Akron Area Intergroup Council

Minutes for September 2025

The meeting was called to order on September 7, 2025 at 12:00 PM at the Paradice Club by Tony T, Executive Board Chairman with the I Am Responsible Statement and The Serenity Prayer.

Roll Call: 45 Groups Represented: Afternoon Alkies, Akron General, Akron Men's Big Book Study, Back to Basics, Barberton Friday Night, Broad Highway Group, Coffee Donuts and Discussion, Cornerstone Candlelight, Cuyahoga Falls, Dalton Men's, Dry Peoples Wednesday Night, East Akron, Faith and Hope, Falls Discussion, Goodyear Group, Hobos In The Park, Hope Group, Hudson Clockwatchers, Kenmore Group, Kent Friday Night, King School Group 1, Language of the Heart, Mantua Fun Group, North Hill Men's Big Book, North Hampton, One Day At A Time, Post Office Group, Primary Purpose Group, Redemption Recovery, Road to Recovery, Saturday Morning Happy Hour, Serenity Big Book Study, Sons of Ebby, Spiritual Solutions, St. Anthony Women's Group, Stay While You're Here, Sunday Night In Paradise, The Turning Point, Thursday Night Men's Non Smoking, Towers Discussion, Trusted Servants, Tuesday At The Border, Tuesday Women's Big Book, We Are Not Saints, Women's Tool Box.

Executive Board Members Present: Tony T, Rick R, Ed B Jr, Judy K, Mark D, Rachel B, Dana S, Dick W, Mike L, Curtis W. Founders' Day represented by Juanita W.

Secretary Report: Judy K. Motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the July Minutes. A suggestion was made that the minutes be amended to reflect a change by adding that the minutes reflect a statement that the Council was to report any overage of the building estimate be brought to council. The motion was made to accept with the change and it was accepted.

Treasurer Report: Ed B, Jr. Everyone was given the July 2025 Monthly Report and a 1-page summary report. Ed explained the reports and answered questions. There was a question about how the cost of goods sold could be in the negative by \$27, 452. Partial answer was that there was a \$20,000 adjustment made after a very thorough inventory was done and we found that it had not been being counted correctly. The outstanding question is, what is the other \$7,452 difference. A motion was made and passed that the report not be accepted until that question was answered. The report was tabled until next month.

Ed B, Jr also asked groups to check the outstanding Group Balances and if your group is on it, please pay your balance at the Intergroup. Ed B, Jr explained that the report that is given to Council is a simplified report. If anyone wants to see the full report, they should contact Ed B, Jr at treasurer@akronaa.org.

Executive Board Report: Tony T. The report was to update the Council on the progress of the move to our new facility. The subcommittee who consisted of Joe C, Rick R, Greg K, Chris B, Tony T and the contractor, Mike B has been very busy settling on the scope of work, and construction for the new building. Tony went over the new quote and scope of work that has been approved. The new quote is \$76,204.82. This is higher than the previous quote because the Archives was not represented for the first quote. A lease was signed and it went into effect on September 1, 2025. We have the keys and work should begin in the mid-September and take six to eight weeks. The projected move in date is beginning of November. We do not have to start paying the monthly rent until January 1, 2026.

Tony explained that this is a bare bones quote and we are not doing anything unnecessary. Everything that can be used from the old building will be used. This will be a nice place and a place that the Intergroup can be proud of, but it won't be extravagant. We are also being given residential level pricing over commercial level pricing which keeps our price down.

Questions were asked and answered regarding the quote. There were some concerns that this would go over and above what is being told to the Council now. The Council was explained that this is being done by the committee and the Executive Board who were given the autonomy to carry out this task. It is not feasible to take every decision to the Council for review. Rick R, spoke and clarified that every property that was looked at required build out.

John D who was on the first committee to determine what we could afford and how we can cut costs commented that the Intergroup has since cut out our printing and mailing which is a savings. The membership is helping by having a fund to make extra contributions to cover costs, and our Prudent reserve will still be okay after we take out what we need for the move.

The address of the new office is 2208-2012 Romig Road in Akron. A picture and updates are on the akronaa.org website. The quote and contract are available at the office if anyone wants to see it. We also have a mover selected.

Old Business: Covered in Chair report

New Business: None

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Committee Reports

12 Step Fund Drive Rachel B – The three Trustees are going to meet after this meeting to discuss the plan for the Fund Drive. Everyone has the report for the monthly contributions from the groups.

Picnic – **Rachel B** – The Picnic went well. She submitted the numbers to the Intergroup Office.

Literature – Dana S – No report yet, the first committee meeting will be September 13, 2025 at 9 AM at the Intergroup Office. Asked if anyone would like to join the committee, go to the meeting. She will have a report next month.

Answering Service – Rick R, Vice Chair – Calls for the month – 9 which included 3 12-Step calls. The 12-Step calls seem to be increasing and anyone who wants to get on the list to take the calls should contact Rick.

Gulf Outing – Rick R — Our next function is the Memorial Gulf Outing on October 11, 2025. It is at Mayfair Country Club and you can sign up at the office or by phone, it is \$50 per person and you get breakfast, lunch and gulf carts. Also, explained that groups can sponsor a hole for \$20, and a sign will be put at the hole to memorialize anyone who has passed.

Office – **Rick R** – Our new employee, Kristin L, has started and she is doing a great job. Also, the office is cleaning up and going through everything to get ready for the move. They are going through the committee room to get rid of old items in preparation for the move.

Information Technology – Tony T for Ed F – The committee is still planning on moving all the computers and setting up the network and security in the new building.

Group Services – Mark D – This is his first month as Chair for this committee. They are continuing to update information for the groups. We need an email address for each group so they asked that each group call the office to update their information and give an email address. It was not on the forms before so we don't have emails to send information. You can update on the website with the Group Change tab.

IG Anniversary – Mike L – The anniversary will be celebrated on April 26, 2026. The first meeting of the committee will be October 14, 2025 at 6 PM at the Intergroup Office. Anyone who wants to help should attend the meeting.

IG News – Emily M – The committee met on August 16, 2025 at the Intergroup Office. Next meeting is September 27, 2025 at 9 AM at the Intergroup Office. Asked for people to write articles for the newsletter. Send to intergroupnews@akronaa.org.

Corrections – Curtis W – Will be meeting every third Saturday, next meeting will be September 20, 2026 at 9 AM at the Intergroup Office. Anyone interested in joining the committee should go to the meeting. Summit County Jail needs women to take meetings in.

NYE Dance – Curtis W – He is new to this committee and anyone willing to help should see him after the meeting. He has some help now, but needs more. Meeting will be third Saturday at 11 AM. Dance will be at St. Sebastion's on December 31, 2025.

Treatment - Tom G for Joe C - There was a handout. The committee met on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at the Intergroup Office. There were 10 members present. They had a lemonade stand at the picnic and gave out information about the committee. They raised \$138.95. Dick W will be taking over Harbor House and he needs men for Mondays at 1:00 PM. Invited all to attend the next T&C quarterly meetup on October 11, 2025 at 3:00 PM at the Paradice Club. Next committee meeting will be Tuesday September 30, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Intergroup office.

Public Information/CPC – Dick W –When a safe house or sober living wants more information or a meeting, in the spirit of cooperation the PI/CPC committee turns it over to the Treatment Committee. In the case of Safe Harbor, Dick Wilson will be the Treatment coordinator (for the Treatment Committee) for Safe Harbor. He will be facilitating a 12-step study group on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM and could use help. He met with Doug M who chaired the committee last and was given some names for possible committee members.

Founders' Day – Juanita W – We had about 8100 in attendance. Next year will be June 12 - 14, 2026. We paid University of Akron \$374,000.

Archives – Gene M for Chris B – The committee continues to thin out material and donate to other archives. Chris is opening the office on the Second and Fourth Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 PM for members who can't attend the Wednesday meetings during the day.

General Service – Tony T for John K - Next meeting September 20, 2025 at 1:00 PM at Pilgrim Church in Cuyahoga Falls.

Good and Welfare – Dean J thanked the Board for all that they are doing. John D celebrated 48 years. King Kennedy in Ravenna is having their 47th Anniversary September 20 doors open at 6:00 PM. Primary Purpose is having their second annual Men's Conference, Saturday October 18, 2025 at 10:30 AM at Community Church in Cuyahoga Falls. Please pray for Joyce B's daughter who had her kidneys removed and is starting dialysis at home. FOTS conference is happening in October, flyer is on the website.

Moment of silence

Motion to adjourn made and seconded at 1:17 and the meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectively Submitted

Judy K, Secretary

Next Three Meetings: October 5, 2025; November 2, 2025; December 7, 2025