

# Akron Area Intergroup Council

## Minutes for February 2026

**The meeting was called to order** on February 1, 2026 at 12:00 PM at the Paradise Club by Rick Reynolds Executive Board Vice Chairman with the I Am Responsible Statement and The Serenity Prayer. This meeting is being recorded.

**Roll Call: 38 Groups Represented:** B&W Saturday Nite, Barberton Monday Night, 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 Group, Hope Group, Hudson Terex PM, Kenmore Group, Ladies Big Book Study, Mantua Fun Group, Noetic Bloomers, North Hill Men's Discussion, One Day At A time, Primary Purpose Group, Ravenna Sobriety Checkpoint, Redemption Recovery, Road to Recovery, Sons Of Ebby, Stay While You're Here, Sunday Nite 12&12, Sunday Women's Big Book Study, The Place To Be, The Turning Point, Thursday Night Freedom, Thursday Night Men's Non Smoking, Towers Discussion, Trusted Servants, Tuesday At The Border, Tuesday Women's Big Book, We are Not Saints, YANA.

**Executive Board Members Present:** Rick R, Ed B Jr, Judy K, Dick W, Mike L, Ed F, Emily M,

**Founders' Day represented by** Juanita W. **General Service John K absent**

**Executive Board Members Absent:** Tony T, Dana S, Curtis W, Rachel B, Mark D.

**Secretary Report: Judy K.**

Everyone has a copy of the January, 2026 minutes. The reading of the minutes was waived and the report was accepted as written.

**Treasurer Report: Ed B, Jr.**

Everyone received a copy of the simplified December financial statement. Ed Reviewed all figures from the report. He encouraged groups to send in any money from their orange can collections. He has copies of the full report available if anyone wants them. He has end of year reports for the years that he has been treasurer in case anyone wants to see them. All reports are available on the website akronaa.org. The report was accepted.

Everyone received a report that is to explain what came out of the ad-hoc subcommittee. The report is meant to show our current financial situation and has suggestions about what can be done by everyone. Joe C went over the report and everyone is encouraged to take the report back to their groups.

**Executive Board Report: Rick R**

We had our regular employee review with the Office Committee. We can use more volunteers of people who want to volunteer on a regular basis. There is a need for people with some computer knowledge. The employees were given a 3% COLA raise and a 3% merit raise. There are new Intergroup Reps packets here to take. It was mentioned that people should consider running for a position on the Executive Board.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

### **Committee Reports**

#### **12 Step Fund Drive Rick R.**

Everyone was given a report about how contributions are going. The last page was of groups that have an outstanding balance they should be paid. It was mentioned that we are looking at how to handle giving group credit.

**Picnic – Rachel B. Absent.**

No Report

#### **Literature – Dana S Absent**

Jeanne R reported that the Committee did meet and they are still working on getting the Sandy Beach book for a book of the month. Literature for Founders' Day has been ordered.

#### **Answering Service – Rick R, Vice Chair**

January call for information 3, 12 step calls 0, dead air calls is still a problem and we are still working on it. It's possible that we will have to switch to an automated system to answer the phone and require the caller to press 1 to get through.

#### **Office – Rick R, Vice Chair**

Covered in Executive Chair report.

#### **Information Technology -Ed F**

The committee discussed upcoming projects and technical issues that still need to be addressed in the new office space. Brian W. is a new volunteer to the committee and said that he would be able to come take care of some of the office hardware issues on Monday, January 19.

The Founders' Day representative was unable to attend, but the committee is aware that some work will have to be done over the next month updating the website, Guidebook app and Square point of sale systems. The training for the Founders' Day registers has been set for

Saturday May 30 and Saturday June 6. IT Committee members are making commitments to help at training and onsite during the event.

Ongoing tasks that need to be completed: Rewire network port under volunteer desk. Label wires and ports Cable management. Hard drive repair. Security Camera Installation. Map Updates (Google, Apple, Bing)

#### **Group Services – Rick R**

Continuing working on getting emails for the groups.

#### **IG Anniversary – Mike L**

They had their first planning meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup>. They have the theme, speaker and the venue. Date is April 26, 2026. They are asking for raffle baskets. The committee has the goal and will be selling 350 tickets. Tickets are \$25.

#### **Corrections – John C.**

The committee is pushing getting more Orange Cans into the groups. This year we have people going into Summit County Jail once again. That had stopped for a couple of years but it is back now. Meets on the third Sat at 10 AM. More people have been showing up to the meetings. There is still a big need for people to go take meetings into the facilities.

#### **NYE Dance – Curtis W - absent**

No Report

#### **Treatment Joe C**

The Treatment and Corrections committees have been coordinating, especially around the T&C meetups. The meetups are a great way to get involved in the committees. The next one will be April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Paradise Club. There was a handout showing the present needs. Joe reviewed the report. They need to cover IBH for the men and women. Summa IOP volunteers. Armada Recovery just opened a 40-bed facility in Akron. The committee is going in to tour the facility.

#### **Public Information/CPC – Dick W**

They will have a table at a “Walk in their shoes” event at the House of the Lord which is open to the public. They will give out information about what AA does and doesn’t do. The committee was contacted by Darcy F from Area 54 to put Public Service announcements on 90 buses in the Akron area. There would be a charge to the Intergroup. We informed her that we cannot do that at this time. The outreach program list was updated with more emails.

#### **IG News – Emily M**

Our last meeting we had 4 people total. Nothing new to report except the next meeting on February 21 is being bumped to 1:00 PM instead of 9:00 AM.

**Founders' Day – Juanita W**

The committee will be meeting with the staff at the University of Akron. Open registration begins March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Archives –Chris B**

They are continuing unpacking and set up of displays. They have had a tremendous number of volunteers. Hopefully tours will be starting soon. The stained-glass window is delayed due to the weather.

**General Service –John K Absent**

No Report

**Good and Welfare**

Prayers for : Mike L Daughter, Sophia, Bill J Passed on Jan 21, the Gants Family, Larry F passed. Melissa C is celebrating 18 years, Prayers for Esau J, Dave N passed,

**Motion to adjourn made and seconded at 1:25 and the meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.**

**Respectively Submitted**

**Judy K, Secretary**

Next Three Meetings: March 1, 2026; April 12, 2026; 5/3/2026