

Akron Area Intergroup Council

Minutes for April 2026

The meeting was called to order on April 12, 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.

Roll Call: 41 Groups Represented: Afternoon Alkies, Broad Highway Group, Carry This Message, Coffee, Donuts & Discussion, Cuyahoga Falls, East Akron, Faith & Hope, Falls Discussion, Flame Breakfast Group, Fresh Start, Hobos In The Park, Hope Group, Hudson Clockwatchers, Kent Living Sober, King School Group 1, Loyal Oak Big Book, Mantua Fun Group, Noetic Bloomers, North Hill Men's Group, One Day At A Time, Primary Purpose Group, Ravenna Sobriety Checkpoint, Redemption Recovery, Road To Recovery, Rootstown Monday Night, Saturday Drop The Rock, Serenity Big Book, Sons Of Ebby, Sunday In Paradise, Sunday Nite 12X12, Sunday Women's Big Book Study, The Turning Point, Thursday Closed Women's Thursday Men's Non Smoking, Towers Discussion, Trusted Servants, Tuesday At The Border, Tuesday Women's Big Book, Wadsworth Fresh Start BB Study, We Are Not Saints.

Executive Board Members Present: Tony T, Rick R, Ed B Jr, Judy K, Mark D, Dana S, Dick W, Ed F, Emily M, Curtis W, Joe C. Founders' Day represented by Juanita W. General Service John C. Archives Chris B.

Secretary Report: Judy K.

The March Minutes reading was waived. The Minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer Report: Ed B, Jr.

Ed had two updated flyers from GSO regarding the Seventh Tradition Contributions. He has a few copies, but you can find them at AA.org search for Seventh Tradition. Also, he has a pamphlet for group treasurers "Where Money and Spirituality Mix" available at the meeting and they are also available at the Intergroup Office. Due to timing, we have reports for both February and March. Ed reviewed the figures from the reports and everyone had a copy of each. Both reports were accepted. We had some questions about the reports that Ed B Jr, John D and Joe C answered. Anyone who is interested in more detail was invited to attend the ad hoc financial committee quarterly meeting on April 22, 2026 5:30 at the Intergroup office.

Executive Board Report: Tony T

Tony made council aware that after through consideration and due to needing cash flow to carry us past Founder's Day the Executive Board voted this past Thursday to move \$40,000 out of the Prudent Reserve into the general checking account. Also, since our newest office person, Kristin, is off on maternity leave, it puts more of a burden on the everyday running of the office. Some

of the Executive Board members will be stepping up to help run the office. We are looking for qualified people to volunteer, especially those with computer skills to go to the Office to volunteer. We are looking for people who want to commit to go on a regular basis.

New Business: The glass in the Archives side of the building has a problem and needs to be fixed. Tony thanked John C for stepping in to be the Area 54 Liaison and he has hit the road running.

Committee Reports

Archives –Chris B

Between the Open House and with other visitors, there has been a very good experience. The parking is adequate. The archives are open for tours. The committee received a lot of positive feedback from the open house guests. They will be organizing sponsorship of the gravesites of the pioneers from the Big Book who are buried in the area. The pioneers being sponsored are Earl Treat, Bil Dotson and Joseph Doppler. Besides cleaning the gravesite and getting flowers, the founder's story will be read at the gravesite over Founder's Day. More groups are invited to sponsor a gravesite for Founder's Day Weekend. The committee continues to meet on Wednesdays 10 to 3. Business meeting dates will be set soon. They have picked up a couple of new committee members. The goal of the Archives Committee is to be able to provide a guided tour to visitors who request a tour. Out of town visitors may be here only once in a lifetime. They would like to train more people to start giving tours.

Literature – Dana S

The books that the committee approved have been delivered. The book Steps and Stories by Sandy Beech is now available. They are asking for members to read the book and write a review. The other two books are Daily Journals. Inventory will be done immediately following the June meeting.

12 Step Fund Drive

Everyone was given a report for the 12- step fund drive. Rachel resigned her position.

Picnic –

No Report We will now be looking for a new chairperson for that committee. The date is set for August 16th.

Answering Service – Rick R, Vice Chair

Calls for Information 4, 12-Step calls 3 information calls, and dead air calls 28. There is a 12-Step call list and we appreciate people who put their name on that list.

Office – Rick R, Vice Chair

Open House was a good event. There was a scavenger hunt and the food and baskets were provided. We are in the process of reviewing the Employee Handbook. Nominations are open for this year's new Board members. Everyone was encouraged to help with the nominations. The handout lists the open positions and the duties of the position. Nominations will close on June 15th. In the July meeting the nominees will introduce themselves and the Election will be August Council meeting. The main thing is commitment. Donations and group accounts sheets have a list with balances for groups who have not cleared their amount due. We are giving friendly reminders to groups with balances. We are going to the old way of fund raising for this year by having zone captains.

Information Technology -Ed F (Absent)

The committee has everything ready for the training sessions for Founder's Day register volunteers. Next meeting is May 13th at 6:00 PM.

IG Anniversary – Marilyn K reported that the celebration will be on April 26th, doors open at noon, eating at 1 and speaker, Cory from Texas will be at 2. There will be baskets, a money tree and raffle. This is not about money it is all about fellowship. Tickets are \$25.00.

Group Services – Mark D

Out of 386 groups 191 have been updated. There are papers at the front of the office that is sectioned off by zip codes. They are asking for members to come up after the meeting to sign up to visit the groups.

Corrections – Curtis W

Thanked everyone for the orange can contributions. One year sober, one year out of facility and one year off probation. Also, if you don't qualify to take meetings in permanently you can go in just to share your story. The corrections meeting will be April 18th at the Intergroup office. They still have more meetings to cover in facilities. They have women taking meetings into Power Street.

NYE Dance – Curtis W - They will start having meetings near the end of summer.

Treatment Joe C

There was a handout for everyone showing needs and facilities being visited. Next meeting is April 28th at the Intergroup office. They had a table at the open house that served tea and shared information. The T&C meeting attendance is dropping off so they are considering an annual workshop. There are facilities that are inviting AA back to revive meetings that stopped

when Covid hit. These meetings will be open to the fellowship, so if anyone is interested in starting a new group, reach out to Jim.

Public Information/CPC – Dick W Absent

Tony gave report. On March 13th Barb M. and myself attended the Recovery Event “A Walk in their Shoes”. We were one of 40 Resource Tables set up to interact with the 411 people who attended. We shared our experience, passed out Literature and gave Akron Intergroup Web Site contact information. I want to Thank Barb M for joining me at the Table. A Special thanks to Trish O for hosting the event open to the Public.

IG News – Emily M

March 21st the group met and there were 5 people in attendance. The next meeting is April 25th. They are looking for anyone who would like to help at a table for the IG News at Founder’s Day. They will be handing out copies of the IG News. Once Group Services gets over 200 group information, they will begin sending the IG News to groups via email. Ed made an announcement that if anyone wants their pet in the newsletter to see him.

Founders’ Day – Juanita W

Numbers are low this year. This is our 91st year and everyone who has not already signed up should do so.

General Service –John C

John C thanked everyone for the opportunity to allow him to accept this position.

Good and Welfare

Ed B, Jr told everyone how beneficial it was for him serving as Treasurer. Keep Mike L in our prayers, his daughter is in very bad shape. Judy K has 26 years of sobriety. Please keep Beth F in prayers she is recovering from cancer surgery. Charles M has 16 years of sobriety. There are registrations for the young people’s conference. Mark had 32 years on April 7th. Prayer request for Mindy. Someone had 34 years on the 8th (not clear on recording) Keep daughters o Joan A in prayer as she passed away. John C from our area passed away. Ray W introduced himself. Jerry C has 18 years today.

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: June 28, 2026; August 2, 2026; 8/30/2026