

## Akron Intergroup Council Meeting – November 6, 2022

This 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 with 40 groups.

### **Groups in Attendance, (39 groups, 2 unregistered, 2 with unregistered reps or alternates)**

Akron General, Akron Mens Big Book Study Group, Barberton White Knucklers, Barberton Sunday 12 & 12, , Crossroads, , East Akron, Fairlawn, , Faith and Hope, Falls Discussion, First Things First, , Hobos in the Park , Journey to Progress, Fresh Start, Journey to Progress, Kenmore Big Book Study, Kenmore Group, , King's School Group, Ladies Big Book Study, Medina 12 Step, Medina Tuesday Night, Morning Meditation, , Northampton, One Day at a Time, N.U.T.S. Big Book Study, Primary Purpose Group, , Saturday Night Lost and Found, , Serenity Big Book Study, Sons of Ebby, Spiritual Solutions, St. Anthony Women's Group, Sunday Night 12 & 12, Sunday Night In Paradise, Tallmadge Heritage AA Group, The Turning Point, Three Legacies: Recovery, Unity, & Service, Thursday Closed Womens, Thursday Night Freedom, , Thursday Night Men's Nonsmoking, Towers Discussion, Tuesday Women's Big Book,

**Secretary's Report:** Nikki M. – Present

The reading of October's Secretary's Report was waived. Accepted with no correction.

Accepted unanimously with no corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ed B.- Present

Operating accounts were \$73,332.24  
Reserve \$68,188.02- about \$35,000 under

**Chairman's Report:** Michael B.- Present-

No report

Q- was there anyone at the board meeting looking to join

A- No, visitors but regulars

Q- It would be good to hear what happened at the Board Meeting

A- The board members will give their report

B- The minutes are on the IG website

**Old Business:** No old business

**New Business:**

- Proposed 2022 budget- read the nonprofit budget statement and answered group questions

When someone wants to come to be a group only one person decides whether they make the meeting schedule- under the AA group pamphlet it states the work is done as a democracy- no single individual acts alone- the process currently is they put them in if they last 2 months- that is all- it needs to be something set up by democracy

Made a motion to make a group be voted on to be in the book- seconded

By laws give 2 months before they become a group

We rarely even have a quorum to things we need- people only show up when they vote- how can we penalize another group because we don't show up? They have to wait because we don't show up? How is that fair?

This might give us an opportunity to pause and vote later but this could be detrimental to new groups for people like me who do not like to be told what to do

This is happening right now, there is a meeting on the flier bringing up additional issues on their flier about medication

The bylaw just gives a waiting period

It would put a lot of burden on council to have to vote on this, the idea is to create more meetings for people, this seems like an intergroup issue not council. Intergroup has criteria, it is not part of council, we are just talking about putting it in the book

The AA group pamphlet talks about the difference in a group and meeting- Greg is only deciding putting a meeting in the book not whether they are a group- which could be decided by council if we want

At the beginning we recited I am responsible, there are too many meetings that can talk about anything but our only responsibility is to help the still suffering alcoholic, it is all we do, not medication. We used to have a disclaimer saying we are not responsible for the names in the book- we took it out because we are responsible.

If anyone wants to know about the meeting it is in the IG News- in this is an official meeting. I don't like one person having the power of deciding. Then we decide who decides who is in our Intergroup with the benefits.

Intergroup is not Alcoholics Anonymous- it should be promoting singleness of purpose- one is from highland square- says it welcomes all addicts- it says only members should be participating- people are using IG as an advertising service- the biggest problem is with our own members saying things are okay

So, you are saying that we want to remove one person from putting the info into the computer? This is from our bylaws- he is not making a decision but just putting the info into the computer- page 46 says we are all inclusive- what would God have us do?

I think a lot of the things discussed in meetings are outside issues.

I think it is a lot of extra work to have someone come here asking to be a group, hoping for a quorum, then having to take it back to the groups to vote

If Greg does not do it- what are the responsibilities of the Group Services Committee? If we want to make them part of IG- then Group Services Committee should oppose or say yeah for them to come in- then that group can give Greg the direction

Once in directory does that mean it can be a voting member- yes- then that is different. If the only requirement is 60 days, the question is should we change that rule-

The proposal is to take Greg out of the Intergroup from the position to decide and put it into council as to who is and isn't

Intergroups primary function is to serve AA not control AA. When we start deciding who becomes or doesn't become a meeting is dangerous- when a group isn't following that- it is a self-cleaning oven- it will eventually go away- if it is based on not following traditions, so many groups would not exist as we don't follow them in so many ways

We are not taking a decision away from Greg, he is just following the rules

It is my understanding that once a group is in a book if there are any concerns, they can go to intergroup- and they can visit the group

Before removing a process- I really want to know what the new process would be and how it would affect the newcomers as that is what we are really concerned about- In short, I will fight to keep anyone in

I think if they want to start a meeting for anything other than AA- our process lets them do that

I think I have the choice to go to any meeting- if the council has an issue with meeting, then they can come to Intergroup council and decide it

If they want to be part of this council- have them come to Group Services or Intergroup

If this is a change in bylaws then wouldn't we have to have a proposal

No, this is a standing motion, we wouldn't have to send a proposal because it is not in our bylaws

So, what happens when we don't have a quorum for 4 months- they have to wait and show up to make their case four months in a row and then wait longer to have a vote

I am sick of hearing that Intergroup reps aren't showing up and there is an issue with a quorum, we are showing up so there

Mike- let's say the serenity prayer

Read the pamphlet about different between meetings and groups

Motion to extend- seconded- passed

Can't table the motion it was seconded

Motion to take responsibility to be put in book and become part of IGH of the council

Yes- 10

No- 18

Abstainers-5

Minority voice- ask this- how many people got the flier that was mailed out through our intergroup and called themselves secular AA- I talked to Greg- he felt bad when I went up to ask

about it- things being sent out under us are our responsibility- our sole purpose as a group is in the literature- they need to hear it and take it into consideration- people coming in to out of town don't have a choice- we are getting away from our 12 traditions

Mike- anyone wish to change their vote

Motion has failed

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

9 calls for meeting

No calls for anything else

Got a call from the answering service- but couldn't get ahold of them, then finally got them about 10 mins later and they had gotten ahold of someone else

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

This flier was brought to my attention- and are we going to lend our name to it?

I need volunteers- there are 5 counties- only a few are represented- I need help going to the outside communities- everything is in Akron, so we are trying to maybe go to them and have some stuff out there

I am going to that meeting- but I am not the police

**12 Step Fund Drive:** Shane W. – Present-

Went over the fundraising numbers

We discussed if there was anything we could do better for stuffing envelopes or helping make the process smoother next year. We discussed several ideas for Fundraisers and getting more events going in the Akron area to get people involved. Some ideas were, Cornhole Tournament, spring fling, camp out, chili cook off. All with prizes and raffles.

**Corrections:** Anthony B. Present –

We are always looking for more men and women to help take meetings into Corrections the process of getting vetted for Oriana house has been trimmed down to about 2weeks was 2 to 3 months had another great meeting we meet the 3rd Saturday of every month at 10am at the intergroup office

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

Going to meet on 19, 3 and 16 or 17 of December

8 people in meeting was a great meeting Amy n, James, and Corey volunteered to do decorations ellen and friends doing deserts motion was passed that Jerry and Melissa Coffman to dj the event and that the committee would pay for there tickets as compensation jerry and Melissa didn't want paid at all but committee was not ok with that been trying to get in touch with st Sébastien about when we could get in to set up haven't got a call back yet we will be having to meeting this month at 11 o'clock at intergroup office on the 5th and the 19th we are still asking asking for basket donation

Mike- need to extend

Motion to extend 15 mins- Seconded- Passed

**Treatment Facilities:** Melissa C- Not Present- Read by Joe

TREATMENT COMMITTEE REPORT We met on Tuesday November 1st at 6PM Portage County report: Still the same needs for Root house for men, Horizon House and Parc House for women and Recovery Works Detox. Committee voted to provide Recovery Works Detox with 10 Big Books from our literature on loan to keep at facility to be used for the AA meetings. We had a treatment committee table set up at the sober October recovery fest which was held on the portage county courthouse lawn on October 15th, and we had pamphlets and information available. A new Brightview facility will be opening in Kent, and we have a contact person which we will add to our data base. Oriana Facility Report: The men's AA meeting at the coffee house is now Fridays at 10am and the AA members are currently doing Joe and Charlie tapes and is going good and good attendance. New Business: The committee got approval to hang a flyer at the Dry Peoples Club and the Paradise club Our flyer is just another way we want to communicate that we need help! We also discussed other groups who would like to create a sober support contact list to be available to men and women in facilities where needed. Our Summit Wayne and Holmes County coordinators were not present, so we had no reports given. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday November 29th at 6pm

**Office Committee:** – Melissa C- Not Present- not read

**Literature Committee:** Dave H- Present but left- not read

**Intergroup Picnic:** Dave H- Present but left- not read

No report.

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

Spoke at Akron U to the fraternities and sororities about alcoholism on Oct. 17, 7 pm for National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

Passed out some more letters and a judge called and asked for some literature and meeting guides. I am supposed to meet with her in the morning.

**Founders' Day:** Woody- Present

Next meeting is Monday- getting into the Herald, the speakers are now approved

Got contract from Akron U and have a budget put together

People are starting to shadow to be on the committee- giving up a year of their time to do that- there is a lot of participation there

**Archives:** Chris B. – Not Present- read by Gene

8/3/22 12 IGO

We've been giving a lot of walk-in tours. There was a gentleman that spoke Spanish only some in to the IGO wanting a tour, No one in the office spoke Spanish. However, with the aid of Google Translate, he was told the story of Akron and the 1<sup>st</sup> 100. He was very grateful donating \$100 and saying "buy coffee,

buy coffee.” A gentleman from India that visited our IGO when is Zoom meeting met in Akron, donated AA Big Books in all dialects of the Indian language. The archives committee recognized Tom H. with a plaque at the 18<sup>th</sup> golf outing. The original was held Sept. 16, 2004. With Tom’s dedication and hard work there has been a golf outing every year with the exception of 2020 due to the “vid”. The gold outing committee is the 2<sup>nd</sup> longest running committee with Founder’s Day being the longest. The 18 golf outings have raised over \$55k for the Akron IGO. This year \$4,760. We are adding some new speakers to the website under “voices of the past”.

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

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

Date: 11/3/22

Committee: IG News

Committee Chairperson: Shannon Stanley

Report for the November Board meeting

Editing meeting 10/22 @9am, Cassy G. did great work on the formatting. Everyone worked hard on editing and things really came together.

Discussion was held on the possibility of adding features to the newsletter Sponsors Corner and a Newcomer Asks. The importance of engaging our newer members in service positions was discussed.

Next meeting Sat 11/19 9am.

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

- INTERGROUP ANNIVERSARY DINNER COMMITTEE (4/2023)

- CHAIRPERSON: Kim Haskins

- FIRST MEETING:

6:00PM (18:00), Monday, Nov. 21, 2022.

@ North Hill Redeemer Church

265 E Cuyahoga Falls Ave, Akron, OH, 44310

\* The open, topic/mini-lead discussion meeting of AA, First Things First, will follow, beginning promptly @ 7pm. All are invited and welcome to stay. If you are unable to attend the Anniversary Committee meeting at 6pm but would like to join or participate, you may come at any time before 8:30pm. Committee matters for any additional persons will be discussed at the meeting’s close, 8pm.

REPORT:

-Additional contact info will be provided by 11/09/22.

-Flyer notification will be provided for Intergroup’s next weekly mailer by 11/9/22.

**Information Tech:** Bill B. – Present-

The IT COMMITTEE meets Nov 8th at 6 PM  
Got new laptops- assisted FD Committee with them

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

Area 54 has \$12,000 in their prudent reserve, and a total of \$21,329 in assets.  
Elections were held, Tim H. was elected Area 54 delegate. Mark P. elected as alternate delegate. Katie S. elected as chair, and Ellen W. as secretary.  
Next meeting is gratitude Sunday no meeting in Nov. or Dec.

**Good and welfare:** -

Northhampton group- Donation dinner not having the last meeting of the month this month-  
keep Marty in prayers

Betty B.- at Akron G- broke hip and wrist- don't know if open to visitors

Oct. 12 Beth F 40 yrs

Sat dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 5-9 x-mas party for Primary Purpose

Prayers for Tom B. his wife passed and they were both members of this fellowship

Motion to adjourn- seconded and passed unanimously

The Council meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted:  
Nikki M., Board Secretary