend

No training needed because they already have people including themselves to run register.

They could use your help with keeping shelves stocked, coins, bagging, greeting, talking with all the visitors,ect.

They have rented the space next door where they will have a tent set up and possibly will be grilling hot dogs .

So basically, we need your help and if you are interested you can call the office or stop in!!

Literature Committee: Dave H- Present

Last met, 3/5/2022. Discussed Founders' Day literature, literature room staffing and registers. Reviewed the pin and book covers for sale at the Office and FD. Largest topic of discussion was pricing increase of Literature to enact prior to FD. ***Motion was made to raise books \$1.50, and pamphlets \$.25 for now, allowing time to figure out remaining items as needed (Mike and Aaron will review and assess this with Cheryl) After FD we will evaluate items in a more detailed way to adjust accordingly. Raquel seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.***

I reviewed this with the Board after March's Council Meeting and the Board approved this increase.

Motion to extend

Seconded

All in favor-

Any opposed- no

Meeting extended

I would propose that we say our standard gross margin on items in our store should be 40%. If the cost of an item increases to the point where the margin drops below 30% we have the authority to raise that price back to 40%. That way we don't fall into having to raise the price of something we are making money on just because there was a small increase in cost.

I would suggest that we go through each item to make the determination, but I did a general analysis and found our margins at the end of last year were about:

Specialty and Yearly Coins: 70%

Monthly Coins: 50%

24 Hour Coins: 20%

AA World Service Items: 20%

Historic Pamphlets: 30%

T-Shirts: 50%

(We sell Hazelden books at the cost they suggest.)

I believe almost all of our items will see significant increases as we go forward this year. Printing prices according to a number of people I have talked to in the industry have increased 30% over last year and are continuing to go up, meaning as we order stuff later this year we will be paying more. Credit card fees, which were about 9% of our sales last year seem to be about the same this year. Accounting for those fees, that 40% margin would be more like 30%, which still seems typical of the kinds of products we sell.

I am putting the 40% / 30% numbers out there as a starting point based on typical margins for similar items at for-profit stores. I think more important than the actual values is the idea that we have the ability to raise prices on items when the costs go up substantially without having to go back to the board/council each time. A value that strikes a balance between raising money for the Intergroup and making sure our literature gets in the hands of those who need it should be what we are striving for.

Greg Kennedy

Office Manager

Akron Area Intergroup Council of AA

Q- when you talk about a 40% margin is that from acquisition

A- Yes

Intergroup Picnic: Dave H- Present

First planning meeting set for 4/9/22 @ 10:00am at the Honeymoon Grille in Portage Lakes on Manchester Rd.

Public Info/CPC: Doug M-Present-

No report.

Founders' Day: Matt H- Present

No news on stadium

All is going on as scheduled

Founder's Day 2022 Registration as of 3/31/2022

Total Income

2022- \$156,439

2019- \$91,188

Total Registration (Basic+ A + B)

2022- 2051 60%

2019- 1280

Total Beds (A + B)

2022- 457

2019- 345

Basic Registrations

2022- 1594 70%

2019 935

Average Daily Registrations

2022 66 60%

2019 42

Q- is there a deadline for online registration-

A- May 15, hard stop on 15th but if there are mail in registration, it is

Q- what time on the 15th

A- 11:59

Archives: Chris B. – Not Present- read by Nikki-

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE REPORT

Last committee meeting 2/2/2022 IGO at noon

Next committee meeting 5/4/2022 at IGO at noon

The archive committee volunteers on Wednesdays at the IGO 10ish – 4ish

After listening to all of the points and concerns discussed at the last council meeting, more specifically the amendment giving the archivist a vote on the board, with the majority support of the archives committee, I make a motion to cancel the request giving the archivist a vote. The majority of the archives committee agrees that there should not be an amendment giving the archivist a vote since it is an appointed position.

The rear hallway updates of the display boards is progressing nicely. The committee's hard work has us on track for completion before Founders Day.

There have been a number of smaller groups that have come in for archive tours.

The digitizing of the collection continues to process.

Gene- since the report- one of the graphic artists is really upset, but we made the decision as a committee

A- I am that artist and I have a degree in graphic design- I saw that the display of the Mayflower display was cut in half and it cost the committee almost \$800- it showed the timeline down the hall- they decided to saw the Mayflower display in half- and move it- My feelings were not hurt but there were other design solutions and I am upset that it was not discussed the other options

Intergroup News: Jack B - Present-

Just got an email- IG news we just sent the proof without any changes in it, this new letter will be run on sentence after run on sentence, not sure how we will do it, but it was – proof reading copy went out as newsletter

We are sorry, we made a mistake, we are going to follow it up with an April Fool's joke-

Q- I appreciate you taking on this responsibility and be honest I made the mistake

Q- Jim- is the corrected issue online or is it also incorrect

A- We are not going to redo it, it cost too much, we do not have it online anymore, the ones sent by email were already sent out

Make a motion for additional 15 minutes

Seconded-

Any Opposed- no

Extended

Q- is there anyway the revised one can be sent out by email

A- Greg said no, there is too much involved, we can ask Monday, but no

Intergroup Anniversary: Jack Beegle – Present-

Need gift baskets- we have five, we can use some more, I think we had 15 last year.

Cut off for tickets, 16th of April

Want to have the baskets by the 19th, but we will take them at the Anniversary

Information Tech: Hugh M – Present-

Didn't meet, No report. Next meeting April 11th at 6 pm

General Service: Heather F– present

The next Area 54 meeting is moved from April 17th at 2pm, to April 10th at 2pm.

Area is on track to meet their yearly budget with a positive balance in the reserve.

If you have a new GSR or change in group information please fill out an updated group form. Without that form AA World Services will not be aware of your group or if you are actively participating in your area.

Good and welfare: -

Jim- Michael is in the hospital having tests, sent a card, please have a prayer for him, he would appreciate it

Tim- Northhampton- April 15 Anniversary- door 530, dinner 6, lead at 7, ham scalloped potatoes

Anthony- Pray for Chris he is going in for surgery on his lungs he has a tumor

Mary- Also pray for Chris, he is praying he will be a grandfather soon but there is trouble for pregnancy

Coffee and donuts- our normal rep had surgery and has an infection please pray

Prayers for Chris

Brandy upstairs- has boy

Jerry- our group doing a traditions play 4/20 trinity 7 pm- everything collected going to intergroup

Motion to adjourn- seconded and passed unanimously

The Council meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted:

Nikki M., Board Secretary