

# Willamette Valley Intergroup Minutes

## December 19, 2016

**Intergroup Officers and Committee Chairs in attendance:** Carter T. Chair; Jerry L. Vice Chair; Jane A. Treasurer; Laura F. Central Office Manager; Tonya S. Secretary; Chris E Member at Large; Dot L Member at Large.

**Advisory Board met before Intergroup:** Went over the projected budget for next year. Will make some changes and bring back to the group in January. Discussed room rent increase, Carter will check in to the exact amount and let Laura know so that the budget can be adjusted.

### Group Reps

2nd Chance Group	Cathy C.
AA Action Group	Susan K.
Altered Attitudes	Carl B.
Buell Big Book Study	Dot L.
Children of Chaos	Jared C.
Conscious Contact	Kaitlin M.
Good to be Here	Kathleen P.
Morning Coffee	Jerry L.
New Frontier	Jane A.
North Santiam Group	Bert D.
Rebellion Dogs	Erik S.
Saturday Night Live	Chris E.
Step of the Month	Dorothy K.
Unity Group	Carter T.
Way Home Group	Rick R.
We Are Not Saints	Dee P.
Women of Principles	Anna B.

**Opening:** The meeting began with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Dot read the Twelve Traditions.

The minutes from the last meeting were motioned and approved.

**Treasurer (Jane A.):** Groups please check your contributions and make sure they match your records. Sales are down, could be the holidays or that groups are buying online.

Group Contributions for the month= \$1,336.00	YTD=\$20,510.00
Individual Contributions = \$22.75	YTD=\$1,780.29

Total Income for the month=\$2,625.78	YTD=\$35,762.13
Total Expense for the month=\$2,604.48	YTD=\$35,114.60
Net Income for the month= -\$21.30	YTD=\$647.53

Motion to approve was made and report was accepted.

**Chair (Carter T.):** Positions that are still open are; Events Coordinator, Eye Opener Editor, Outreach Coordinator. This is a good opportunity to do service work. After a vote the following positions were filled: Chair – Tonya S.; Vice Chair – Jerry L.; Member at Large – Erik S.; Secretary – Cathy C. Those will begin next month.

**District 4 Liaison Report (Eric B.): Absent.** No report sent

**Central Office (Laura F.):** All shifts are filled in the office right now. They need scotch tape and postage stamps. Jerry L. replaced the counter tops and did a great job. They have also made other upgrades and the office is looking good.

BB sales for the month – 42	YTD – 298
Contacts – 192	YTD – 2266

**Events (Jane A.):** Next event won't be until Java Jive in April.

**Soberfest (Susan K.):** New Year's dance is coming up, please spread the word. Soberfest did not meet last week due to the weather but they did all communicate online. The registration forms are finished and they will be getting them out to the groups. Pay pal will also be set up soon. Volunteers are still needed and they would like group participation to get the word out.

**Webmaster (Rick R.):** Gabe has volunteered to take over but he is sick and couldn't be at this meeting but will be here in January.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Had more discussion about inserting a line item in the budget for office equipment (copier). It was put to a vote and was voted in to add a line item in the 2017 budget.

**NEW BUSINESS:** St. Paul's is raising the room rent. Right now, we are paying \$20 per month. The increase is thought to be about \$38 a month (Carter is investigating). Some groups have been able to negotiate for a lower amount and one group that we know of has gone elsewhere. Raised rent will affect donations to Intergroup.

Also, discussed some of the reasons that sales could be down. The main reason suspected is that groups could be possibly ordering books and medallions online. Group reps could educate their home groups that those proceeds go to keep central office running. Central office also sells used books and some people may not know that. Many groups may also be recycling their medallions and not buying as many new one.

## **GROUP REPORTS**

**New Frontier (Jane A):** Last meeting of the 2016 year and we are still being of service. Glad I am not alone at the table. As we wrap of this year, the Thursday night meeting is still thriving. We celebrated a 37-year birthday in November and will be celebrating one before the end of this month.

We average 15 years of sobriety, with several newcomers coming regularly and it is always great to see them to participate by chairing or setting up chairs or starting the coffee. The beginnings of service work and the start of solid recovery.

We continue to support the money-making events that keep the doors open for Central Office. We will be attending the New Year's Eve dance coming up next week in full force. Hope to see **you all there.**

We recently needed to start looking at some way to time the sharing of members to better serve the whole. Although we appreciate everyone's input, we wish to be able to reach more people each meeting. We are not sure if we are going to go with a timer or what type of timer, but sometime in January we will need to do that.

**Serenity in Sixty (Tonya S.):** Solid core group. Always welcome new women to come join our great group of ladies.

**Rebellion Dogs (Erik S.):** Topic meeting with a bingo sharing system. Good attendance, strong core home group membership. Quite a few newer faces and returning new comers. 35-45 people regularly. Sundays 6pm at Aumsville City Hall (Community Center).

**We Are Not Saints (Dee P.):** Even during nasty weather the meeting is well attended. The group conscious meetings are poorly attended during any kind of weather.

**Morning Coffee (Jerry L.):** A new meeting. Open meeting and handicap accessible. We welcome all. Open topic.

**Keizer Step Study (Jerry L.):** Meetings have been small but good discussions. We hope for more membership.

**North Santiam Group (Bert D.):** The Tuesday 6:30 am Women's meeting will let me now if they would like to be added to the meeting list. Other than that, things are doing ok. We are having a difficult time filling some service positions.

**Altered Attitudes (Carl B.):** Steady attendance (6 -10). Had considered change of locations and forum but at recent Group Conscious we chose to make no change.

**Buell Big Book Study (Dot L.):** We have not had meetings the last two weeks due to weather. Still a small group that has great sharing.

**Step of the Month (Dorothy K.):** About 40 – 60 continue to attend. Mixed ages and sobriety tenure. Last week includes tradition study. We have coffee, tea, fruit and usually donuts.

**Children of Chaos (Jared C.):** Everything is going good. Large turnout every week. Home group is large. Lots of newcomers every week.

**Good to be Here Women's (Kathleen P.):** We have regular attendance by home group member. With the holiday and snow less members came last week. Snacks are getting better!

**Way Home Group (Rick R.):** Group meets 5 days per week at 5:30 pm at First Christian Church. 25-35 attend on a regular basis. Open to new members. Open meeting and everyone is welcome.

The Intergroup Meeting adjourned and closed with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonya S.