

Akron Area Intergroup Council Minutes
May 5, 2024

The in-person meeting of the Akron Intergroup Council was held at The Paradise Club on May 5, 2024, and was opened by Akron Area Intergroup Chairman Tony Thomas at 12 noon with the I Am Responsible Statement and The Serenity Prayer.

Roll Call: Groups in attendance: (35 groups with registered reps – we do have a quorum) Akron Men's Big Book Study Group, Barberton Big Book, Carry This Message, Cissy's Diner Big Book Study, Coffee, Donuts & Discussion, East Akron Group, Faith and Hope, Falls Discussion, Fresh Start, Garden of Hope, Goodrich Group, Goodyear Group, Hudson Terex PM, Kenmore Group, King School Group #1, Ladies Big Book Study, North Hill Men's Big Book, North Hill Men's Discussion, Northampton, One Day At A Time, Post Office Group, Primary Purpose Group, Serenity Big Book Study, Sons of Ebby, St. Anthony's Women's Group, Sunday Night in Paradise, Sunday Night 12 & 12, Tallmadge Heritage AA Group, The Turning Point, Thursday Night Freedom, Thursday Night Men's Non-Smoking, Towers Discussion, Trusted Servants, Tuesday at the Border, YANA (You Are Not Alone)

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

Executive Board Report: Tony present: Tony mentioned that office manager Greg Kennedy has been hospitalized with a severe infection. Tony asked for prayers for Greg. We, the board, would also like to mention that Greg was the only person in the office capable of running specific reports for the fellowship to review. With that being said, there will not be a Treasurer's report this month, along with a few other key pieces of information usually presented at the Council meeting. We are working to resolve this concern. So, we want to apologize in advance for not having these reports. A contingency plan is being created, in the event something like this happens again.

Tony mentioned that the Board Secretary Sarah Robinson has resigned her position and per our guidelines and By-Laws, Tony has appointed Marty Kuchenski as the new Board Secretary and will finish out Sarah's vacated terms. Per the Board's recommendation, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the new health care plan presented by Ed Marsinek from Allstate Health and Casualty. This plan will ultimately save the Intergroup office approximately 13,000-18,000 dollars annually, while keeping the same identical coverage that our employees currently have.

Tony has appointed Jim Burns to chair the Nominating committee for this year's Executive Board elections. There are 4-5 members on this committee.

Secretary's Report: Marty K. present: Marty began reading the Secretary's report, motion to waive and seconded, motion passed; reading was waived. Renee mentioned that she was at the last meeting but was not listed as attending. Motion to accept the secretary's report as presented, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Edd B. Jr. present: No 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: Joe Ciborek present: Joe mentioned that he still researching CPA firms, to find the best fit for our needs at the intergroup Office. He has had several phone meetings with a few of the proposed companies, but we have not landed on the right yet, more to follow.

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

Edd presented the proposed By-Law change to the prudent reserve to Council. Edd says the Board has already reviewed and approved bringing this to Council. Edd reminded the Council that we don't need a motion on the floor to conduct the voting for this amendment. Tony put this to a vote and the motion carried, with 1 opposed; this person declined to speak for the minority. The updated Bylaws will be signed, dated and uploaded to our website for public review. The new documents are to be secure in the office safe and the previous copy handed over to the archives committee.

Ed also made the Council aware that lead sheets and IG News are also going to be delayed.

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. present: No report..

IG Picnic: David H. present: David says the committee met and they came up with bigger and better plans for next year. Additional information to follow.

Answering Service: Jim B. present: 20 total calls for meetings, etc. for the month of April. Jim says 8 calls were from duplicated numbers, the same guy he reported on a few months ago.

Office: Jim B. present: Jim says we are having a rep from the Allstate Health Care System come to speak to the Board at the end of May.

Information Tech: Bill B. present: The committee has been busy preparing for training of FD volunteers. Nothing more to report.

Group Services: Rachel B. not present: There were 2 people present at the April meeting and her committee is in dire need of some volunteers.

Corrections: Anthony B. not present: No Report.

New Year's Eve Dance: Anthony B. not present: No Report.

Literature: Greg C. present: The reprinting of the 1st Edition Big Book will be on sale at Founders Day for 5.00 out the door. All the literature for FD is stamped, packed and ready to be transported to the University. There will only 500 books for sale. Cheryl is preparing the coins for FD.

Treatment Facilities: Joe C. present: The treatment committee met and 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.

Public Information/CPC: Doug M. present: Doug and Sonya are working on the letters that are mailed to newly elected public officials.

Founders' Day: Aaron Kuemerle-present; Aaron says they are in countdown mode. Aaron says the programs and various tickets are going to the printers. Says once pre-registration closes on 5/15, they will have better look at the numbers, per the recent report he was given, we are trending behind last year's numbers. He says the event is less than a month away and everything's falling into place. Says they have their final meeting with the University on June 3rd and all is going well.

Archives: Chris Bryan present: Chris says they received and responded to 23 requests for information. The virtual archives tour is moving along fine. The audio recordings are continuing to take place. There have been 13 requests for information. The Archives are going to be recording local speakers for the purpose of building up our catalog of local speakers... **THIS IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO GATHER LOCAL SPEAKERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SPEAKING AT FOUNDERS DAY !**

IG News: Mike V. present: Mike acknowledged the book of the month club book reports. Mike says they are starting to get more book report requests.

General Service: John Kay present: John says on 5/18 at Pilgrim Church there will be a Spring seminar with a 4-person panel. Multi-district will be having a picnic in August, date to be determined.

Good & Welfare: Continued prayers for Greg Kennedy. Primary Purpose Group is having a welcome home dinner on June 6th.... Gene Montavon says the Akron Men's Big Book Study is sponsoring a wreath on Bill D's grave on June 6th at Greenlawn Cemetery. Mary K. asked for prayers for Mike Myers. Mary K. had 39 years sober on April 13th. Chris B. thanked the Council for the prayers for his granddaughter who just celebrated her 1st birthday. Eric announced there are tickets for a raffle from Sons of Ebby. Jim B. says AA Archives will be 29 years old on May 12th.

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

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer @ 1:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Thomas Executive Board Chairman,

in lieu of Marty Kuchenski, Board secretary