

Akron Area Intergroup Council Minutes
June 2, 2024

The in-person meeting of the Akron Intergroup Council was held at The Paradise Club on June 2, 2024. Tony T. announced that going forward, all Council meetings will be recorded for posterity, accuracy and backup. The meeting 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: (37 groups with registered reps – we do have a quorum) 100 Men & Women Big Book Study, Afternoon Alkies, Akron Men's Big Book Study Group, Barberton Friday Night, Barberton Monday Night, Carry This Message, Cissy's Diner Big Book Study, Coffee, Donuts & Discussion, Cornerstone Candlelight, Dry People's Wednesday Night, East Akron Group, Falls Discussion, Flame Breakfast Group, Fresh Start, Goodrich Group, Goodyear Group, Hudson Clockwatchers, Hudson Terex PM, Kenmore Group, Kent Friday Night, King School Group #1, Ladies Big Book Study, Medina Closed Women's Thursday Night, Morning Meditation, North Hill Men's Big Book, North Hill Men's Discussion, One Day At A Time, Post Office Group, Sunday Night in Paradise, Sunday Nite 12&12, The Turning Point, Thursday Night Freedom, Saturday Morning Happy Hour, Thursday Night Men's Non-Smoking, Towers Discussion, Tuesday at the Border, YANA (You Are Not Alone)

Tony T. mentioned that Anthony B. was excused.

Secretary's Report: Marty K. present: Marty began reading the Secretary's report, motion to waive and seconded, motion passed; reading was waived. Paul F. says the minutes show John Kay as not present last month, but in the minutes, John's name shows he gave the GSR report. Edd Burns gave that report. Motion made to accept the Secretary's Report as corrected, seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Edd B. Jr. present: There were limited copies of the printed March 2024 Treasurer's report for those in attendance. Edd began to read the one-page March Treasurer's report, Joyce B. made point of order and motioned that we table approving the March Treasurer's report until next month, because there were not enough copies available for everyone to review. Motion seconded and passed. Edd presented the April Treasurer's report. A motion was made to approve the April Treasurer's report, seconded and passed.

Executive Board Report: Tony T. present: Tony T. mentioned that the approved By-Law changes have been signed and dated. An updated copy of the By-Laws has been uploaded online and the original document has been placed in the office safe. The proposed OBM phone service is still tabled until further notice. The proposed CPA search to assist the office with producing more concise and accurate reporting has also been tabled until further notice. The nominating committee has been formed and Jim Burns will report on their progress. Tony T. mentioned that a representative from our approved employee health care plan, Ed M., attended the Executive Board meeting and Ed M. presented all the details related to our health care plan with Allstate Health and Casualty Benefits. Tony mentioned that due to the illness of the office manager Greg Kennedy, several reports and daily office functions had to be suspended because Greg was essentially the only person that knew how to do these tasks. The Board is now going to come up with a contingency plan, in the event something like this happens again, to ensure that our office employees are cross-trained and can perform these tasks specific to each other. Tony says that with the help of our volunteers and members of the Board, we were able to keep the office up and running in Greg's absence. Tony also publicly thanked Cheryl L. for her part in keeping the transition in the office as smooth and seamless as possible.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Ed H. introduced a flyer for this year's Founder's Day play. Ed is hoping to promote the play "Snow White and the Seven Character Defects", to have sellouts for all 4 shows this year. He says we've never sold out of every show and if we're able to accomplish that, we could generate a \$10k surplus for the FD Committee.

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

12 Step Fund Drive: David H. present: David presented this month's fund drive report, which shows a 265% increase in individual contributions. We believe this increase was the result of a substantial family donation for one of our recently deceased members. David says our numbers are slightly higher than they were last year at this same time.

IG Picnic: David H. present: David says the committee met and they came up with bigger and better plans for next year. The Intergroup picnic will be on August 11, 2024, at Waterworks Park in Cuyahoga Falls from noon to 4pm. We are looking for donations of water, this seems to be an ongoing issue, running out of water. We are also encouraging groups to donate baskets for the raffles. This event is specifically for families and more importantly, the children, so we are going to hire professional face painters and a balloon person to create animal balloons. A larger bounce house for the kids will be onsite, corn hole tournament, just to name a few. We're hoping to surpass last year's attendance, so come on out and have a great time.

Nomination Committee: Jim B. present: Jim says they have 5 people on the committee, and they are in search of candidates for this year's elections. Available positions are Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, one Trustee and three Members-at-Large. Deadline for nomination forms is June 15th, 2024, by 5pm. Aaron K. and Joe C. both acknowledged the benefits and rewards of being of service to the fellowship of AA and encouraged people to be nominated.

Answering Service: Jim B. present: For 05/2024 the service received 21 calls, all for meetings. 18 of those calls were for meetings (6 of those were from the same guy) and 3 were people who just wanted to talk.

Office: Jim B. present: Jim says our office manager Greg K. has been released to return to work and is expected back on Monday, June 3rd. Jim says the hot water heater concern has been put on the back burner. Over the last couple of weeks, 2 plumbers have been on site to review the water problems and to inspect the building system.

Information Tech: Bill B. present: The committee didn't meet this past month. Bill says all training for FD is completed and they are ready to go.

Group Services: Rachel B. present: Rachel says there was no meeting last month, she was out of town. The next meeting will be June 15th at 11am, at the Intergroup office. Rachel is asking for support from the fellowship regarding her committee, a committee of 2 just isn't enough.

Corrections: Anthony B. not present: Tony reported that Anthony says corrections are going well, nothing major going on currently. He has 2 women waiting to be approved to enter facilities. The point guy over at the Orianna House John C. was hired by that facility and he can no longer be on the corrections committee, as it is a conflict of interest, Anthony is looking for a replacement for John. Anthony says there is a home group that's holding onto the orange can money collected from that group for over a year. Anthony says he's not sure why they're not turning in the money, so he's going to visit the group and possibly get some answers. Joe Ciborek reported that there is a group that is declining to turn in their orange can donation because the Corrections Committee has a surplus of over 5500.00.

New Year's Eve Dance: Anthony B. not present: Anthony says the contact at St. Sebastian's Terrie, would like to meet the next chair of the New Year's Eve dance, so they can all become familiar with each other. Anthony also expressed concerns about the existing committee chairs should have people shadowing them as they move through their terms.

Literature: Greg Clark-present; Greg Clark had 11 people at his last meeting. Greg says they have ordered only 500 copies of the reproduction of the Big Book to be sold during FD. He says 400 books will be on sale down at the University during FD for \$5.00 out the door and they are keeping 100 books at the office. He says this book will no longer be produced by General Service and that's why we're selling them so cheaply, and he doesn't expect them to last long. They had 5 billboards created with easels to display at the UOA and at the office to advertise the sale of these books. They also are selling stained glass AA symbols with lead outline for \$20.00. They are reducing the prices on some of our literature in the office. The Big Book on CD which sells for \$55.00 will be reduced to \$25.00; the abridged version of the 12 and 12 will also be reduced; the Trust God magnets are reduced from \$3.00 to \$1.50, and they are reviewing most of the items that we sell in the office, to see if the prices can be reduced on them too. There is also a book report in this next issue of the Intergroup News. The next meeting will be August 10th, 9am at the Intergroup office.

Treatment Facilities: Joe C. present: The treatment committee met on May 28th and there were 8 people present, the next meeting will be July 2 at 6pm in the Intergroup office. 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. Joe says the contact over at the ADM was hired by that facility, so he is now looking for a new point person at this facility. Joe is also looking for people to assist George A. who brings meetings into the Armada facility.

Public Information/ CPC: Doug Moore-present; Sonya B. and Doug are waiting for Greg to return to the office, so that they can get the informational letters sent out to the newly elected city officials. John Kay says the General Service is looking to get AA books and literature racks established in libraries and all the city police departments.

Founders' Day: Aaron Kuemerle-present; Aaron says they are pretty much ready for the event to begin next week. He says we are working with UOA to figure out a crosswalk for our guests to get across E. Exchange St. There are no usable locations along the street for handicapped people in wheelchairs or walkers to be able to cross the street. Aaron says the dollar figures are slightly lower than last year's numbers from last year. Aaron says the committee is hoping that the \$5.00 increase in onsite registration will help to make up the difference in numbers. Edd B. read a notice that was posted on the doors of the Mayflower Hotel, stating that for visitation of the facility, please contact the leasing office, roaming of the building is not allowed. So, the Mayflower Hotel is no longer an attraction for AA visitors to visit. Edd says there isn't much inside of the building to look at, the phone is gone, there's no Mayflower history other than pictures on the wall of Dr. Bob Smith and Bill Wilson and a facsimile of the church directory. Jim B. says when the hotel was redesigned for apartments, the original phone was put on a lower level just inside of the main door and is in a glass case for display, along with a few other artifacts from that era. Jim says the receiver from the phone is still missing and nobody knows what happened to it. Jim B. says he has ordered a replacement receiver but has not been permitted to enter and repair the phone. Aaron discussed the "rain" contingency plan for the Big Meeting on Saturday night.

Archives: Chris Bryan present: Chris says they have had a lot of tours as we ramp up for FD. Lots of visitors are coming into the Intergroup office. Chris says they had their quarterly meeting on 5/22/24 and they elected a new Archive's Treasurer and Secretary, in the spirit of rotation, they have also added 2 more archive committee members. Chris announced that on Thursday night before FD, Akron Men's Big Book group will be placing a wreath at the gravesite of AA #3 Bill Dotson at Greenlawn Cemetery at 5:30pm. The next quarterly meeting will be August 7th. For the virtual tour, we have the first 2 sections approved by their committee; they are on The Four Absolutes and The Man on The Bed.

IG News: Mike V. present: Mike says it's been a good month for the news. Mike acknowledged the book of the month club book reports. Mike says they are starting to get more book report requests. Mike says they will have a table setup at FD for anyone interested in signing up for subscription of the Intergroup News. Mike also says the current publisher Amy has resigned her position and Chris W. has assumed the publisher position.

General Service: John Kay-present; The plain language Big Book has been approved, no date on when this will be published. GSO has decided to stay in NYC, they are not moving their offices. John says 2 years ago, the average 7th tradition contribution per membership was 7.00, this has now risen to 13.00 at every meeting. June 23rd is the Area picnic, and the Ohio State Convention will be in August, hosted by Area 54 in Independence, OH. Tony mentioned to John that he should mention this on Sunday and that Council needs to be aware that we are sending him to this conference.

Good & Welfare: Edd Burns turned 77 years old today and he is also 21 years sober on 5/30/24. Gene M. celebrated 27 years on 5/30/24. Michelle H. celebrated 12 years on 5/30/24. Paul celebrated 13 years on 5/18/24. Joyce B. announced that Lynette R. had a heart attack, please keep her in prayer. Joyce also lost a cousin, so please keep the Burgess family in prayer. GSR rep Julie W. made a plea for home groups to have GSR reps and to have them attend the regular assembly meetings. Joyce B. wanted to announce that her home group members Mike and Karina were married.

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