Akron Intergroup Council Meeting – October 2, 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 - Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

Groups in Attendance, (41 plus 2 groups with unregistered reps) Afternoon Alkies, Akron General, Akron Mens Big Book Study, Barberton Big Book, Carry This Message, Dry People’s Wednesday Night, East Akron, Fairlawn, First Things First, Goodrich Group, Hudson Clockwatchers, Hudson Terex PM, Journey to Progress, Faith and Hope, Fresh Start, Kenmore Group, King’s School Group #1, Ladies Big Book Study, Men’s Closed St. Eugenes, Medina Tuesday Night, Morning Meditation, North Hill Men’s Big Book, North Hill Men’s Discussion, Northhampton, Progress Not Perfection, Road of Destiny, Sons of Ebby, St. Anthony Women’s Group, Stow Thursday Night, Sunday Night 12 and 12, The Turning Point, Thursday Closed Womens, Thursday Night Freedom, Thursday Night Men’s Nonsmoking, Towers Discussion, Tuesday Women’s Big Book, Wadsworth Thursday.

On Zoom and were unable to hear most of the meeting- Golden Link, Flame Breakfast Group, Friday Night in the Woods

Secretary’s Report: Nikki M. – Present

The reading of September’s Secretary’s Report was waived. Accepted with no correction.

Accepted unanimously with corrections.

Treasurer’s Report: Ed B.- Present

We have about $68,000 in prudent reserve. Reserve should be about $178,000 so we are about $110,000 short. Gross profit is somewhere around $10,500. Net income is in negative now because we are paying out for Founder’s Day and have not been paid out for that yet.

Operating Account- $15,000
Reserve Accounts- $68,000 ($110,000 short)
Income
Sales and Office Contributions
Group $11,500
Individual $416
Founders’ day -$8,000 U of A paid and no income as yet
Costs -$6,300
Gross surplus $10,500
Expenses -$16,300
Net loss ($5,800) Mainly FD Expenses Paid

Q- What is our rent?
   A- $1,500 a month

Q- I think there were a few groups over their max to charge to Intergroup but I also think we can write off some of that
   A- I will look into that, but there is an amount
**Chairman’s Report:** Michael B.- Present-

Met with the Trustees to discuss the Fund Drive and getting that moving forward.

**Old Business:** We are having an issue with Zoom, a motion has been made to disband the Zoom, do we have a Quorum?

A - Yes
B - I make a motion to disband Zoom, seconded
C - All in favor-
D - Anyone opposed
E - We made the decision about reps based on this option, maybe we should have IT committee look into it
F - 4 nays and 32 for-
G - Officially no more Zoom next month

New Business-
The vote on equipment
Q - was Akron U paid?
   A - Yes
   B - How much was it?
   C - Q- $246,256
Q - FD Committee did great U of A sucked- no coffee
   A - It is. Being address
Q - I would like to have the FD Committee to entertain the possibility of having a new venue but renting out the stadium
   A - We always do
Q - there were people that rented wheelchairs, they were not available at the university
   A - Please send those ideas to us by email
Q - what over venues have you looked at
   A - Kent State
Q - Didn’t rent go up again for FD?
   - No, a little on food, not rent
Q - the paper says the tenths for the meeting but it is tomorrow

Motion to vote on FD Propose
Seconded

All in favor- all
Anyone opposed- 0

**Answering Service:** – Jim B- Present-

16 calls for meetings
1 heckler from the east coast stated “AA is a cult”
1 call for historic literature
1 call to the office to speak with Jim H. or Mike B.

**Group Services:** – Greg C.- Present –

Working through the mailing database to determine accuracy of active groups and points of contact.
have a list and they will be making calls
Meeting 19th at 6:30
I only made 68 calls and this is what I got out of 385
20 don’t have contact information
One hung up
If you get a voicemail from me- please reach out to IG to update information

Q- Does the info from IG just have the email?
   A- No
   B- Might want to update and get emails so we can send info out
   C- We can get emails but if you get a call from me just reach out IG, we need to keep this updated, it is their responsibility to keep this info up to date, there are groups that are further out that don’t feel a part of, I am trying to make them a part of
   D- Don’t they collect emails?
   E- We just got the phone numbers from Greg
   F- Bill-When we send out mailers, we are sending out over 300 mailers
   G- Mike- If your info is not updated, then we cannot get info to you, he is working for you
   H- Shane- you can update online as well on Akron AA
   I- Q- I am manager of Paradise club, if you need help with some info I can help

12 Step Fund Drive: Shane W. – Present-

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Trustee meeting held 9/16. Combined into a Groups Service meeting to sort out the accuracy of the mailings for FD packets. Plan to meet 10/5 to stuff packets. Script for the FD to be read by groups secretaries was reviewed.

We will be sending out 1 mailer for the group, 5 for individuals, we included a QR code so it will take you directly to the donations

Oct. 5th envelope stuffing for 12 step fund drive at 6 pm IG
Make sure the groups and read the announcements about the fund drive-
Q- when should it go out
   A- Probably by the 2nd or 3rd week Oct.
Q- if we know we are down a certain amount, we might want to tell them the dollar amount for each group to know what we need to think of it differently
   A- If every group donated $10 a week it would be $180,000 a year, even $5 a week would be more than we get now
   B- In the back of the meeting book, it used to have the suggested percentage, why isn’t it there
   C- Bill- printing is expensive and we had to cut out pages which is why it isn’t there
   D- Our numbers are down from last year but last year was our best year ever

Corrections: Anthony B. Present –

A Corrections we had a few new additions to the corrections committee this month following our workshop it’s exciting to see some new faces 2 women and 1 man looking to start going into facilities next meeting Saturday the 15th at 10am at Intergroup Office.
All facilities are looking for more meetings, at a lot of them you can probably pick your date and time.

Q- How long does it take for a background check  
A- Usually a week, we are trying to get it streamlined with Pria trained,  
B- If you have already had the pria training and a background, do you need to do it again?  
C- That will be up to Oriana- I did mine 4 years ago and it is still go  
D- Q- what do you need for a background check  
E- A- you get finger printed, as long as you don’t have violent crimes you will be approved, Summit County- you have to ask Mike  
F- A- Mike- I have a terrible record and they let me go to the jail  
G- Q- how long do you need to be sober  
H- A- 1,1,1 1 yr sober, 1 year off papers, and 1 year out of their facility  
I-

**New Year’s Eve Dance:** Anthony B- Present

If you don’t like something at the dance, come to the meeting and be a part of it.

New year’s eve dance we had our first meeting in September to start our planning of the dance we discussed food and were given a menu by our caterer Marty Schmidt with a estimated cost of 2900 dollars to feed 175 people which is cheaper than last year for more people we also decided 2 sell tickets for 25$ a piece we are going to be going over decorations and desserts still looking for people that would like to help you can join use at the intergroup office at 11am Saturday October 15

Q- $25 per person or couple  
A- person, last year it was $20 and we lost money

**Treatment Facilities:** Melissa C-Present-

On group pamphlet it does have the groups having a treatment/corrections rep for the group

We met on 9/27/22 at 6pm  
Our summit county coordinator was not present but we did have a report about RAMAR that their clients are going out to meetings but only half at a time, so they still are in need for onsite meetings in addition to the ones they already have. We have the contact information.  
Oriana Report: Still in need of women for Mondays at 6:30 and in need of men for Wednesdays at 10am with a possibility to change that meeting to Fridays if needed.  
Portage County Report: Roothouse still in need of men for Sat./Tues. Evenings  
They do not go to outside meetings at all and rely on in house meetings only  
Horizon House and PARC House are also still in need of women to do meetings.  
Medina/Wayne/Holmes counties no report  
Our next committee meeting will be on Tuesday Nov. 1st at 6PM

Q- we have a hard time communicating- when you go the groups, and they ask for an announcement- bring back we need help in treatment and corrections

**Office Committee:** – Melissa C- Present-

We set a date for Saturday Sep. 24th but only 2 of us were able to make it so we met and set an agenda for the next meeting when all 4 of us can attend.  
The budget process is coming up, so we want to discuss with the board the possibility for raises for the office workers.
**Literature Committee:** Dave H- Present

GRAPEVINE: Committee members discussed the options regarding the Grapevine in the office. They are quite expensive and are not moving through the office as we would hope. All is usually available online and not needed in hard copy as much as they used to be. Some of the books could remain for sale (Language of the Heart, Emotional Sobriety 1 & 2, The Best of Bill, Spiritual Awakening 1 & 2. Cheryle must order at least $500 at a time to receive a 20% discount. The office will no longer sell magazines, etc. Only the books mentioned will remain for sale. **David made a motion to continue purchasing the 6 books mentioned and discontinue the other items, Raquel seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.**

OFFICE: Cheryl presented a list of sales from the Founders Day sale in the literature room. Sales: $52,147.86, cost: $28332.76, tax: $3, 336.74, surplus: $20,478.36. Mary presented the numbers from Founders Day 2019 to compare how we did this year financially. It appears the price increases allowed us to bring in approximately $1000 more this year.

Cheryl presented the pamphlet “The New Way of Life” which has been selling poorly due to the high cost ($2.50) in the larger green format. She had to order more, for a $1.10 each, they are now smaller and are white for the lesser cost. She ordered 1,000 of them and will sell for $1.50 (adding 40%).

Cheryl presented “Dr. Bob’s Last Major Talk,” which we were welling for $.70. We were running low and would cost $3.00 to be reordered. Greg and Cheryl decided to not order any more, due to the high cost and limited sales. The committee discussed how this would impact the office to not carry this pamphlet anymore, as the Birthplace of AA in Akron. David would like to continue this conversation with the entire committee present. Cheryl will obtain an official quote with different options available to lower cost (possibly smaller size, different format?) Tabled until next meeting.

Cheryl discussed the problem with labels she has been having. Greg cannot add the program that is needed to his computer. He is talking to different providers to obtain price quotes for the barcode labels. The committee discussed the reluctance to commit to a contract that we would be stuck in long term, if no longer needed in the future. David will bring this up at the office committee meeting to discuss and will revisit at the next committee meeting.

Cheryl presented a new pamphlet from World Service, but the 100 that she ordered she cannot put out for sale until she can make a label. She plans to sell them for $.75 each. It is more of an illustrated pamphlet about the 12 traditions. “Experience Has Taught Us: An Introduction to Our Twelve Traditions.”

**Intergroup Picnic:** Dave H- Present

Pavilion has been reserved

**Public Info/CPC:** Doug M-Present-

Plans to attend the ZOOM workshop put on by the National PI/CPC individuals on the 2nd Saturday of the month to learn more about PI/CPC.

Meeting is Oct. 8th at noon for the Zoom workshop

Q- you went to a recoveryfest in Medina, did you know there is one in Akron

**Founders’ Day:** Woody- Present

Final costs continuing to shake out. Awaiting the budget from the University of Akron for 2023 event.
**Archives:** Chris B. – Present-

Tours have been steady. Mayflower is a private residence and is not open to the public. Mayflower management if the only individuals that can grant access. Anyone wanting to volunteer or learn to be a tour guide can contact Chris or come to the IGO on Wednesdays between 10-4:00pm.

**Intergroup News:** Shannon S. – Present-

Editing meeting, two new committee members attended this morning. Cassy G. has agreed to work with Judy on formatting the newsletter. It was agreed to add the segment “Heard at a meeting”, this was previously discontinued.

Talked about printing the IG News in color for the FD edition only- we are looking into the cost

Cost is only $5 for 2 years

**Intergroup Anniversary:** Kim H. – Present-

UPDATE ON FIRST MEETING: FRI, SEPT. 9, 7PM @ Akron Intergroup Office, 775 N. Main St., Akron, OH 44310: MEETING CANCELLED d/t schedule conflict. Will have first official meeting before next board and council mtg, with goal of board budget proposal request and updated committee member info. Nothing further at this time; committee report pending first meeting, as designated above

Suggesting adding 10% to last year’s budget totaling $2,035

**Information Tech:** Bill B. – Present had to go; Mike read-

Met 9/13. Archives needed a new scanner and got it. Next meeting will be the 2nd Tuesday of October.

Upgraded computer for 2023 budget Wants to add to voices of the past on website, scanner will be here installed by Wednesday

Bill- do you have the app, check out they are asking for videos and other things, thought you might want to know about this

Q- what videos are they asking for
   A- Heather- I have a flier

**General Service:** Heather F.– present

I have the flier about the videos, they are asking for them to carry the message to kids in college and high school

Gratitude Sunday will be November 20, 1-3:00pm at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Cleveland Heights. It will be a potluck meeting hosted by District 42.

**Good and welfare:**

Anthony- 6 years

Motion to adjourn- seconded and passed unanimously

The Council meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer
Respectfully submitted:
Nikki M., Board Secretary