

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY INTERGROUP MEETING

### FEB 17, 2015 MINUTES

Attending: Carter, Chair; Robert, Co-Chair; Jane, Treasurer; Laura, Office Manager; Chris E., Member-at-large; Julie, Outreach Coordinator; Rick R., Webmaster; Shirley, EyeOpener Co-Editor; Kati, EyeOpener Co-Editor; Chris H., H&I Chair; Larry J. H&I Co-Chair;

Groups attending:	Julie M.	Pioneer Group
	Rick R.	Way Home Group
	Vena S.	7:00am Downtown
	Dot L.	Altered Attitudes
	Jake H.	Children of Chaos & ORCYPAA
	Michelle I.	Keizer Big Book
	Cherie A.	New Frontier
	Bert D.	North Santiam Group
	Larry J.	Keizer Grapevine

Secretary minutes approved.

Treasurer report given and approved.

Office Manager: Laura reported all shifts are covered. The office sold 48 Big Books and made 212 contacts. Meeting schedule has a picture of the receipt book the office needs. If anyone is up to making a contribution, it would be appreciated.

Meeting Schedule: not present. It was noted that the schedule is still showing 2014 instead of 2015.

Webmaster/Computer guy: Rick is looking into redesigning our website. The size was designed for a computer instead of the more updated "phone" version. He reminded everyone that anything you send to him to be uploaded needs to be in PDF and to be sent to the webmaster email not his personal email.

H&I: Chris reported that a new flyer has been designed by Robert to reflect all the current contact people and contact information for all the facilities we are currently servicing. The meeting is on the second Wednesday of the month at Central Office at 7:0pm. All are welcome. The orientation for Hillcrest has been completed and waiting for badges to start going in there. Larry has approached Renaissance about taking a panel into their facility. The meeting minutes are now being posted on the website.

Outreach Coordinator: Julie has put together a packet to take to meetings in the future. She is meeting with Mo, the past Outreach Coordinator, this weekend to share experience, strength and hope and start assembling people to go out to meetings.

Events: Mari Anne absent, Jane reported they are preparing for their big annual event of Java Jive IV. It is a really fantastic fun event of all the talent in the AA community. We are recruiting talent at this time. A flyer will be soon circulating with all the details.

Soberfest: Jane reported that they are excited to become part of the WVI family again. Hopefully the vote tonight will concur. The committee and Advisory Board are not seeing any negative fall-out to this merger. Just better service for less money. Combining the insurance will be one of the pluses. Merchandise is currently being sold at meetings. Order forms are available on the web. Print and bring to Central Office. Order must be prepaid and the merchandise will be delivered within 5 working days.

ORCYPAA: Jake reported they are having lots of upcoming activities. Dodge Ball this weekend, St Patrick's dance on March 14<sup>th</sup> and July campout. They recently completed bi-laws and position descriptions.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

2015 Budget approval by groups: Voted and passed

WVI provide \$70 for supplies to host Volunteer Appreciation Night

Soberfest merging with WVI: Voted and passed. Jane, Carter, Laura and possibly Suzi will be getting together next Thursday to discuss the actual workings of this. Carter and Laura will contact insurance agents to get a quote of the merger of insurance.

NEW BUSINESS: Volunteer Appreciation Night: Information from the Advisory Board passed onto group representatives and asked for vote of confidence. A flyer will be going out to groups, webmaster, EyeOpener in the near future with all the details. Currently we are going to host the central office volunteers, phone line volunteers with an Open House during the April 6-7:00pm time frame instead of the Advisory Board. It will be in the basement of St. Paul's Church. Snacks and drinks will be provided. A discussion followed on the benefits of doing this. Although it is a private commitment of service by each member, a small token of appreciation goes a long way in being a part of. It also offers education to members who attend and possible future recruitment along with fellowship.

Vote was taken. One no vote who was allowed to express the group's opinion (Keizer Big Book). No vote change, motion passed.

#### GROUP REPORTS:

*7:00am Downtown:* Good solid group. The sign up for meeting chair is being filled.

*Way Home Group:* Rick reported it is generally attended between 15-35. It is one of the major groups in town that acts as a first contact for the new members.

The sharing is real and the welcoming is genuine.

*Keizer Grapevine:* Saturday at 8:30 am at Keizer Lions. There are 30-50 people there. Lots of

first timers and lots of laughter.

*North Santiam:* Bert is not always able to attend regularly. They do have a core group that is very steady

*10<sup>th</sup> Hour:* Jake reported large turnout and starting to donate to Central Office.

*Keizer Big Book:* Michelle reported they have coins, coffee and 20-30 people.

*Children of Chaos:* Large turnout recently. Meeting format is a speaker for 15 minutes followed by discussion.

*New Frontier:* Cheri reported it is a very inclusive and welcoming group and the focus is on the emotional sobriety after you get sober. Bill W called it the next frontier.

*Pioneer Group:* Huge turnout recently. Increased the home group members. They have ASL sign interpreter every Wednesday.

*Altered Attitudes:* Dot reported they are struggling. They are considering moving the meeting closer to town so there is easy access by locals. There are personality situations which affects the group participation. Prayers.

*Into Action:* Jane reported this will be her last meeting as representative of this group.

Sometimes you just have to walk away and hope someone steps forward. She has been doing this job for several years.

*Independence:* Chris says they use the As Bill Sees It book for subject matter. Attendance has been increasing.