

Akron Intergroup Council Meeting – July 2, 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 46 groups, 42 with registered reps, 4 groups without a registered rep.

Groups in Attendance, (39 groups, 1 with unregistered reps), AA By the Book, Akron General, Afternoon Alkies, Akron Men’s Big Book Study, Barberton Sunday 12 & 12, Broad Highway, Brunswick Monday Night Mens, Carry This Message!, Coffee, Donuts and Discussion, Cuyahoga Falls, East Akron, Faith and Hope, Fairlawn, Falls Discussion, Goodrich Group, Golden Slippers, Goodyear, Hope Group, Hudson Terex PM, Kent Friday Night, King School Group 1, Ladies Big Book Study, Learning to Live, Loyal Oak Big Book, Mens’ Closed Closed St. Eugenes, North Hill Mens Big Book, North Hill Mens Discussion, Northampton, Norton 24 Hour Group, , Primary Purpose, Saturday Morning Sunrise, Saturday Night Lost & Found Department, Serenity Big Book Study, Sons of Ebby, Spiritual Solutions, Steps to Serenity, Sunday Night in Paradise, Tallmadge Heritage AA Group, Temple Square, Thursday Closed Womens, Thursday Night Freedom, Thursday Night Men’s Non Smoking, , The Turning Point, Tuesday Womens Big Book, Westside Big Book Study, YANA

Chairman’s Report: Michael B.- Present-

No report.

Secretary’s Report: Nikki M. – Present

The reading of June’s Secretary’s Report was waived.

Accepted unanimously without corrections.

Treasurer’s Report: Ed B.- Present

*Read from printed report provided to groups

	May 23	May 22
4200 Office Sales pg4	12,752.38	9,961.92
COGS	5,162.87	4,862.98
NET	7,589.51	5,098.94
4330 contributions	5,468.99	5,338.49
Totals abt the same as last yr		
pg 5 Total expenses	14,647.60	28,158.14

difference mainly due to cc/bank fees 5400

off & store suppl's 8400 last yr

past due accts as of 6/22/23

listed if over 90 days unpaid

grp contrib's as of jan1-jun 22 25,859.85

Q- I am wondering how you capture the treatment committee expenses, I know we have spent more than that. How do we get that to you? How is the \$35 done in there?

A- I am not sure, I do not collect the info

Q- I believe each has a budget and unless it goes over, it isn't reflected

Q- Do we keep track of receipts?

Q- We do as a committee, but we don't turn them in

Q- Pg 5 Net income (?) is over budget, what is that?

A- FD income, we will know more in the next few months after we cut a check to UA

Q- can you find how those things are recorded so we have an answer next month?

A- Yes, I can do that

Q- shouldn't those be handed in as expenses, deducted then they know how much they can spend?

Q- No, and I don't know why

A- As long as they do not go over the budget, then we don't have

Q- If we don't turn in the info, then council have no way to track whether we are going over budget, they should decide how to track that, we track it in the committee

A- We will look into it

Q- We tracked it when I was in the committee, it should be part of the report

Q- It does come out in the Board report and it is a little more detailed, just not part of the council report

Q- these reports a few yrs. ago, there was a vote, so the report was condensed for this meeting but the board has a more complex report

Q- I believe that information needs to be on the report, so it can be tracked for the budget for next year

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

Nominations Committee- Nikki M.- Present

Nominee Introductions:

Chair

Nick B.- not present due to family emergency- Nikki M. read introduction sent to her

*Mike- his HG is not in the 5-county area

Dave - Present

Anthony (Tony) T.-present

Shane W. - present

Secretary-

Sarah R- present

Trustee-
Lynette-not present
Rachel-present

Area 54 Rep-
John- Present
Crystal-Declined to run

Members at Large-
Anthony B.- present
Mike L.- present
Joe C.- present
Doug M.- present
Martin K- present
Karl (Rob) R.- Not present

Old Business: Mailings to groups will happen next week- separate mailing

Q- When is the deadline to register?

A- The Thursday Morning before so Greg can print the sheet, you=should call to make sure you are on the sheet

New Business:

Q- When did the time change for the meeting here?

A- It was voted on a few yrs. ago

Q- It prevents people from going to church

Q- There are people who want to watch football

Q- No motion to discuss this

Make a motion to change the meeting to 1 pm

No second

Motion to adjourn

No Second

12 Step Fund Drive: Shane W. – Present-

June 26, 6 pm.

12 step drive that happens in Oct., talked about stuffing envelopes on Wed. Sept. 16 at IG, like to have 10-12 people

Discussed send out mailer to ask for a sobriety gift, a lot of IGs around the country do it, Archives Committee can tell you about it, for example on your 10 yr. anniversary, send in \$10,

The same \$1 in the basket is more like \$18 now, it doesn't cover what it used to

Discussed flier with different fundraising events, did one in the spring and suggested events from a book

Discussed potential change for trustees, having 1st yr. trustee being in charge of Group Services

Next meeting July 24, 6 pm

Q- if 1st yr. is group services, do you have something for 2nd yr.?

A- 2nd yr. would fund drive, 3rd year sub finance committee, this is not finalized

Q- what is the sub finance committee

A- in the bylaws, discusses the finances of the group

*Read report

Contingency Committee- Shane- Present

No meeting, we got a copy of IG insurance, a member who is an attorney is going to read over it to see if there is info to help with contingency plans

Q- I know we asked about the data we backed up, not sure how or which date, just ask that we are able to restore data in case of a loss, archives, QuickBooks, anything electronic

A- it is backed up

Q- what is backed up and the frequency

A- We will discuss we have made a note

IT Committee: Bill- Present

No IT mtg for June, next mtg July 11th

Answering Service: – Jim B- Present

28 calls

27 for meetings

1 live call- pipefitter from Montana working in Canton, not sure if he was an alcoholic, invited to a meeting but didn't show, also provided him the Canton IG number

Group Services: – Greg C.- Present –

No meeting in June next meeting July 8 at 10 am

When I came in here a year ago there was no committee

We put together a flier with a QR code for groups to update, getting structure, committee members to be coordinators for different counties, trying to get line of communication with IG and groups, the info you give is in the archives. We need help, can't do it alone.

Corrections: Anthony B. Present –

Wanted a list of facilities we take meetings into and who we serve, I have a list from Summit, waiting on list from Portage, Holmes, and Wayne- just waiting on a full list. Also waiting on literature to be released to me after FD

Joyce got a letter from a woman asking for us to come back to SCJ- that NA meetings are being taken in. I will be meeting with Valor Court and have a meeting with Judges in Chambers. I think CPC will join to find out what we can do to help Summit County.

Next meeting July 15, 10 am IG- we need more help we can only do Oriana in Summit but we need help in Medina County because the person doing it is stepping back.

Q- You don't need a criminal back ground to take a meeting in, they know how to get arrested, need to know how to get sober

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

No report. Will be starting a committee, if you reelect me, I will be starting the committee in August

Treatment Facilities: Melissa C. - Present-

Treatment Committee Report

Met on 6/27/23

7 people present

Summit County Report:

IBH meetings going good and still need more women to volunteer to go in with a partner
The women's meeting at Oriana is in need of help on Mondays at 6:30 it is currently being run by staff. The men's meeting on Friday morning is going well. Committee will be providing these meetings with literature on loan and pamphlets.

Sky point Recovery is a new facility in Akron which provides partial hospitalization/IOP/and Sober living and currently have 2 sober houses open for men and are interested to have AA meetings at the main site, an ideal time would be noon or 1 M-F but are open to other times between 12-5 M-F.

North Coast meetings are still going well every Tuesday at 3pm with 5 volunteers rotating.

Portage County Report:

Recovery Works Detox with our new facility coordinator has all available days covered and literature from the committee has been provided. PARC house for women has a couple meetings going but would still like more.

Horizon House for women still are in need of women for every other Thursday at 1 Roothouse/Eagle House/Otter House men's meetings all going well.

Medina County Report:

The CATS meeting for men on Sundays going well with 3 volunteers rotating with a step discussion format each week.

Wayne/Holmes County Report:

Been in correspondence with the Salvation Army discussing the possibility for AA meetings and literature in the future and an image of our updated flier was provided to assist in facilitating their involvement.

Next meeting on August 1st at 6pm

Q- I help Melissa on committee, we put together a 5-county list on where we need meetings in the 5-county area

Q- what is going on a Sanitorium Rd.- it is a Christian based treatment facility

Q- redemption is a facility and Tyler's house is a place to go, and they want meetings

Office Committee: – Melissa C. - Present-

Want to give a shout out and big thank you to everyone who volunteered at the office during founders day!!

We are in need of volunteers on Saturdays. The office is open on Saturdays from 9AM until 1PM. This is more responsibilities than volunteering M-F and requires training. Please call the office if interested.

Literature Committee: Dave H. - Not Present

Literature Committee: Inventory to be completed by 7/31 per Bylaws. Have not had meeting since before F.D. Not planned to meet again until August 26th.

Intergroup Picnic: Dave H. - Not Present

Picnic Committee: Last met, 6/28/23 to review activities. Committee made decision to add an additional hour to event 12 - 4:00pm

Have secured the bounce house again this year; as well as a professional face painter.

Planning to add additional activities with prizes for kids.

Cornhole tournament planned with Michael B. to be MC.

Cook has been secured.

Menu being tentatively discussed.

Would like to see all available committees represented. Good opportunity to engage fellowship for volunteer assistance.

Q- if groups would like to make a donation to fund committee, food, or a basket, always welcome

Public Info/CPC: Doug M-Present-

No report for June, next meeting this Friday at 11 am at IG

Founders' Day: Woody- Present

Next meeting July 10th, haven't met since FD. Positive feedback from the sound- Woody is rotating off and Aaron will be taking over, and he will be part of the Steering committee now.

The preliminary results look pretty good from Founders Day weekend. I do not have an update from our treasure as of yet. Attendance looks to be in the range of 8200 - 8300 attendee's

We expect to have a better summary of the weekend for the August meeting once our treasure has completed his report.

Archives: Chris B. -Present-

The archives committee received and responded to 16 requests for information during the month of June. We've also been very busy with tours throughout the month.

Akron men's BB group has honored Bill Dotson for almost 20 years. They've placed a wreath, and read Bill Dotson's story, at his grave site the Thursday before FD. As the result of some extensive research shared with us by Greg W., we honored a few more of our pioneers over FD wknd.

Bill Dotson, The Brays and The Lucas's grave sites were cleaned up and a circle and triangle memorial wreath placed at their graves. Utilizing this research, our goal is to eventually honor all of the first 100 members that're buried in this area. We will be working on fundraising ideas to bring this goal to fruition.

We were contacted by Richmond Walkers granddaughter about donating Richmonds original 1st printing 24 hour book. Richmond Walker compiled the 24 hour a day book and offered it to AA for reproduction. After AA declined his offer, he partnered with a small company called Hazelton, who built an empire on the back of the 24 hour book.

Richmonds copy includes his personal notes that he made in the book. We are very excited about this acquisition and look fwd to adding this to our collection. I

The majority of the archives committee volunteers at the IGO on Wednesdays from 10ish-3ish. Our next official committee meeting is August 2nd, 1200hrs at the IGO. All are welcome to attend.

Intergroup News: Mike V. – Not Present- Ed B. gave report

The July issue delivered to the post office on June 30th so it is probably received after July 4, the email version, in color, has been send to email subscribers. For the August issue, if you would like to contribute, we have Pet of the Month, share an idea or special milestone, or write an article on August topics, self-discovery, accountability, or freedom. Next committee meeting
Next meeting July 22, 9 am

Intergroup Anniversary: Kim H. –Not Present-

No report.

General Service: - John K.- Present

Voted to cancel spring seminar and have a fall seminar about service, next meeting in Brunswick is July 28

Good and welfare: -

Gene- hg member diagnosed with cancer- in prayers

Jim- Robbie B. died yesterday

Melissa- Carry this message has 13th anniversary. Doors at 6, food 7, Gail is lead

Jerry- Dave in prayers, lost wife

Chris- granddaughter up to 5 lb (?) ounces, due to come home in a few weeks

Board orientation August 20th at 10 am

Poker run from Primary Purpose group - * read flier- need more volunteers, IBH will be one of the stops and they get to do the service work- need baskets, or volunteers

Q- can they donate sides

A- yes, we will have the main food

Need basket by July 30th

Q- \$25 per participant that wants to participate in the hand of poker

Sponsoring Euchre tournament- free cookout July 15, have to register

Recognize Cory who has stepped up helping with archives committee

Motion to adjourn- seconded and passed unanimously

The Council meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted:
Nikki M., Board Secretary