

Akron Area Intergroup Council

Minutes for January 2026

The meeting was called to order on January 4, 2026 at 12:00 PM at the Paradise Club by Tony T, Executive Board Chairman with the I Am Responsible Statement and The Serenity Prayer. This meeting is being recorded.

Roll Call: 38 Groups Represented: Akron Men's Big Book Study, Barberton Monday Nite, Broad Highway Group, Dry People's Mid Day, Dry People's Wednesday Night, East Akron, Faith and Hope, Falls Discussion, Goodyear Group, Hobos in the Park, Hope Group, Hudson Clockwatchers, It's in the Book, Kenmore Group, King School Group One, Ladies Big Book Study, Language of the Heart, Medina Tuesday Night, Morning Meditation, Noetic Bloomers, North Hill Men's Discussion, Primary Purpose Group, Primary Purpose Group 12&12, Primary Purpose Medina, Ravenna Sobriety Checkpoint, Redemption Recovery, Road to Recovery, Saturday Morning Happy Hour, Serenity Big Book, Sons of Ebby, Spiritual Solutions, Sunday Nite 12&12, Sunday Women's Big Book Study, The Turning Point, Thursday Closed Women, Thursday Night Men's Non Smoking, Towers Discussion, We Are Not Saints.

Executive Board Members Present: Tony T, Rick R, Ed B Jr, Judy K, Mark D, Dana S, Dick W, Mike L, Joe C., Curtis W, Ed F, Emily M, Founders' Day represented by Juanita W, and Archivist Chris B. Absent: Rachel B.

Secretary Report: Judy K.

Everyone was given a written copy of the December, 2025 minutes. A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading. A motion made and accepted to approve the minutes as presented.

Treasurer Report: Ed B, Jr.

Everyone was given a copy of the November Financial Statement. Ed reviewed the figures. The report distributed is a summary report and he has copies of the full report if anyone wants one. The full reports will be on the website, akronaa.org after it is approved. Explained that the office has a copy of our Indemnity and Casualty insurance if anyone is interested in seeing it. We have not changed insurance company. A motion was made and seconded and the report was accepted.

Executive Board Report: Tony T

The move did take place and the office is up and running. Everyone is encouraged to stop by for a tour and to buy merchandise. World Service literature is going up. The books will increase by \$3.00 on February 1, 2026. As far as revenue and income for the office we are low in donations and anything extra that groups can do to donate is appreciated and needed. We are anticipating a small financial crunch coming up shortly. The office income is generated three different ways, the office literature, the contributions and donations are a third and Founders' Day is a third. Lately Founders' Day has been pulling in about 45% of that. Asked everyone to take back to their groups and meetings they attend that inflation has hit everyone and that includes the Intergroup. A dollar in the basket doesn't go very far any more, maybe people could up their 7th Tradition donation.

Committee Reports

12 Step Fund Drive - Tony T

Everyone was given the Donations & Group accounts report. The report shows that the Group Donations is down by 7% and the Individuals are down by 11% for the year compared to 2025. Reminded everyone that the 12 Step Fund Drive continues throughout the year. The Groups do not have to wait until October to make contribution.

Picnic – Tony T

Nothing new to report.

Literature – Dana S

Next meeting is January 10th if anyone is interested in joining the committee. We will be conducting an inventory of everything at the Intergroup and will be discussing literature for Founders' Day. There is a question as to whether the committee must approve the Founders' Day order. New comer packets are selling very well. They decided in committee to do a book of the quarter. The first book is a Sandy Beach book. They are asking that the Fellowship read the book and submit a review. More discussion about this will happen at the next Committee meeting.

Answering Service – Rick R, Vice Chair

The answering service takes over the phones after hours and weekends. We had them take over the week during the move. Last month there were 17 calls for information, 1 Twelve Step Call, and we are continuing to receive dead air calls and it is affecting our charge from the service. If anyone knows of a way to stop these calls, please see Rick. Rick had the conversation with the Answering Service to review. We received a bill for December that was extravagantly higher than usual. Rick will discuss this bill with the service. We are averaging one or two 12 Step calls a month and the other calls can be answered by our website. Maybe it is time to revisit how the phones are covered. Someone suggested we use AI to answer questions. A comment was made that things are different now than they used to be because people are going to treatment centers that were not there a long time ago. It was asked if we have the option to answer the calls on our phone system. Asked what other Intergroups do and we find that most of them use volunteers.

Office – Rick R, Vice Chair

The new signs are on the building above the two entrances. They are still working on the road marquee. There is a volunteer list at the office and they are still looking for people to come in and help with literature, phones and even cleaning. Now is a good time to start thinking about members who will be able to serve on the Executive Board. There is a process being done now to get our Google listings updated. It is not as easy as just telling Google.

Information Technology -Ed F

There is not much to report except that the Committee has been working at the new office. We need to install four cameras. The Committee's meeting will be changed to the second Wednesday instead of Tuesday at 6:00 PM. More people are needed.

Group Services – Mark D

They are still working on getting emails for groups. Not much was done on it last month due to the move. The method for signing up for a group email has changed.

IG Anniversary – Mike L

No new report except what was reported last month. The Committee will meet this Tuesday for the real planning. Would like some new members.

Corrections – Curtis W

There are new orange can covers for cans available at today's meeting. Please encourage donations to corrections. Curtis will be going to group meetings and would like help from others to spread the word. The orange can donations is used to purchase literature for incarcerated alcoholics. It is important to explain that this is over and above the regular 7th Tradition donation. We do not have an abundance in the account. Meetings are the third Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM at the Intergroup office. The T&C quarterly meeting will be January 10th at the Paradise Club.

NYE Dance – Curtis W

The event was a success. Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped, with a special shout out to Juanita W for MC. As far as sales and expenses they ended up with a surplus of \$530.

Treatment - Joe C

T&C meetup is January 10th at the Paradise Club. There will be a volunteer orientation for anyone who is interested in getting active in either committee. There will be food and fellowship and at 4:30 there will be a west coast style meeting. They need more people to take meetings into the facilities. Shared information on the facilities. There is a new Medina County coordinator.

Public Information/CPC – Dick W

Continued to add emails to the excel spreadsheet contact list. Dec 29th visited Richland Correctional Institution. Gave report about accessibilities available from various websites. One place to start looking is cpc@aa.org. There is a newsletter for professionals. Area 54 website lists meetings for deaf and hard of hearing meetings, as well as online meetings. The big book and the 12&12 is online in ASL and audio. aa.org accessibilities have a lot of information.

IG News – Emily M

Last meeting was December 20th with four people. Meetings days and times might change due to us only having one meeting room at the new office. Next meeting will be January 17th at the Intergroup office. How to sign up for a group email is in the Intergroup News.

Founders' Day – Juanita W

All the speakers are lined up and the reservations have been made.

Archives –Chris B

They had a planning meeting on Saturday and will begin hanging and assembling displays. The stained-glass portrait has been restored. Special thank you to volunteers who have been painting and building displays. The stack room is back together and they hope to start replying to questions soon.

General Service – Jeff C

The next Multidistrict meeting will be January 17th at 1:00 PM at Pilgrim Church. The Area 54 meeting will be January 18th. The meetings are always the third Saturday and Sunday of the month. As always, we need more people to get involved in General Service. Encouraged all Groups to make sure that they are listed with the General Service which is different from registering for the Intergroup.

Good and Welfare

Prayers for John K who is ill and Rachel B who lost her father. Emily M celebrated 5 years. Young People's district meetings are the second and fourth Sundays at 4:00 PM at the Paradise Club. Auditions are coming up for the Founders' Day play. Sons of Ebby is celebrating their 10th anniversary. St Eugene's Thursday Night Men's Non-Smoking will have their 31st post holiday dinner.

Motion to adjourn made and seconded at 1:20 PM and the meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectively Submitted

Judy K, Secretary

Next Three Meetings: February 1, 2026; March 1, 2026; 4/12/2026