

# Willamette Valley Intergroup Minutes

October 19, 2015

**Intergroup Officers and Committee Chairs in attendance:** Carter T., Chair; Robert J., Vice Chair; Jane A., Treasurer; Anne Marie M., Secretary; Chris E., Member at Large; Laura F., Central Office Manager; Rick R., Webmaster & Computers; Susan K., District Liaison; Julie M., Outreach Coordinator; Mark S., Meeting Schedule Coordinator; Shirley C., Eye Opener Co-Editor

## GROUP REPS

Saturday Nite Live Independence	Chris E.
Way Home Group	Rick R.
Unity Group	Mark S.
North Santiam Group	Bert D.
We Are Not Saints	Dee P.
Women of Principles	Shirley C.
Into Action	Susan K.
Conscious Contact	Kaitlin M.
Pioneer Group	Julie M.
10 <sup>th</sup> Hour Candlelight	Robert J.
Primary Purpose	Tim M.
Step of the Month	Sandee C.
Tues. Night Step Study	Geoff M.

## Upcoming events

Nominations & Elections for open Intergroup positions: November & December meetings

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

**Minutes:** The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

**Treasurer (Jane A.):** Jane gave the Treasurer's Report.

Group contributions for the month = \$761.45

Group contributions YTD = \$18,926.06

Total Intergroup sales for the month = \$1,052.45

Total Intergroup income for the month = \$2,136.75

Intergroup income YTD = \$33,180.59

Total Intergroup expenses for the month = \$2,514.37

Intergroup expenses YTD = \$27,538.48

Net income for the month = \$ - 377.62

Net income YTD = \$5,642.11

Prudent reserves = \$4,918.68

Jane noted that District 4 made a payment for use of Internet and the copier.

She said if any group isn't listed in the financial report that made a contribution to Intergroup, to let her know.

Thanks to ongoing generous donations from groups, Intergroup is ahead of our projected budget.

The treasurer's report was accepted.

**Central Office** (Laura F.): Laura reported thanked the groups and individuals who generously donated reams of copy paper to Central Office. We have a good supply now.

Central office contacts for the month = 182

Contacts YTD = 1,800

Big Book sales for the month = 31

Big Book sales YTD = 341

There is an open volunteer shift at Central Office: Thursdays from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. One year of continuous sobriety and a short training are required. Contact Laura at [centraloffice@aa-salem.com](mailto:centraloffice@aa-salem.com) if interested.

12<sup>th</sup> Step Call list: Laura said the office's list of 12<sup>th</sup> Step Call volunteers will be updated. If interested in volunteering contact Laura at [centraloffice@aa-salem.com](mailto:centraloffice@aa-salem.com).

**Webmaster & Computers** (Rick R.): Rick reported that the website is current with posted notices. If your group wants something posted on the website, please email the information to him at [webmaster@aa-salem.com](mailto:webmaster@aa-salem.com).

**Hospitals & Institutions** (Robert J.): Robert says Hillcrest agreed to allow him to bring in speakers to AA meetings. Once a month, we will organize three speakers to talk for 15 minutes each at the Hillcrest meeting.

He said women could volunteer for this as well. Volunteers must have at least one year of continuous sobriety, be at least 21 years old, and be willing to have a background check.

If interested in volunteering to be a speaker at a Hillcrest meeting, contact Robert at robertjones97305@yahoo.com.

**Eye Opener** (Shirley C.): Shirley said the latest issue of the Eye Opener is published and printed.

**District 4 Liaison** (Susan K.): Susan said October was the rotation month for positions within District 4. Eric B. will replace Susan as Intergroup's District Liaison.

The next public information event will be on Jan. 27 at the Valley Life Center in Dallas. For more information, contact Susan at kidkirky@msn.com.

**SoberFest** (Susan K.): Everyone is looking forward to the Halloween Event on Oct. 24. It will include a chili contest, guest speakers, a dance, and more fun activities. All funds raised goes to SoberFest.

**Outreach Coordinator** (Julie M.): Julie contacted the person who has taken over the Kaiser Permanente Tuesday 7:10 p.m. meeting. They will meet to discuss the Intergroup rep position.

**Meeting Schedule Coordinator** (Mark S.): Mark S. was unanimously voted by Intergroup reps to serve as the new Meeting Schedule Coordinator. Welcome, Mark!

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Next Intergroup Workshop:** The next Intergroup workshop is set for Friday, October 23. Called "What's It All About?," the workshop aims to help AA groups discover ways to improve member involvement and volunteerism. Set for Oct. 23, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Broadway Commons, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 1300 Broadway St. NE in Salem.

**Halloween Party:** The upcoming Halloween Party/Potluck/Speaker/Dance/Costume Contest on October 24 will be a fundraiser for SoberFest. 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Scottish Rite Temple, 4090 Commercial St. SE in Salem.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**New District 4 Liaison:** Eric B. was voted in by District 4 to be the district liaison to Intergroup.

Last year, the bylaws were changed to allow this position a vote at Intergroup meetings.

Eric was nominated and seconded to serve as Intergroup's District Liaison position. The motion carried. This election will happen at the November meeting.

**Open Intergroup Officer Positions:** The following Intergroup Officer positions are open for nominations:

- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Computer Administrator for Central Office
- Webmaster

All positions are a two-year commitment. If interested in a position, please attend the November Intergroup Meeting on Nov. 16 at 7:00 pm in the basement of St. Paul's Church to be nominated, and also the December meeting on Dec. 21 at 7:00 pm for voting.

Descriptions of all positions are included in the Intergroup Bylaws, which are posted on the Intergroup website, as well as are attached to the email with these minutes.

Jane cannot serve as Treasurer again; the position must rotate every two years.

**Nominations:** Two nominations were made, but more are welcome and encouraged.

Anne Marie M. was nominated to serve another term as Intergroup Secretary.

Rick was nominated to serve another term as Webmaster and Computer Administrator.

Rick R. said he would be willing to serve as Webmaster and Computer Administrator again, but would like a back-up volunteer. Some training would be needed. He asked everyone to help locate a volunteer to assist him.

The group discussed the benefit of the Webmaster and Computer Administrator volunteers being familiar with each other's jobs – although it was pointed out that the two jobs are completely different.

It was moved and seconded that the Intergroup Webmaster and Computer Administrator positions be familiar with each other's jobs as to provide backup assistance for one another. Motion carried. Groups must discuss this and it will be voted on at a future Intergroup meeting.

**Stopping Printed Copies of Eye Opener:** Jane said she wants to do a survey of all groups to determine if anyone uses and reads the printed version of the Eye Opener. It's expensive to print and perhaps having the electronic copy is sufficient. We could still do about 20 printed copies to have at the Central Office.

She asked all group reps to discuss this possibility at their meetings, whether folks used and read the printed version of the Eye Opener, and if they would have a strong objection to having it primarily available as an electronic publication online and distributed via email.

The group moved and seconded to ask Intergroup reps to discuss making the Eye Opener available as an electronic newsletter (emailed and on website) vs. making printed copies. Motion carried.

This issue will be revisited at the November Intergroup meeting.

## **GROUP REPORTS**

**Women of Principles** (Shirley C.): Shirley reported that this group is "growing and glowing." She thanked everyone for spreading the word about this meeting.

**Into Action** (Susan K.): Susan said that Into Action was "the most welcoming group in all of AA."

**Primary Purpose** (Tim M.): Described as "the funnest meeting," the group has great attendance and is very positive.

**We Are Not Saints** (Dee P.): Dee said the meeting has good attendance and they're working on getting more home group members to volunteer for positions.

**Unity Group** (Mark S.): Mark announced that the group's holiday potluck is set for Dec. 16. He passed around a box of coins for anyone to take if their group needed some.

**The Way Home Group** (Rick R.): This group has consistent attendance with lots of newcomers.

**Step of the Month** (Sandee C.): Sandee reported that this group's business meeting is the first Saturday of the month. It's an "outstanding group" with lots of volunteer support.

**North Santiam Group** (Bert D.): Bert said the Tuesday meeting is now a Big Book study. The group continues to grow.

**Saturday Nite Live Independence** (Chris E.): This group is "doing well."

**Wednesday Newcomers Meeting in Dallas** (Chris E.): Chris said attendance at this meeting has declined recently, but it's plugging along.

**Conscious Contact** (Kaitlin M.): Kaitlin's comments: "This meeting is the best. It's very comfortable and I love it."

**Pioneer Group** (Julie M.): "A great place to be," this group has consistently good attendance. Julie said they're working on a system to organize volunteer positions, and group participation and donations are good.

**10<sup>th</sup> Hour Candlelight** (Robert J.): Robert said, "This is the best meeting at 10:00 pm on Fridays." The group is still hoping to get more home group members.

**7:00 a.m. Downtown** (Carter T.): This is a closed, "solution-based" meeting. Attendance has been down a bit lately.

The Intergroup meeting adjourned and closed with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie M., Intergroup Secretary