

Akron Area Intergroup Council Minutes
August 4, 2024

The in-person meeting of the Akron Intergroup Council was held at The Paradise Club on August 4, 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.

Tony T. asked that all intergroup reps who had not signed the attendance roster, to please sign in.

Roll Call: Groups in attendance: (60 groups with registered reps – we do have a quorum) 100 Men & Women Big Book Study, A New Freedom, A Way Out, Afternoon Alkies, Akron Men's Big Book Study Group, Atwater Serenity Group, B&W Saturday Nite, Back to Basics, Barberton Big Book, Barberton Friday Night, But For The Grace of God, Carry This Message, Circle of Hope, Cissy's Diner Big Book Study, Coffee, Donuts & Discussion, Cornerstone Candlelight, Courage to Change, Crossroads, Cuyahoga Falls, Dalton Mens, Dry People's Wednesday Night, East Akron, Faith and Hope, Falls Discussion, Flame Breakfast Group, Fresh Start, Goodyear Group, Hobos in the Park, Hudson Clockwatchers, Hudson Terex PM, Into Action Big Book Study, Kenmore Group, Kent Friday Night, King School Group #1, Ladies Big Book Study, Learning to Live, Loyal Oak Big Book, North Hill Men's Big Book, North Hill Men's Discussion, Northampton, One Day At A Time, Post Office Group, Primary Purpose Group, Saturday Morning Happy Hour, Serenity Big Book Study, Sons of Ebby, Sunday Night in Paradise, Sunday Nite 12&12, Tallmadge Heritage AA Group, Temple Square, The Turning Point, Thursday Closed Women's, Thursday Night Freedom, Thursday Night Men's Non-Smoking, Towers Discussion, Trusted Servants, Tuesday at the Border, Tuesday Night Mens Big Book Study, Willing Women, YANA (You Are Not Alone)

Secretary's Report: Marty K. present: Marty began reading the Secretary's report, motion to waive and seconded, motion passed; reading was waived. Tony moved to accept the Secretary's report as read. Point of Order, we need to have a motion on the floor to accept the minutes as presented. Motion made and seconded, motion accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Edd B. Jr. present: Edd read an excerpt from the Treasurer's responsibilities of maintaining all monies, keeping records of all monies and paying all bills discharged to him and maintaining bank accounts on behalf of AA, to remind the fellowship of AA's primary purpose to maintain unity, service and to help the sick and suffering alcoholic. A motion was made to waive the reading of the Treasurer's report by Joyce B. Motioned seconded and approved to waive the reading of the Treasurer's report. There was an opposition to this motion by Gene M. Gene was given the opportunity to speak for the minority. The minority questioned the balance of the Founders' Day totals on the 1-page treasury summary balance sheet created by Edd B. Joe C. explained that the disparity in the Founders' Day numbers reflected were year-to-date totals for FD and the other column showed numbers only for the month of June. A new motion to accept the Treasurer's report with corrections was made, seconded and approved.

Executive Board Report: Tony T. present: Tony T. mentioned that Anthony B., Rachel B. and Greg C. were excused. Tony said in the interest of time, he will waive his report and move right into the elections and the meeting agenda.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Elections - Tony T. announced to the Council how the elections will be conducted. As the Secretary reads off the group names, a ballot will be handed to that rep. Once all the ballots are passed out and collected, the elections committee will count the votes. While the votes are being counted, we will resume the meeting agenda, until the voting results are in. There was a rep who signed in for 2 groups and tried to receive 2 ballots – we had to disqualify one of his home groups because a rep can only carry one vote. There were several people whose names were not listed correctly on the current roster list. Tony announced that if your name does not appear on this roster, you cannot vote today. As the votes are being counted, we will resume the agenda.

New Business: CPA Proposal: Joe C. introduced the Board's decision to adopt the CPA that was selected. This firm will permit our reporting to become more streamlined and the integration of our POS (point of sale) system. This firm will also help to improve our budgets and allow our office staff to perform at a much higher level. Approval was required from the Council because the minimal fee of 3000.00 surpasses our 1500.00 limit. A motion was put before Council to approve this selection, motion was seconded and approved by Council to move forward with this plan.

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 an increase of 33% for individual contributions. David says our total contributions are slightly higher than they were last year at this same time.

IG Picnic: David H. present: David says 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. David also requested that the newly elected Board members show up to the picnic to introduce themselves.

Answering Service: Jim B. present: For 07/2024 the service received 24 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: No report.

Information Tech: Bill B. present: The committee met on 7/10 and there were 4 in attendance. Bill says Founders' Day ran very smoothly this year, there were no hiccups.

Group Services: Rachel B. not present: Joe C. gave the report in Rachel's absence. Joe C. says the primary purpose of the Group Services Committee is to ensure that the group's information is accurate and up to date at the IG office and to make sure their needs are met. Joe says there are only a handful of groups that have not been contacted, but the goal is to have every group in our 5-county area contacted by Group Services to gather their latest contact information.

Corrections: Anthony B. not present: Tony reported that Anthony says corrections are going well, nothing major going on currently.

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

Literature: Greg C. not present: No report

Treatment Facilities: Joe C. present: The treatment committee presented the standard needs list for the treatment facilities and encouraged anyone to get involved, it's a worthy cause. They are looking for facility coordinators and for people to take meetings into the treatment facilities.

Public Information/ CPC: Doug M. present: Sonya B. and Doug M. met twice last month, and they finished up the correspondence with the Summit County courts. They will begin the correspondence for Portage County courts this month.

Founders' Day: Mary K. present: Mary K. says there will be a Literature Committee meeting this Saturday at 9am at the IG office. The Founders' Day had their wrap up meeting with the University of Akron. Mary says we are waiting for the final bill from the University. She says they are ready and set with their formats for FD 2025. Mary says the planning for next year's FD begins the day after this year's event was over and they are already getting requests from guests regarding FD 2025, which will be June 6,7 and 8, 2025.

Archives: Chris B. present: Chris says they had 17 requests for information, and they responded to all of them.

IG News: Mike V. present: Mike says he wants to thank Chris W. for stepping up and becoming the publisher of the IG news.

Intergroup Anniversary: Mike L. present: No report.

General Service: John K. present: The Akron Multi-District will be having a picnic on Aug. 17 at 1pm at Chestnut Lodge on Sand Run Parkway. The multi-district meets the 3rd Saturday of the month at Pilgrim Church at 1pm, all are welcome. Area 54 will be hosting the Ohio State Convention on Aug 23-25, 2024, at the Doubletree Hilton in Independence, OH. John says there are envelopes available to make contributions to GSO based on lengths of sobriety.

Election Results:

The elected Vice Chair will be **Rick R.** Rick R. had 35 votes; Dave E. had 23 votes.

The elected Treasurer will be **Ed B.** Ed ran unopposed and had 58 votes.

The elected 1st Year Trustee will be **Dana S.** Dana ran unopposed and had 57 votes.

The elected incoming Members-at-Large will be **Mike L., Emily M. and Ed F.** Mike L. had 53 votes, Emily M. had 44 votes and Ed F. had 27 votes.

The remaining candidates for member-at-large – Laura H. had 22 votes, Vance S. had 14 votes and Kim H. had 13 votes.

Tony T. thanked the outgoing board members for their service and contributions to the Board.

Jim B. – Outgoing Vice Chair, David H. – outgoing 3rd year Trustee, Mike V. and Bill B. – outgoing Members-at-Large.

Good & Welfare: Tony T. thanked those represented groups in attendance for this year's elections. It was an amazing turnout and Tony encouraged the reps to attend the regular monthly meetings. Rick R. says the flyers are out for the memorial golf tournament, he says Tom H. has turned the event over to Rick to manage. Joe C. celebrated 6 years on July 30. Dean J. celebrated 32 years on Aug 3. Julie S. celebrated 32 years on Aug 1. Gary G. celebrated 37 years on Aug 2. Jim B. celebrated 34 years on July 11. Bill Bittner celebrated 44 years in July. Chris W. announced there will be a memorial service for Bruce H. on Aug 18. Chris B. asked for prayers for his granddaughter. Mike L. says there will be a Joe and Charlie Big Book Workshop on Aug 16-18. Tony T. asked for a moment of silence for those mentioned.

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

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer @ 1:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony T Executive Board Chairman,

in lieu of Marty K, Board secretary