

## Akron Intergroup Council Meeting – August 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 64 groups, 60 with registered reps, 4 groups without a registered rep.

**Groups in Attendance, (39 groups, 1 with unregistered reps),** A Way Out, AA By the Book, Akron General, Afternoon Alkies, Akron Men's Big Book Study, Barberton Big Book, Barberton Friday Night, Barberton Monday Night, Barberton Sunday 12 & 12, Broad Highway Group, Brunswick Monday Night, Carry This Message!, Circle of Hope, Coffee, Donuts and Discussion, Crossroads, Cuyahoga Falls, East Akron, Faith and Hope, Fairlawn, Falls Discussion, Flame Breakfast Group, Fresh Start, Garden of Hope, Goodrich Group, Golden Slippers, Goodyear, Hobos in the Park, Hudson Terex PM, Kenmore Group, Kent Friday Night, Kent Living Sober, King School Group 1, Ladies Big Book Study, Learning to Live, Loyal Oak Big Book, Medina Tuesday Night, Mens' Closed St. Eugenes, North Hill Mens Big Book, North Hill Mens Discussion, Northampton, One Day At a Time, , Primary Purpose Group, Progress Not Perfection, Redemption Recovery, , Saturday Morning Sunrise, Serenity Big Book Study, Sons of Ebby, Spiritual Solutions, Steps to Serenity, Stow Thursday Night, Sunday Night in Paradise, Sunday Nite 12 & 12 Tallmadge Heritage AA Group, Temple Square, Thursday Closed Womens, Thursday Night Freedom, Thursday Night Men's Non Smoking, , The Turning Point, Towers Discussion, Tuesday Womens Big Book, Westside Big Book Study, YANA, B & W Saturday Night, Serenity Sunday Discussion,

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

Russ, Jared and Steve will be counting the ballots today- this is my 60th consecutive council meeting and it has been my pleasure to serve

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

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

Accepted unanimously without corrections.

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

\*Read from printed report provided to groups

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

**Old Business:**

Bylaws- I will bring it to counsel and we worked on the verbiage and on the standing motions- standing motions will be added but the bylaws will be presented and have to be voted on

**New Business:**

This is the bylaw changes- will be mailed out to groups and we will vote next month

There is not much for Trustee to do, mainly the fund drive. Greg is 1<sup>st</sup> year and did Group Services and did a great job- now we want to make it an official function of 1<sup>st</sup> year trustee. There are 2 revisions, the one would be duties, adding the 1<sup>st</sup> year trustee shall be a permanent rotating member of Group Services. Also, adding duties under the Group Services.

Q- is this a motion?

Q- it is a proposed bylaw change

Q- Doesn't a motion have to be made

Q- the first year Trustee shall be vs. by a typo- is there a different in 1<sup>st</sup> year trustee and senior trustee?

Q- They are synonymous

Q- the trustee rotates off or are they permanent

A- What we mean is that 1<sup>st</sup> year trustee becomes 2<sup>nd</sup> yr.- but the Group Services is a permanent position for 1<sup>st</sup> year

Q- That was ambiguous for the position being a permanent position- it can be implied that first year trustee is there forever

A- this is just a snapshot of the bylaws; it is explicitly spelled out

Q- I don't think it is absurd- it should say 3 yr. commitment

A- but it is not a 3 yr. commitment, it is a one year

Q- If it means the 1<sup>st</sup> year role then we should take permanent

A- Reread suggested bylaw change

Q- Maybe if we just put in the role instead

Q- I like to propose "the position of the 1<sup>st</sup> yr trustee" that should clear up the permanent member problem- each year we get a new 1<sup>st</sup> year but that person

Q- Seconded

Q- I think there are a lot of people here that do not know what a trustee is- that it is a 3 yr commitment

A- For those confused, does that satisfy your confusion

Q-Yes

Q- will that be mailed out and voted on later

Q- motion, seconded, passed anonymously

Q- don't we have to make motion with corrections

Q- yes

Q- motion, seconded, passed anonymously

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

25 calls

1 for help to Jerry

24 for meetings

On the 8<sup>th</sup> Chris was badgering the answering service again- from another state- he wants people to agree with him why AA is a cult

Updated 12 step call list- down to 7 people who have not called back- will remove those 7 names so they answering service has the best list possible- if they do not respond in a month, they will not respond at 2 am. I will have a booth at the picnic

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

Meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. Made a flier with QR code, we are already receiving from people, it is coming to my email. We have like 100 meetings left to update. With the QR code people have been updating. I am

looking for people at the meeting. I would like to have all the meetings updated by September. Then everything will be updated.

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

\*Read report

The main difference is the banquet, and one group have not made a donation. The poker run is also not included.

Last meeting on July 24.

12 step drive that happens in Oct., talked about stuffing envelopes on Wed. Sept. 13 at IG. There will also be a QR code. We will be sending out the flier each week in October instead of just once.

Mailer going out to ensure the correct information is registered with Group Services.

Q- mentioned the Poker run- is it a 12-step fund drive or just from the groups?

A- The Poker run was park of PPG and they started it, sponsoring group, but other groups participate

Q- When is next meeting

A- Aug. 24? On a Monday, the 28<sup>th</sup>

**Contingency Committee-** Shane W.- Present

Met on July 24, used as working session to discuss future plans and ideas for a move. Main focus was to hammer out ER contingency plan. Talks about where we would go for a fire, earthquake, life and health safety, active shooter, severe weather, etc.. Office staff has it now, we have copies and can change it every year. We propose this is part of office committee and they go over it each year to make sure it is up to date.

Q- On the first page there is Jim B. as VP- can we change that please?

**IT Committee-** Bill B.- Present

Archives committee is meeting with IT because they want to get a recording of the tour and get it posted on the website- talked about post FD and how literature worked well. Also discussed contract with Point of Sale which ends soon and we discussed that. We also discussed replacing our outdated security cameras, not sure if they even work.

**Corrections:** Anthony B. Present –

We meet 3rd Saturday of every month at 10am at intergroup office working on a meeting with judges to talk about getting back in jail Joyce b made a motion to remove all non-conference approved meditation books off of our list of things we can get for literature it passed some new people came that are willing to get involved

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

No report.

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

5 people present

No Medina/Wayne/Holmes Report

Summit County Report

IBH meeting on the women's side is going well and we currently have August covered with 2 AA women at a time going in on Sundays from 12:45 to 1:45. We had no report for the men's side which is also on Sunday from 2:00 to 3:00.

Both meetings at the coffee house for Oriana are currently being run by staff and our new facility coordinator reported that she is waiting on paperwork that will need completed for any new volunteers.

The North Coast meeting is still going well and we now have 6 volunteers rotating.

We provided the detox at the juvenile center in Akron with literature on loan for the volunteers who do the AA meetings.

Portage County Report

PARC house for women in need of AA women to come in basically any evening and times could vary.

Our facility coordinator for Recovery works detox currently only needs volunteers for Tuesdays at 6pm all other slots are covered.

Next Committee Meeting will be Tuesday Sept. 5th at 6pm

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

Office got a new copier

We got a few new volunteers but could always use more. If interested please call Greg or Cheryl at the office.

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

Haven't met since June, the inventory needed to be completed by July was done 830 on Sat

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

Held was Waterworks, there will be signs to get you to the pavilion, cornhole tournament, last year we planned for 150 people, we are now planning for 200. Will have a bouncy house and professional face painter. We want this to be a family event.

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

Sent out more letters in Holmes County courts.

**Founders' Day:** Woody- Present

Had wrap up Zoom meeting. Talked about what went well and what didn't. We need to get more information up early about security because it will be more like emptying pockets and go through. This year they set backpacks aside, but they will not next year. We want to get it out to travel light early on. We haven't gotten all our receipts yet. Hopefully by next month we will be able to give you a report on surplus. We have our next meeting Monday, August 7.

**Archives:** Chris B. –Present-

The archives committee received and responded to 14 requests for information. We have had several tours over the past month including a Spanish speaking gentleman with 51 years sobriety. He was able to enjoy the archives tour with the aid of Google translate. Jim actually picked him up at the bus station and hosted the gentleman at his home. The Gentleman said that coming to Akron has been a dream of his for the last 51 years. We have taken in the donations of Richmond Walker 1<sup>st</sup> edition, 1<sup>st</sup> printing, 24 hours a day book, that was printed by the Daytona Beach Club. Richmond compiled the daily devotional utilizing AJ Russel's God Calling, the pamphlet For Drinks Only and the Book Alcoholics Anonymous. Jim has performed his magic preserving and repairing the book. The archives committee will be putting together a display to show case the book. We have begun the project of creating a virtual tour of our archives. We hope to have this on our archives. We hope to have this on our website in the coming months.

**Intergroup News:** Mike V. –Present- Ed B. gave report

We will be at the picnic passing out 100 newsletters. The next meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of this month.

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

No report.

**General Service:** - John K.- Present

GSO is still looking to move into Akron Cleveland area. Convention is coming up in Fairborn, OH this month. From my understanding there is some money available for me to go. It looks like it hasn't been done in years. Changed the feeling of the Big Book, the cover has a velvety touch on it. It has the dust cover imprinted on it.

Motion made to send rep to conference in Fairborn, OH- Ohio State Convention. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Q- our group sets money aside to send the rep to the conferences.

Motion to extend the meeting by 15 min.

Seconded, passed unanimously

**Nominations Committee-** Nikki M.- Present

Vote- Called names of registered groups to get their ballot. Verified all the groups and reps.

Results:

Chairperson-

Tony- 42

Shane- 11

Davis- 5

Nick- 1

Secretary-

Sarah- 56

Trustee-  
Rachel- 47  
Lynette- 12

Members at Large  
Doug-45, Joe-39, Anthony-42  
Martin- 11, Mike- 27, Karl- 12

Area 54  
John-55

**Good and welfare: -**

Northampton is having a fundraiser- this Friday at 5 pm

Bill needs prayers- diagnosed with cancer

Prayers for Sylvia- 3<sup>rd</sup> cancer

Praise for granddaughter- been in hospital for 130 days- 7 lb. 5 oz.

Medina Tuesday 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 15<sup>th</sup> of month

Ruthie H. passed- family in prayers

Afternoon Alkies fun in afternoon at Dry People's club 2-6 on Saturdays.  
(?) Joy in prayers

Prayers for John  
Sue in prayers for lung cancer  
Dwayne facing charges keep in prayers  
Gary R. in hospital- amputating more of his leg-  
Pray for Howd(?) family  
Melanie- has 3 yrs

Motion to adjourn- seconded and passed unanimously

The Council meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted:  
Nikki M., Board Secretary