

Akron Intergroup Council Meeting – May 7, 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 44 groups with registered reps, 6 groups without a registered rep.

Groups in Attendance, (44 groups, 6 with unregistered reps), Akron General, Afternoon Alkies, Akron Men's Big Book Study, , Barberton Sunday 12 & 12,Broad Highway , Carry This Message!, Coffee, Donuts & discussion, East Akron, Fairlawn, , Faith and Hope, , Falls Discussion, Fresh Start, Golden Slippers, Hope Group, , Kent Friday Night, King's School Group, Ladies Big Book Study, Learning to Live, Medina Tuesday Night, Morning Meditation, North Hill Mens Big Book,, North Hill Mens Discussion, Northampton, One Day at a Time, , Progress not perfection, Saturday Night Lost & Found Department, Serenity Big Book Study , Sons of Ebby, Spiritual Solutions, Steps to Serenity, Stow Thursday Night, Sunday Nite 12 & 12, Sunday Night in Paradise, Tallmadge Heritage AA Group, Temple Square, The Answer is Always C, St. Eugene's Men's Closed, Three Legacies: Recovery, Unity & Service. , Thursday Night Men's Non Smoking, , The Turning Point, , Waters Park, Westside Big Book Study, Women of Hope,

Secretary's Report: Nikki M. – Present

The reading of April's Secretary's Report was waived.

Q- there are some typos

A- If you see something you want corrected, circle it and give it to me

Accepted unanimously with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Ed B.- Present

*Read from printed report provided to groups

Q- The big line item here is #4320 \$135,806- is that income coming in or expenses?

A- Income

Q- is that from last year or...

A- That is from March 1st-31st for registration

Q- So we took in \$135,000

A- Well there are expenses but what we netted is on there

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-

Area 54 rep resigned- would like to have someone that can stay on and be voted on in our election- anyone involved from a group we would like to have them- We had someone but they have volleyball on Thursdays

Old Business: No old business

New Business:

No New Business

Answering Service: – Jim B- Present

23 for meetings

Group Services: – Greg C.- Not Present –

306 groups in Akron Area
293 in 5 county area
115 in 5 counties have been updated since January
178 left to be updated

Summit- 177 meetings, 46 updated, 131 left
Portage- 40 meetings, 38 updated, 2 left
Medina- 42 meetings- 10 updated, 32 left
Wayne- 33 Meetings, 21 updated, 12 left
Holmes- 1 meeting, 0 updated, 1 left
Outside County Area- 13 groups, 4 updated, 9 left (Ashland, Mahoning, Stark, and Warren)

Q- If anyone is doing virtual meetings and anything changes, please let IG know

12 Step Fund Drive: Shane W. – Present-

Had meeting on 22nd- talked over fund drive and several ideas, talked about liabilities for charity events if we would sponsor if there would be liabilities to IG- next meeting is 26 of June

*Read report

Contingency Committee- Shane- Present

Met the same day as 12 step Fund Drive, broken down into 3 major portions, emergency response plan, developing a template and going over it with office committee (what to do in case of Emergency), and Continued operations if there is an emergency. We have a list of properties of where to go if something would happen and we have been contacting other IGs to see what they do. Very similar to us, they don't have a plan and asked us to share once we put it together.

Q- is this a brand new committee?

A- Yes

Q Do we currently back up our data?

A- We do have things back up but I cannot give exact detail of what is backed up

Q- Normally the office backs upon a weekly basis and those records are taken off site in case we lose anything we only lose one week, do you remember the smoke damage we had years ago?

We started the committee then because of this

Q- what square footage

A- Currently 3500

Q- Toledo and (?) have moved recently so they might have info

A- A lot of places have been forced to move so they are looking to see what we find

Q- You should probably look at the insurance policy to see what the line says for it

IT Committee:

Correction Next meeting May 9th

Met and setup computers for registration and literature, will be starting training on May 20 and June 3.

Next meeting 5/9.

Q- Do we have a time

A- Check with IG

Corrections: Anthony B. Present –

Next meeting May 20, 10 am

SCJ has suspended all 12 step recovery programs, going digital, I will find out more

No report.

I am setting up a meeting with them but I will find out why. If you want to get involved, Oriana House is pretty easy to get into. A lot happening, not a lot of meetings going in.

Orange cans are doing well but because there aren't a lot of people going in, there isn't much literature going out. We can't be holding \$6,000 in our account; we like to keep it at \$3,000. We are looking for ways to get literature out.

Q- Oriana are like RIP

A- Yes

Q- we went by Portage jail are they letting people in

A- Yes, they are letting us in. We never get a good report from Wayne or Holmes, Medina is easy to get into

Q- even if they go digital, would they be willing to take the literature?

A- yes, but we are \$3,000 over and we can't send that much in literature to SCJ

Q- where is this on the budget?

A- It is a separate entity; I don't know if it is on the budget

Q- should we put the orange can away for awhile?

A- No

Q- Have we thought of sending it out of county?

A- yeah, and we can send it to Area 54, this is really up to you, you have to take it to your group and decide what you want to do

Q- Read bylaw*

Q- so that doesn't say anything about the can- does it really say it has to go to correction facility-

A- if you take off the paper on the orange can, it does

Q- but that is not the same as it being in the bylaws

Q- It may not say it in bylaws but it may be in the standing motions

A- I will get the list for you for the 20th

New Year's Eve Dance: Anthony B- Present

No report.

Treatment Facilities: Melissa C- Present-

Treatment Committee Report from 4/25/23 6pm

22 people present

No Wayne or Holmes County report

Summit County Report: IBH meetings are going well both for the women and men on Sundays. Committee voted to provide pamphlets and will ask them if they need anything for their clients' library.

The North Coast meeting on Tuesday is still going well.

Reached out to Cleveland Clinic/Akron General and left a message with no response back yet. Detox at Akron City is still in need for AA speakers with a specific volunteer process which the link has been provided. Committee voted to provide the new behavioral health center with 10 big books from our literature on loan. ADM Detox is still in need of speakers and we have a new contact and requires specific criteria from the Oriana.

Portage County Report: PARC house for women still in need for meetings any day of the week at 6pm

Recovery Works Detox now has volunteers on Mon/Thurs/Sun at 6pm and still have Tues/Fri to fill

Committee voted to provide TH2 with pamphlets

Medina County Report: CATS men's facility meetings still going good and are interested in more.

Next meeting Tuesday May 30th at 6pm

Q- If the facilities are making money, why are we sending that?

A- That is an outside issue

Q- if you have old literature you don't need can you donate it?

A- Yes

Office Committee: – Melissa C- Present-

Back door is now fixed

Front door is now accessible again

Starting Friday 5/5 through October the people's park will have food trucks and a tiki bar so the intergroup will not be renting that space for Founders Day weekend like we did last year. We do not know about hot dogs yet!!

Q- Is the field next to the office available to us?

Q- it is owned by someone else and we don't have the same connection

Q- Have we called them

Nominations Committee- Nikki Present

We Met 4/22 and went over announcing it at meetings. We will meet again on 5/28 at 12 pm to go over nominees and make calls to qualify and maybe see if they want to run for another position since a lot of people are running for chair.

Q- With the different positions will the new people be trained?

Q- I wasn't trained but we will be helping to train the best we can

A- Also, if you are a nominee, you can come to the board meeting and see what we do

Q- Also, in the archives we can see what people have done in the past

Literature Committee: Dave H- Present

Literature Committee meeting 3/11/23

Dave: Passed around several pin designs to finalize and select for FD this year. Colors were discussed. Raquel will finalize design; updates included and will send out email with final image this weekend.

We discussed creating signage display at the office and F.D as well as, distribution to groups and hopes to add these topics to the agenda for the next meeting.

Lit committee meeting 3/25/23

Secretary minutes: Pins: Members discussed the finalized pin design and prices. Last year was 3.00. To be the same this year. The pins 1500 have been ordered and 2000 lanyards (various color combinations for this year) Should be around 6 weeks for them to arrive.

Chairperson report: Flyer, Dave sent out flyer to all members to review that discussed the importance of purchasing literature and how it helps our Intergroup office.

Work in Progress: "Living the Twelve Traditions in Today's world" Dave and Mary both finished the book and gave their thoughts on the read. Cheryl believes this will be excellent for the office as many customers (increasing numbers) are interested in traditions and inquire about literature regarding this topic. The CD that accompanies the book covers a great deal of history/via speakers.

Office Report: Cheryl did all of the Founders Day Hazelden order yesterday, she has already started boxing/packing up for the event. The order confirmed with Hazelden amounted to \$10,000. Robin discussed whether we could order large print BB's. Cheryl has already ordered the Book Covers as well. Stamps are ordered and ready but have not been picked up yet.

Founders Day: Robin would like to complete the list of volunteer/register shifts. There is not a date for register training yet. These things will be discussed among the Founders Day members, volunteers, etc. They typically wait to announce the date so those who need to attend do not forget about it.

Archives: Mary presented a document for committee to review, which she feels is very important/relevant to sponsorship. Committee to review.

Old business: Raquel present stained glass emblems for possible purchase at office during Founders Day weekend. Committee members discussed and reviewed options. Group decided that the most appropriate size would be 2 inches. Cheryl made a motion to purchase stained glass emblems, assorted colors at a number appropriate to time/energy etc, all in favor, none opposed...motion passed.

Cheryl confirmed that we will be renting the pavilion on Saturday next door to the office, grilling hot dogs etc. for the bus tour Founders Day weekend. Last year it went well when asking for donations and feels it will be a good idea this year as well.

Next meeting will be May 6, 2023 8:30 am at the I.G. Office

Q- Are those 12 steps for men and women conference approved?

A- No, they are Hazelton

Q- What time is the August meeting? It is always at 830 the other one is for inventory

Intergroup Picnic: Dave H- Present

The CPC is wrong that is the IG Picnic at Honeymoon Grill

This will be a family event, there will probably be a bouncy house again, I have kids, this is a family disease, this should include the family

It is August 12 or 13 the Sunday 12- 3

Public Info/CPC: Doug M-Present-

Mailed letters to Summit County Courts.

Founders' Day: Woody- Present

Met with Akron U Monday and went through the entire schedule and everything is good. Our last meeting with them. Everyone there is on the security thing, there will be signage about what can be brought into the stadium. In 2-3 years expect probably to be wanded and stuff. They are becoming more secure and want it to be

Q- if you have people coming in please let people know the Mayflower is completely closed

Q- Is there a rain plan?

A- Each ticket will have an alternate satellite room to watch the lead

Q- Do you need more volunteers for the tours?

Q- When does registration close?

A- May 15th online

Q- How do you want volunteers to get ahold of you?

Q- You can still register after that in person

Q- Online it isn't clear when online registration closes

Q- I looked on the website, it says when it closes

Archives: Chris B. -Present-

We also need volunteers for Founder's Day for tours.

The archives received and responded to 10 requests for information.

There have been a number of tours both scheduled and walk-ins.

The archives committee's quarterly meeting was postponed from May 3rd to May 10th at 1200 hrs at the IGO.

We continue to prepare the archives for Founders Day.

Anyone wishing to learn the Akron story and the story of the first 100, please see me or one of the archives committee. We are establishing a list of tour guides in order to be able to fulfill the majority of tour requests .

The archives committee meets every Wednesday at the IGO all are welcome.

One group goes to Bill Dotson's grave and reads the story at the gravesite. We also have other first 100's graves and their stories in the big book. We would like to have 2 other groups to purchase wreaths and go to the site and go to read the story and honor them. Our if we could have council make a motion to purchase them The wife and I may and Tom Lucas, the backslider
The Brays

Q- If we are doing this, why not the one in Norton?

Q- A woman's group is taking care of that

A- It would be great if all the first 100 were taken care of by the group

Q- If any group wants to, they can get a map from you and to that

Q- it is my HG putting the wreath on the grave- we do it on Thursday before FD as our meeting, there is someone doing a lot of research on first 100 and we are trying to get them on the map, they don't all have a story in the book

Motion made for council to purchase wreaths, seconded

The motion was out of order

A- If no groups step up, we have another meeting before and we can make a motion

Motion was made to table this, seconded, passed unanimously

Intergroup News: Mike V. – Present-

Met in April and will be meeting 20th of May. We need some help on the paper for one of the positions. We are meeting again in May. I have a friend whose dad was an alcoholic; we were using his quotes but I was told we cannot use them because he is not an alcoholic.

Intergroup Anniversary: Kim H. –Not Present- **Melissa Presented**

Read report*

Kim was in the hospital the day of the event, the committee really stepped up, especially Cory, Deb donated a BB, Cheryl donated the door prize, some of the money was (?)

Q- was there someone from Romania there?

A- Yes

General Service: - resigned- Ed presented

I go to the meetings so I figured I would let you know, meetings the 3rd Sunday of the month,

*read upcoming events in the fliers- meeting of report from NY and a picnic- can find info on their website

Good and welfare: -

Chris- prayer for my granddaughter LJ who was born 4 months early- she is doing well but can use prayers

Ken- 10 years

Joe- Sons of Ebby has picnic Sat at Waterworks- starts at 12- family event and speaker- 1 pm speaker- games. It is done as a fundraiser- no cost to come, raffle tickets are \$5

Jim- at my HG we made decision for June 24th at bingo hall at immaculate conceptions

Primary Purpose- welcome home party with Food June 8th doors open at 6

Temple Square 44th anniv- this Saturday KY monk doors open at 9- food, can bring a covered dish

Ladies BB- moved at 8 am Sat at new center at Summa- there is parking validation and they give us coffee

Mike- Thank council for longest recoded attendance of a quorum

Chris- Prayers for Richard

Motion to adjourn- seconded and passed unanimously

The Council meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted:

Nikki M., Board Secretary