

Akron Area Intergroup Council
April 7, 2024

The in-person meeting of the Akron Intergroup Council was held at The Paradise Club on April 7, 2024, and was opened by Akron Area Intergroup Chairman Tony Thomas at 12 noon with the I Am Responsible Statement and The Serenity Prayer.

Groups in attendance: (36 groups with registered reps) Afternoon Alkies, Akron Men's Big Book Study, Barberton Friday Nite, Carry This Message, Cissy's Diner Big Book Study, Cornerstone Candlelight, Dry Peoples Wednesday Night, East Akron, Falls Discussion, Flame Breakfast Group, Fresh Start, Garden of Hope. Goodrich Group, Goodyear Group, Hudson Clockwatchers, Hudson Terex PM, Kenmore Group, Kent Friday Night, Kent Living Sober, King School Group 1, Learning to Live Again, North Hill Men's Big Book, North Hill Men's Discussion, Northampton, One Day At A Time, Primary Purpose Group, Ravenna Sobriety Checkpoint, Serenity Big Book Study, Sunday Nite 12 & 12, Temple Square, The Turning Point, Thursday Night Freedom, Towers Discussion, Trusted Servants, Tuesday Women's Big Book, YANA (You Are Not Alone)

Roll Call: Tony T. mentioned that David Howd, Rachel Blouir and Anthony B. were excused.

Secretary's Report: Sarah R. present: Sarah began reading the Secretary's report, motion to waive and seconded, motion passed; reading was waived. Motion to accept the secretary's report as presented, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Edd B. Jr. present: Edd B. presented the Treasurer's report as of 02/29/2024. Edd reported that the customer balance sheets, and group contributions are now being displayed in the Treasurer's report. The surplus/deficit amount on page 3 of the Treasurer report of 31,783.42 is a direct result of literature purchases for Founders Day. Also, 15k clear bags were purchased for the office and for Founders Day. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Board Report: Tony T. informed the fellowship that he is forming the nominating committee for the upcoming August elections. We are looking for volunteers to join this committee. Tony mentioned that Jim Burns will discuss the health insurance search for our office employees.

Old Business: Edd Burns present: Proposed By-Laws change to the Prudent Reserve.

Edd presented the proposed By-Law change to the prudent reserve. Edd is looking to reduce the prudent reserve from 10 months of operating expenses plus 5% of the Founders Day expenses to 6 months on office operating expenses and to remove the 5% of Founders Day expenses from the equation. Per the current By-Laws, our prudent reserve should be about 301k, we are considerably short of this figure. Edd also commented that our fellowship is not in favor of us holding 300k in the bank, not being used. Edd says the Finance Committee reviewed our operating expenses and determined that we would be okay maintaining a prudent reserve of 140k – 150k, which is about where we are right now.

Joe Ciborek says he was a member of the finance committee, and the committee did determine that it's a violation of our traditions to have more money on hand than what we actually need. Joe says due to Covid, we did have to use nearly 80k of our prudent reserve to sustain the office expenditures over the last 2 years. Joe also says that Founders Day doesn't need a lot of funding to happen. The office places the literature order for the event from funds that we have on hand, then Founders Day begins to generate its own revenue from registration sales.

Committee Reports: Tony requests to limit reports to the 3-minute rule.

12 Step Fund Drive: David H. not present. The 12 step fund drive numbers were presented for individual and group donations, as of March 2024 numbers. Numbers are up for the month of March and YTD of the year compared to last year.

IG Picnic: David H. not present: A flyer was distributed with details about the 1st picnic committee meeting on 4/27/27 @ 10am in the IG office.

Answering Service: Jim B. present: 28 total calls for meetings, etc. for the month of March.

Office: Jim B. present: Jim says we are still going to install temporary "on demand" water heaters for the purpose of having hot water in the office. Jim is waiting for the ordered water heater to be delivered. The health care of our 2 office employees is of paramount importance. Tony added that this new health care proposal would essentially save the Intergroup office nearly 12k a year. The employees would also receive a 2k FSA which can be applied towards their yearly out-of-pocket expenses, reducing that figure from 3500.00 a year to 1500.00. If both employees stay relatively healthy for the year, the office could potentially receive an addition 5k "discount" towards our yearly health care expense.

Information Tech: Bill B. present: The committee has been busy preparing for training of FD volunteers. There are 2 training days with 2 sessions each. Literature and onsite volunteers need to attend at least one session.

Group Services: Rachel B. not present: There were 3 people present at the March meeting and her committee is in dire need of some volunteers. Rachel says they are almost done with updating the remaining groups. Most of these last groups are in the Wooster area. The next meeting will be 4/27/24 @ 9:30am in the office.

Corrections: Anthony B. not present: Corrections is moving along quite well. Corrections are looking up.

New Year's Eve Dance: Anthony B. not present: The hall has been reserved for this year's event. An agreement was made with St. Sebastian's to have our deposit roll forward year after year. This will ensure that the venue will be locked in and available for our event each year.

Treatment Facilities: Joe C. present: The treatment committee met on Mar. 27th, there were 11 people present. Joe provided copies of the committee minutes and of the committee's needs for facility coordinators for each treatment center, people that can be engaged with personnel at each listed facility. They are still in need of people willing to take meetings into the various treatment facilities. Joe says recovery communities are springing up at various locations, says they are not in support of these communities, because they are not treatment facilities, more of a recovery-based site. The next meeting will be April 30th at 6pm at the office.

Literature: Greg C. present: They made a final decision on the design for the 89th Founder's Day pin. Since the following year will be the 90th anniversary of AA, they want the pin design to pop and be special, so that the design process is underway. They have ordered magnets and ink pens for the FD volunteers.

Public Information/CPC: Doug M. present: No report.

Founders' Day: Aaron K. present: Registrations kicked off on March 1st and is going well. We are just a tad bit lower this year on registrations than we were last year. The Program is being sent to the printer along with various tickets. Ribbons have been delivered. Pre-registration will be \$35.00 and \$40.00 for onsite registration. Still looking for any volunteers. The FD committee has found a clear bag that will be acceptable by the UOA and will make bags available to AA guests. A gallon zip lock bag is acceptable. Aaron has also asked the University if a couple of small banks of personal lockers can be positioned at the JAR Arena and InfoCision Stadium, for those that arrive at the meeting without knowing about the clear bag policy. As IT stated, we are preparing the volunteers for register training for late May and early June.

Archives: Chris Bryan present: Chris says they received and responded to 19 requests for information. The virtual archives tour is moving along fine. The audio recordings are continuing to take place. Jim says He, Chris Bryan and Doug Moore visited Hoban High School again to speak to the 2 classes of students and counselors, regarding the founding of AA in the Akron area. We have been asked to return next semester, so this will be the 3rd time that the presentation has taken place.

IG News: Mike V. present: Mike acknowledged the book of the month club book reports. Mike says the length of the IG news varies from month to month, depending on the number of articles they receive. Pet of the month is still a big hit. Mike Says they are still taking articles and subscriptions are encouraged.

IG News: Mike Vaporis present: Mike says they have 5 or 6 committee members, and he is happy with the direction the newsletter is going. Mike says they are ready for Founders Day and will have a table set up in the Student Union.

General Service: John Kay present: John says the mini conference was just concluded. John says they conducted votes on several topics and there were multiple topics that were unable to be voted on, more to be revealed. John says young people reported that “old school AA” does not work for them.

Good & Welfare: Jim Burns announced that Danny Fitzgerald celebrated 34 years, he moved to Florida and is very active in the FL area. Joe Ciborek announced that he and Anthony Billups have raffle tickets for the AA group Sons of Ebby. Jim Burns stated that on Mother’s Day this year, our Akron Archives will be 30 years old.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer @ 12:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Thomas Executive Board Chairman,

in lieu of Sarah A. Robinson, Board secretary