

## Akron Intergroup Council Meeting – February 5, 2023

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 32 groups with registered reps, 4 groups without a registered rep.

**Groups in Attendance, (38 groups, 4 with unregistered reps)** Afternoon Alkies, Akron General, Akron Men's Big Book Study, Brunswick Monday Night Men's, Carry This Message!, Come & Let's Talk it Over, Crossroads, East Akron, Fairlawn, , Faith and Hope, , Falls Discussion, Golden Slippers, Goodrich Group, Hobos in the Park , Hope Group, How Are You Today, Journey to Progress, Kenmore Group, , King's School Group, Ladies Big Book Study, Men's Closed St. Eugene's, Morning Meditation, North Hill Men's Big Book, Northhampton , Primary Purpose Group, Progress not perfection, Road to Recovery, Saturday Night Lost & Found Department, St. Anthony Women's Group, Stow Thursday Night, Sunday Nite 12 & 12, Sunday Night in Paradise, Tallmadge Heritage AA Group, , Thursday Closed Women's, Thursday Night Men's Non Smoking, , The Turning Point, Tuesday Women's Big Book, Westside Big Book Study

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

Treasurers' Report-Council	Dec 31 '22	Jan-Dec '22
Sales	\$ 9,781.15	\$ 194,732.08
Group Contributions	\$ 5,928.20	\$ 71,245.67
Individual Contributions	\$ 4,153.57	\$ 24,828.89
Gross Income	\$ 12,119.06	\$ 345,899.36
Total Expenses	\$ 20,431.32	\$ 234,971.75
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (8,313.28)	\$ 111,927.61

Prudent Reserve..12 Mos Actual Office Exp's + 5% Actual Founders' Day Exp's from The most recent Calendar Year.

Mar 31. Books closed for annual review from an Outside CPA selected by the Executive Board.

Q- what were the office expenses for 2022?

A- 57,769.40?

B- On page 5- 234, 971.75

C- What did you base prudent reserve on?

D- Actual office expenses for 12 months- that is total expenses for Akron IG

E- What is the amount- what do we use to base that on? 5% for FD I understand

F- Total office expenses- not just office- but total for the year – operating expenses plus 5% of FD

Q- we are up about \$110,000 a yr- how much comes from FD

- A- We received a check for \$34,000, no \$130,000 something
- B- Some of that check is for literature- what they profited minus how much they owe for literature
- C- We are in the red and FD makes it
- D- FD is about 1/3 of our total income

The motion was made to accept the treasurer's report, it was seconded. **The report was accepted as written by a unanimous vote.**

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

Met with office workers discussed becoming aed and cpr certified.  
Mediated a grievance for member who did not get her letter printed.  
Looked in the basement for leak.  
Appointed Shane chairman of disaster plan ad hoc committee.  
Took call from scj in regards to grievances.

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

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

Accepted unanimously with no corrections.

**Old Business:** AED Installed- and setting up training

**New Business:** Letter to chairman regarding article in IG News- Shannon Resigned as board member and the committee- effective as of the 19th- Mike was appointed-

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

The Answering Service answered 29 calls in January. All calls were for meeting information.

**Group Services:** – Greg C.- not Present – Shane presented

Going out to tons of meetings there is a spreadsheet- 304 meetings separated by county- 59 confirmed- people are going out to them to confirm- the office can conform the date it was updated- Greg has a list of calls from confirmed meetings- he still has to finish getting through probably about 120-150 confirmed

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

We had a good January, last yr. 63% increase from groups a little less from individuals, \$7972 over last year. Had a good year last year, about \$1500 less than our record year the year before

Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> at IG if want to come- there will be a flier with ideas of things to do for the groups- Bill called a lot of the committees around to ask what fund drives they are doing- they are doing more activities through the year because they do not have FD-

Q- can we put that in the IG News for groups

A- Yes, I will work with the new chair

**Disaster Committee- Shane Walls**

I will send a flier for someone who works in environmental safety- they usually write the plans and may be able to help

Q- is IG allowed to own property?

- A- Not sure of that answer of that, need to do more research, see what other groups do
- B- No- Aa cannot own property
- C- AA cannot own property, but could we form a nonprofit group to find a place to buy
- D- Can you provide your phone number?
- E- XXX-XXX-XXXX

**Corrections:** Anthony B. Present –

Issue at SCJ- we talked to them and we have remedied it- if you want to get involved with SCJ- you need to go to IGO fill out the paperwork and make copy of DL

Next meeting 18th, 10 am

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

New coordinator- heard bad things about AA- asked for an open line of communication- I will do that- we have a new contract- I will sign and send it to her

also asked instead of getting back out \$250 deposit, asked for them to just hold it for the next year- and it is in the contract now- will help us stay locked in to St. Sebastian's- only way it will not get rolled over is if we damage something or don't clean up

She also wants a committee meeting face to face to go over dos and don'ts with her- heard before we have poor communications skills and want to stay until 4 am and clean up- we want to change that and have good communication and respect their facilities

Q- did we have a problem this year closing up late

- A- No, she came into the position and had heard from the previous person we had bad communication, there were some things we didn't know- we taped decorations to the wall and we weren't supposed to, little things we need to fix to stay there

Q- can you put it in the binder for the next group

- A- Yes

Q- I worked with them for a long time and we never had an issue or had a bad thing said- so not sure about her but we never had issues

Q- You might want to check with the contract that has your name in it to make sure it is easy to change out names without an issue

- A- She understands we switch every 2 years
- B- We never got a bad report from them

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

Treatment Committee Report 1/31/23

We had 11 new people present with interest in helping.

Summit County Report: Akron City detox is good on literature. We will be setting up a meeting with an administrator at IBH to see what their needs are. Oriana meetings are still going well. NOAH (northeast ohio anchor of hope) in west akron is a 10 bed co ed facility and will be requesting literature at a later date. The North Coast meeting is still going well. We now have another volunteer who will be our second summit county coordinator (split in half)

Portage County Report: Our current county coordinator is working on handing over 12 facilities to our new coordinator. PARC for women still has a need for AA meetings. Roothouse meetings are still going well. Horizon House for women still in need of women for AA meetings. Recovery works detox for AA members to come in is a 6pm time slot any day of the week except for Wednesdays 1 or 2 people at a time and this is a co-ed detox.

By the end of the meeting we had a volunteer take the position of Medina County Coordinator which has 12 facilities and another volunteer took the position of Wayne and Holmes County coordinator which has a total of 3 facilities between the 2 counties. We have other committee members who will be helping with these transitions.

Our next meeting will be on 2/28 at 6pm at the office

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

Office Committee Report

I sat down with both office employees and reviewed their annual evaluation that had been completed by the board.

13 board members and 11 out of 13 filled them out

Q- any changes of employees- like raise

A- Yes, they got a raise after budget approved and a Christmas Bonus

**Literature Committee:** Dave H- Not Present

No report

**Intergroup Picnic:** Dave H- Not Present

No report.

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

Sonya has been a lot of help- getting letters out and have been focusing on Wayne County and Medina County the courts and schools- heard back from Wadsworth Probation Department for literature requests- then we will move on to Holmes and Portage

**Founders' Day:** Woody- Present

A lot of into on the website with speaker and stuff- the Herald is almost ready for print- We will be using volunteers for ticketing again

first meeting with Akron U will be first Monday in Feb., 6 pm at Akron U-

Q- If you want to get involved how do we get in contact?

A- A member of the committee or easiest to do through IG

**Archives:** Chris B. –Not Present-

Archives report Jan 2023

Last archives business mtg was 2/1/23 at 1200 IGO

The archives received and responded to 19 requests for information during the month of January.

We have had several tours over the past month. Two of the groups contained international tourists. We had one group from Switzerland and the other group from Azerbaijan, located between Iran and Russia. That group consisted of the leaders of Azerbaijan's healthcare system. They were on an 11 day trip to the US to learn about our countries healthcare system. They stopped at the archives for a tour and to learn about alcoholism as it related to healthcare.

On Friday, we gave a couple tours to 60 individuals that were in town for a conference. They were split into 2 groups sending half to Dr. Bob's and the other half to the intergroup office, then switched.

I'd like to thank Shane for stepping up to learn our archives tour. By having a half dozen tour guides we can full fill more requests for archive tours.

**Intergroup News:** Mike V. – Present-

Looking forward to position, just moved back here a few months ago- looking forward to giving back

Q- did you used to be on editing committee

A- No

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

ANNIVERSARY DINNER COMMITTEE REPORT

Event:

Sunday April 23rd, 2023. 12pm-3pm

@Guy's Party Center: 500 E Waterloo Rd., Akron, OH. 44319

A. \*CMTEE DECISION: \$25/Tkt

i. Ticket sales and further event info to be made available for online purchase only by next mtg, 2/18/23

LAST MEETING HELD SAT, 1/21/2023 @ 11AM, INTERGROUP OFFICE

NEXT MEETING DATE:

\*\*CMTEE DECISION\*\* 11am SAT, FEB 18 @ Intergroup Office, 775 N Main St., Akron, OH. 44310.

A. Contacts: P: 330-253-8181, E: [ADC]@akronaa.org

Meeting Minutes &Notes:

I. 8 people present, 3 mbrs notified would not be able to attend

II. Jack B- Discussed how the event went for the past 2 years

The room for the event was booked in advance

Decorations, general set-up included

KH understood meal had already been chosen, with only dessert to be decided upon by this new 2023

CMTEE, CMTEE now understands menu still needs to be chosen and submitted to guys party center

MENU- previous menu options discussed, Chicken, Beef, Fish, Pasta, Salad, Sides??

\*CMTEE DECISION: KH to f/u with Guys and present options to committee for VOTE NEXT MTG Sat 2/18/23 @11a,

KH TO CONTACT CMTEE MBRS IF DECISION IS REQUIRED EARLIER

Discussion of possible accommodation of persons with food allergies/other medical dietary restrictions for 2024 INC MEAL &/or DESSERT, ex. Diabetes (carbs, simple sugars), Celiac Disease (gluten allergy)

May be able to provide any food allergen and relevant nutritional info for requesting, tkt-holding 2023 attendees- if possible, more info will be provided in event announcements to our AA community  
CAKE, DESSERT, OTHER-

Per MB, wife willing to participate and @Jan2023 mtg, to make cake, despite large head count.—

Neither present @mtg to present to committee to discuss/confirm with committee for vote

\*CMTEE DECISION: to f/u MB/spouse @2.2.23 mtg to confirm or cancel offer

\*CMTEE DECISION: to continue seeking Bakery pricing options for main dessert, & leaving MB offer open for discussion

a. As additional/alternative option?

b. \*\* OFFER for estimate number, individuals to RAISE HANDS if interested in/in support of diabetic-friendly dessert option— either for themselves, their home group mbrs? Objectively, feel it should be/are in support of diabetic-friendly dessert option be made available for event attendees? -

Can see-me-after, email or call office

Speaker/Leads, back-up leads-Last year's ticket price: \$25, none available at the door.

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Money tree, 50/50, Baskets, Door Prize

Need raffle ticket prices. (E.g. without discount: \$1 - 2, \$5 - 10, \$10 - 20, \$20 - 40)

Potential Itinerary, based on last year's event:

- 11:30 - Volunteer doors
- 11:45 - Guest doors
- o Begin raffle ticket sales
- 12:10 - Last call for raffle ticket sales
- 12:15 - Stop ticket sales
- o Begin food w/ salad, rolls
- o Eat (Buffet style)
- o Archives Presentation
- 1:00 - Sobriety count-down. Most sobriety time gives Big Book to least sobriety time
- 1:15 - Lead Speaker
- 2:15 – Raffle
- 3:00 – END

volunteers needed. More help is always nice.

JB suggests 6-8 ppl

\*CMTEE DECISION: more than 6-8 volunteers needed, small number of CORE VOLUNTEERS/.

Volunteer duties/responsibilities need assigning, each core volunteer will be responsible for overseeing/directing additional volunteers in focused tasks, TBD

Flier and advertising begins ASAP (February Newsletter)

FLIER ANNOUNCEMENT OUT Tues 1/24/23, per Joyce B, Greg to make tickets available for purchase within week

Check all announcements, sales, info etc are available, accurate and up-to-date weekly

Next planning committee meeting scheduled

for Saturday February 18th, 2023 at 11am, intergroup Off

Are you interested in a diabetic option with raise of hands for yourself or anyone else-

Majority raised hands- didn't do a count

Q- we showed up at 11 but you did not show up until 1135- you set the time we just want to make sure you will be there on time

A- Yes, I will be there and I apologize that was unfair

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

6 in attendance put together all the cash registers except one, but they are all working now, someone wants to be a new member from Brunswick and seems overly qualified like all the IT guys- Dave- going to call him

Next meeting on V-day at 6 pm at IGO

Q- 8 cash registered?

A- Yes, for sales and registration, we don't start training this early because then we will need to retrain, we will do it closer to FD

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

This month instead of the Area Assembly there will be GSR school and pot luck. If you are a GSR or interested in what a GSR does for your group please attend on February 19th, 2pm at the Brunswick 12 Step Recovery Club.

**Good and welfare:** -

Feb 2 Joyce had 42 yrs.

Melissa- on the 1<sup>st</sup> I had 15 yrs

Mike- on Feb 1 I had 14 yrs

Kim- on 19<sup>th</sup> I had 6 yrs

Jim- on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> went to book signing- the book was Father Ed- Bill Wilson's spiritual advisor and Sat March 11- Main library there will be a book signing- and we helped to get her a host

Bobby B. was secretary at GSO for 9 yrs- did the first 12 step call in Australia and Ireland- also a book with history

Motion to adjourn- seconded and passed unanimously

The Council meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted:

Nikki M., Board Secretary