Akron Area Intergroup Council

Minutes for October 2026

The meeting was called to order on October 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: 44 **Groups Represented**: Akron General, Barberton Big Book, Carry This Message, Coffee, Donuts & Discussion, Cuyahoga Falls, East Akron, Faith and Hope, Falls Discussion, Flame Breakfast Group, Fresh Start, Friday Night In The Woods, Garden Of Hope, Goodrich Group, Hope Group, Kenmore Group, Kent Friday Night, King School Group 1, Let's Discuss It, Love and Freedom, Loyal Oak Book, Mantua Fun Group, Morning Meditation, Noetic Bloomers, North Hill Men's Big Book, North Hill Men's Discussion, One Day At A Time, Post Office Group, Ravenna Sobriety Checkpoint, Redemption Recovery, Road to Recovery, Rootstown Monday Night, Sons Of Ebby, Spiritual Solutions, Sunday Night In Paradise, Sunday Nite 12 & 12, Sunday Women's Big Book Study, The Turning Point, Thursday Closed Womens, Thursday Night Freedom, Thursday Night Men's Non Smoking, Towers Discussion, Tuesday Women's Big Book, We Are Not Saints, Women's Tool Box.

Executive Board Members Present: Tony T, Brenda M, Tim Q, Judy K, Dana S, Dick W, Darnella C, Ed F, Jerico G, Curtis W, Archivist Chris B, Founders' Day represented by Jeanne R. General Service by John C. **Absent:** Joe C, Mark D, Ed F, David H.

Secretary Report: Judy K.

Everyone received a copy of the September minutes. A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading. The minutes were accepted. **Note**: After the meeting it was brought to my attention that Sunday Womens Big Book Study was left off the Roll Call. It has been added to the official copy of September Minutes.

Treasurer Report: Tim Q

I am presenting the September treasurer's report, covering August 2026 financial activity, for approval.

For August, income was approximately $26,300, cost of goods sold was $5,381, and operating expenses were $25,396. The reported net deficit was $4,477. The reported year-to-date surplus through August was $336,120. The cash-flow statement reconciles that $4,477 deficit with $4,535 in cash-flow adjustments, resulting in a $9,012 decrease in cash. Beginning cash was $563,205 and ending cash was $554,193, which agrees with the August 31 balance sheet.

Founder's Day expenses have not yet been fully reconciled. The reported year-to-date surplus may change when those final expenses are recorded. I will continue to explain cash-flow adjustments and identify significant pending expenses when presenting these reports. I request approval of the September treasurer's report. Motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report and it passed.

Executive Board Report: Tony T

No Report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

12 Step Fund Drive — Dana S

The Fund Drive is underway, all packets have been handed out to Zone Captains and the packets that were left over were mailed on September 21, 2026. Group Donations and individual donations are up over last year.

Literature — Dana S

We decided to charge other Intergroups for shipping on orders. The exception will be Cleveland Central Office due to our relationship with them.

Golf Outing: Rick R

Golf outing is a fund raiser and all proceeds go to the Intergroup. It is sold out with 128 people signed up. This is meant to be a Memorial Outing as well and we are still taking names for memorial signs. The cost is $20. Get them in at the beginning of the week. Rick pointed out that Groups can do Fundraisers as well. It is fun.

Answering Service – Brenda M, Vice Chair

Confirmed that the previous problems with the answering service have been resolved. There were 7 calls for information, 11 calls for meetings, no twelve step calls, and 6 hangups. We will continue to work on utilizing our system for all calls.

Office – Brenda M, Vice Chair

Employee reviews will take place in January.

Information Technology — Ed F Absent

No Report

Group Services – David H. Absent

This group is working closely with the 12-Step fund drive at this time and we expect to have more next month. The Aurora Fun Group has decided that they will be supporting the Cleveland Central Office as they are located on the boundary lines.

Intergroup Picnic: Jerico G.

The Pavilion is reserved for next year. He will be getting in touch with the committee members. Jerico was on the committee last year and he plans to do the same thing next year. The picnic will be August 17, 2027.

Corrections – Curtis W

The committee met this month. They meet on the third Saturday at 10:00 AM. Thanked the groups for the continued contributions. They continue to have a good relationship with the Oriana House and the Summit County Jail. Still need volunteers especially women. The process for going into Summit County has changed to 1 year sober, 1 year off probation and 1 year out of a facility. You do not have to have been in a facility to volunteer.

NYE Dance – Curtis W

They are looking for volunteers and they should see Curtis after the meeting. Tickets are now on sale online, at the office or from a committee member. Everything will be mostly the same as last year.

Treatment —Joe C Absent Report by Tom G.

Everyone was given a copy of the committee report which included needs and the status at the facilities. Tom reviewed the report. Some highlights are: The Committee met September 22nd. Seeking facility coordinators. They discussed qualifications for taking meetings into facilities; first they need a sponsor and they need at least two people going into the facility, and have or are taking the Steps. This will be a continuing discussion. Need women to support a Sunday meeting at IBH. Looking to restart a meeting at Freedom house in Portage County. Next will be on Tuesday October 27th at the Intergroupn Office.

Public Information/CPC – Dick W

On Sept 19th we attended the Community Health Center Recovery Picnic at RAMAR.

Registered for a resource table and set up a literature Display. The Event was open to the public. We shared experience and information on how to contact AA; the web site for Intergroup; What AA does and doesn't Do and passed out meeting schedules. Question about the bus ads. We received some 12-Step call from that.

IG Anniversary –Dick Wilson

Guys party center is reserved. Their first meeting will be the 17th of October at the Intergroup Office.

IG News – Darnella Cummings

1. Mary Beth reported she received an email from a reader re: August's issue. Apparently, there was an image of a crucifix and bible verse in the issue. The Committee briefly discussed this and will be more mindful to make sure this doesn't happen again as we do not want to offend any of our readers or be in violation of AA's traditions.

2. The newsletter used to have a "text box" for information re: subscriptions. It was discontinued in 2025. Currently, there is a QR code that can be used. The Committee agreed to include both a "text box" with wording on subscriptions and the QR code.

3. The Committee reviewed/edited the draft of October's issue. We also discussed encouraging people to submit historical information on their groups to be included in upcoming issues. Darnella will submit an article on the Community Center Group that is celebrating its 79th year anniversary.

We also discussed whether it's reasonable to add groups' anniversaries to the newsletter. Discussion was tabled until December's meeting.

4. The Committee is always looking for people to submit articles via email to ignews@akronaa.org .

The next Committee meeting will be Wednesday, October 28th at 1:00 p.m. at the AIG office.

Founders' Day – Karen K absent report by Jeanne R

The treasurer's report is not ready yet because of the issue with the elevator charges. Akron University removed the charge. There will be a full report next month. They have all our speakers for next year. They are still looking for volunteers.

Archives –Chris B

There have been tours almost every day. Three guys are in training to give tours. The Youngstown Archivist has been coming to learn the Akron story. There is an issue with the flooring in the Archives where some of the flooring is coming up. They are keeping an eye on that. Chris is very grateful for this opportunity to serve. He encouraged Groups to submit their histories for the newsletter and the Archives. Anyone can call to find out if their group already has a history on file that they can update.

General Service –John C

John attended the September meeting for Area 54 General Service. A past Treasurer named Wellington has stepped to fill the vacancy created by the Treasurer who resigned after embezzling about $20,000 from three different funds. The police are taking care of that issue. 5th edition of the Big Book will be coming out February 2027. The Everything AA app is now under the ownership of General Service. There was a discussion about steps that Area 54 and Akron Multi-District are taking to make sure that this does not happen again.

Good and Welfare

Tom F recovering after surgery, Moe A will have a story in the Fifth Edition of the Big Book, Prayers for: Joyce B who lost her mother this week, Sherrie H who had a stroke, Darnella's granddaughter Shaunay, David C family, he passed away, Carol R who had surgery. There will be an OYAPA conference this month. Chris thanks everyone for the prayers for his granddaughter who is gaining weight.

Motion to adjourn made and seconded at 1:05 and the meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectively Submitted

Judy K, Secretary

Next Two Meetings: November 1, 2026; December 6, 2026.