

Akron Area Intergroup Council

Minutes for November 2025

The meeting was called to order on November 2, 2025 at 12:00 PM at the Paradise Club by Tony T, Executive Board Chairman with the I Am Responsible Statement and The Serenity Prayer. The meeting was recorded.

Roll Call: 45 Groups Represented: Afternoon Alkies, Akron Men's Big Book Study Group, B&W Saturday Night, Broad Highway Group, Carry This Message, Coffee, Donuts & Discussion, Cornerstone Candlelight, Cuyahoga Falls, Dalton Men's, Dry Peoples Wednesday Night, East Akron, Faith and Hope, Falls Discussion, Flame Breakfast Club, Garden Of Hope, Goodyear Group, Hobos In The Park, Hope Group, Hudson Clockwatchers, It's In The Book, Kenmore Group, Kent Friday Night, Kent Living Sober, King School Group 1, Language of the Heart, Loyal Oak Big Book, Mantua Fun Group, Noetic Bloomers, One Day At A Time, Primary Purpose Group, Redemption Recovery, Road To Recovery, Saturday Morning Happy Hour, Serenity Big Book, Sons Of Ebby, Spiritual Solutions, Sunday Night 12x12, The Turning Point, Thursday Closed Women's, Thursday Night Freedom, Towers Discussion, Trusted Servants, Tuesday At The Border, We Are Not Saints, YANA (You Are Not Alone.)

Executive Board Members Present: Tony T, Rick R, Ed B Jr, Judy K, Dick W, Mike L, Curtis W.

Executive Board Members Absent: Mark D, Dana S, Emily M, Rachel B, Joe C.

Founders' Day represented by Jeannie R, Area 54 John K

Secretary Report: Judy K.

The reading of last month minutes was waived. The minutes were approved with one correction. Remove extra "Represented – 44"

Treasurer Report: Ed B, Jr.

Explained Summary Report for September. Net Surplus for the month of September was \$11,571. Corrections Committee balance is \$746 showing that the Corrections Committee is using their funds collected. He has copies of the full financial report for anyone who wants it. Also, the reports are available on the Intergroup Website (akronaa.org) Also reviewed Group Donation reports that is combined with the Fund Drive Report. On the last page is a group balance report, so if there is a balance, they urge the group to pay it. The motion to accept the report was accepted.

New Business: 2026 Budget Proposal: The Representatives are requested to take it back to their groups. The Budget Proposal will be mailed to all groups, and it will be voted on at the December Council Meeting. There will be an opportunity to discuss budget at the December meeting. Anyone with questions can contact Ed at the Intergroup. Treasurer@akronaa.org.

Executive Board Report: Tony T

Gave an update on our new site. Construction is about 75% completed. It came to our attention that some of the flooring that was not previously budgeted for was not in very good shape. The executive Board met at the location and decided to replace the left-over flooring, so the whole facility will have new floor coverings. The thought was that with all the construction being done, and the fact that this is a place where AAs come from around the world, that it should be totally done to look it's best. It will be about an additional \$8,800, and the Board went ahead and approved it. We have already extracted \$50,000 from the Prudent Reserve. The moving fund drive has already raised just over \$34,000 and the extra \$8,800 will come out of that. The moving costs are estimated to be around \$7,000 to \$8,000. Tony reminded Council that the plan was to use the Prudent Reserve for the next six to eight months so that we don't over extend ourselves. The anticipation is that we should be able to start to replenish the Prudent Reserve by the beginning of 2027. Our anticipated move date is around the middle of December and our

first rent will be due for January 2026. The new site will be opened today after the council so that anyone who wants to go there to see the place at 2212 Romig Road can do so.

Old Business: None

Committee Reports

Group Services – Mark D absent Tony gave report

As of October 29, 2025 there were 56 groups with updated emails. It is expected that this number will increase now that email is a required field on the group update form. Tip of the hat to Mike Kline for his service. He requested that they get emails for the Group Representatives at the Council meeting. A notebook will be passed around so that the Representatives for their email addresses.

12 Step Fund Drive Rachel B absent Tony gave report

Everyone has a report with the figures. If any group has a balance owed, take that back to your group so that can be paid.

Picnic – Rachel B absent Tony gave report

The shelter has been booked and paid for. The picnic will be August 16, 2026 from twelve to four at the Waterworks Park.

Literature – Dana S absent Tony gave report

At their last meeting they discussed inventory. After the move the committee with the help of Kristin will conduct an inventory. Committee reviewed several books for possible sale. It was suggested that a “book of the month” feature be done at the new office.

Answering Service – Rick R, Vice Chair

We had two twelve step calls. There has been some feedback about the answering service and Rick is going to meet with them and have more to report. The answering service answers call when the office is closed. They give calls to the people on the twelve-step call list.

Gulf Outing – Rick R — The memorial golf outing was a success. There were 144 golfers and 59 memorial signs. They had a surplus of \$3,598.50. Also, they collected \$181.00 for the moving fund. There is a good group of volunteers who help every year. It is a good way to get involved.

Office – Rick R

Committee stockroom is cleaned out. The preparation for the move is ongoing. You can always call the office to volunteer to help. Just call and let them know when you are available. Encouraged anyone who wants to go to the new office after the meeting. Mary K made a comment about how our new employee is working out. She thanked the committee for choosing such a talented person.

Information Technology -Ed F

The committee met October 18, 2025. Ed Fuller, Greg Kennedy, Rich Reynolds, Wes Michaels, Bill Madden Jr. and Dave Edmonds met at the new Intergroup location to install the wiring for the network and security cameras. During the installation, committee members were able to plan out the location of the various computers, printers and other equipment, which will help when the IT Committee moves the equipment from our current location.

IG Anniversary – Mike L

The anniversary will be April 26, 2026. They had a meeting on October 14, 2025 to discuss ideas for next year. Next meeting will be December 9, 2025. Anyone who wants to join the committee can contact Mike or come to the next meeting.

Corrections – Curtis W

Still looking for volunteers for Oriana House and Summit County Jail. The requirements are one year sober, one year off probation and one year out of the facility. There is a vetting process which includes a background check so they are looking for people who will be committed. Before a new person goes into a facility an experienced person will attend with them so no one gets just thrown in.

NYE Dance – Curtis W

Everything is going according to plan. We have the DJ, food is ready. There is a person committed to run the raffle. They have people for set-up and clean-up and will can still use more help. They also plan to have a silent auction and will continue to ask for more people to help. The next meeting will be November 15, 2025. You can just show up at 8:00 on the day of to help set up and stay after to help clean up. Tickets are available on the website for \$25 and being sold by committee members. Tickets can be purchased after the meeting.

Treatment Joe C absent report by Tom G

A report was handed out to everyone. Summit County: • We are seeking 2 women to fill a meeting need for IBH this Sunday 11/2. • We are seeking women willing to be on a list for a backup rotation for meeting needs for the IBH women's meeting on Sundays. Please consider providing our Facility Coordinator, Dani, with your contact info to be on the list and help backfill any possible occasional vacancies. • A pamphlet literature request was delivered to support the IBH outpatient facility that support IOP and the IBH REACH program. • New meetings are now happening with Summa IOP groups in Barberton, Akron and Hudson with 3 new volunteers having gone through the process • One of our two Summit County coordinators had to step down after several years of service due and we are seeking a new Summit County co-coordinator to step in and fill these shoes • Armada Recovery is expected to be opening a detox in downtown Akron • Northfield Village Nursing is interested to have AA bring a meeting into their facility. Dick W with CPC/PI is spearheading this and should have an update later in November • Things are going well at RAMAR, North Coast, Sky Point, Valor House (lightly attended) and Safe Harbor Portage County: • We are looking to fill a Monday evening meeting need for the men at Root House in Ravenna. A new meeting was added by a new AA volunteer Friday afternoons at Root House • Things are going well at PARC House, Stepping Stones, FCS (merged with Axxess Point), Hope Town, Town Hall II, and Freedom House. Medina County: We are seeking a county coordinator to support Medina County on the treatment committee. Wayne and Holmes Counties: Things are going well with no new needs at the handful of facilities in these two counties. Reviewed handout.

Public Information/CPC – Dick W

On Oct. 13th Sonya Bell and I met at Intergroup to work on the excel spreadsheet for public info/ CPC Contacts. We updated returned mailings and reviewed our contact list.

On Oct. 16th Mel Williamson, Bill Madden Jr., Brenda Wilson and I attended an Alcoholism Awareness Event at Akron University Student Union. We set up a display table for Literature and answered questions for the Students about AA. We also gave them the web site contact for Akron Area Intergroup and gave them some literature.

On Oct. 20th, Public Information/ CPC was contacted by Sharon from Northfield Village Nursing Facility. She asked for information about AA and wants to meet with me November 5th.

On Oct. 30th, Bill Madden Jr. and I visited Summit County Court of Common Pleas as a response to the Public Information Committee letter we sent out. We spoke with Honorable Judge Michael and a panel about what AA is, does and doesn't do. We passed out literature, gave a few meeting schedules with Intergroup's contact information, informed them of our new location and stressed our web site for contacts.

On Oct. 28th, In response to our letter, the Chief Probation Officer in Wadsworth, Medina County, thanked us for the correspondence and confirmed she does utilize the support and tools provided through AA. I delivered some meeting schedules to her and she would appreciate any literature we can give in the future.

IG News – Emily M absent report by Tony

They met on October 18, 2025 to go over the newsletter. There were three people in attendance. Next meeting is November 15, 2025.

Founders' Day – Juanita W absent report by Jeannie R

The committee submitted their budget for 2026 to the Finance Committee. The projected surplus for 2026 is \$127,755. The cost to University of Akron increased, ticket prices were raised to \$45 across the board eliminating the \$40 for early registration. The advantage to register early now is to get a good seat in the JAR in case of rain. That will be the first 4,500 registrations so register early. Housing prices increased.

Archives –Chris B absent report by Gene M

They are continuing to provide tours, however they are reaching the point that they will have to stop until after the move as the story boards are being pack up. Requests for information will be delayed. Anyone interested in CDs or cassettes of leads can stop by the Intergroup as several thousand were donated from a taping company. Next meeting is November 12, 2025 at the Intergroup Office. Chris is continuing to open the office on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 for people who work during the day to volunteer.

General Service –John K

The Akron Multi District had their fall seminar on October 18th and 22 people were in attendance. They need more people; they meet every third Saturday of the month. Area 54 meets the third Sunday of the month. Area 54 Gratitude Sunday will be November 16, 2025 at 601 Cleveland Road in Akron. Area 54 will not meet in December.

Good and Welfare

Spiritual Solutions is having their ninth anniversary; It's in The Book big Book Study is having their one-year anniversary; Wadsworth Thursday is having their 76th anniversary; Treatment facility called the Bower House for homeless veterans and they are starting a new meeting; Ed F has nine years; Dick W has 35 years; Tony T has 24 years;

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: December 7, 2025; January 4, 2026; February 1, 2026