

Willamette Valley Intergroup Minutes

December 21, 2015

Intergroup Officers and Committee Chairs in attendance: Carter T., Chair; Robert J., Vice Chair; Jane A., Treasurer; Anne Marie M., Secretary; Laura F., Central Office Manager; Chris E., Member at Large; Rick R., Webmaster & Computers; Eric B., District Liaison; Susan K, Soberfest; Ben M., Telephone Coordinator; Dianne L., Al-Anon Liaison

Group Reps

10 th Hour Candlelight	Robert J.
Saturday Night Live Independence	Chris E.
Into Action	Susan K.
7:00 a.m. Group	Aaron D.
Pioneer Group	Katherine P
North Santiam Group	Bert D.
Children of Chaos	Dallas A.
Serenity in 60	Tonya S.
Three Legacies	Monica W.
Way Home Group	Rick R.
We Are Not Saints	Dee P.
New Frontier	Jane A.

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

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

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

Jane noted that group contributions to Intergroup have been down the past couple of months.

Group contributions for the month = \$1,151.50

Group contributions YTD = \$20,918.86

Total Intergroup sales for the month = \$956.05

Intergroup sales YTD = \$14,978.60

Total Intergroup income for the month = \$2,118.84

Intergroup income YTD = \$37,168.89

Total Intergroup expenses for the month = \$2,523.87

Intergroup expenses YTD = \$34,004.47

Net income for the month = \$ -405.03

Net income YTD = \$31,64.42

Prudent reserves = \$4,918.80

The treasurer's report was accepted.

2016 Budget: Jane reviewed the 2016 budget proposal for Intergroup (attached to this email). The 2016 budget proposal projects Intergroup will end next year -\$3628 in the red. If necessary, Intergroup will organize a fundraiser to offset deficits in the budget.

The 2016 budget proposal was approved by Intergroup.

Individual contributions to Intergroup are tax deductible: Individual donations to Intergroup are tax deductible, but group contributions are not.

- Willamette Valley Intergroup is a 501c3 *that can* receive individual charitable contributions. The IRS categorizes WVI as a "PC" public charity.
- Member individuals could donate at the central office or by mail (687 Cottage St. NE, Salem OR 97301) and receive an "individual contribution receipt".
- The contribution amount will be reflected in the WVI financial reports—as an anonymous individual contribution—we do not use names.
- It is an individual's responsibility to complete their tax returns correctly. WE DO NOT GIVE tax advice.
- A **GROUP CANNOT USE** Willamette Valley Intergroup's tax id number to receive/take charitable contributions from members of their group for their use.
- To donate to the General Service make checks payable to the "General Service Board" and write your group number on the check. Preaddressed group contribution envelopes are available from G.S.O. or the WVI central office. General Service Board Office Grand Central Station P.O. Box 459 New York, NY 10163

Central Office (Laura F.): Laura reported the following for Central Office:

Central office contacts for the month = 171

Contacts YTD = 2,143

Big Book sales for the month = 28

Big Book sales YTD = 432

Laura said Central Office is in need of donations of disinfecting wipes.

Central Office will be closed on Christmas and New Years Days.

AA Group Meetings Over the Holidays

A sheet was passed around the table for group reps to indicate if their home groups had special holiday schedules.

Rick R. said any groups can email him at webmaster@aa-salem.com if they wanted holiday meeting times posted on the Intergroup website.

Christmas Eve

Children of Chaos: 7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. meeting

New Frontier: no meeting

North Santiam Group in Stayton: 7:00 p.m. meeting

SOS Club: yes

Christmas Day

Altered Attitudes in Dallas: noon meeting

7:00 a.m. Group: yes Candlelight on Christmas

Dallas Speaker Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

Scio Group: 8:00 p.m.

Way Home Group: 5:00 p.m. (snacks & treats)

New Years Eve

Children of Chaos: 7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

New Frontier: yes

North Santiam Group in Stayton: 7:00 p.m.

Oregon Young People AA: SOS Club

24-hour meetings at WACOMAA Club

New Years Day

7:00 a.m. Group: Yes

10th Hour Candlelight: Yes

Scio Group: 8:00 p.m. at Scio City Hall

Hotline Coordinator (Ben M.): Ben said he doesn't get much response when looking for volunteers for the hotline. He has an opening on Saturdays from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If interested, contact him at benhd80@comcast.net.

Webmaster (Rick R.): Rick said he was working on updating the website. He will meet with Jane about getting Soberfest registration online. Dallas A. will be taking over this position in January.

District 4 Liaison (Eric B.): Eric's report is attached to this email.

Soberfest (Susan K.): Susan reported that the Soberfest Committee held a successful Soup Contest Fundraiser recently, which brought in \$696. So far the committee has raised \$843 with fundraisers and sweat shirt sales.

The next fundraiser will be a Dollar Taco Night & Meeting.

Dollar Tacos & Meeting at St. Pauls on January 23

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. tacos

8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. meeting

Events (Mari Anne G.): On behalf of Mari Anne, Jane said the Events Committee is working with the Soberfest Committee on fundraisers. Besides the Dollar Taco & Meeting on Jan. 23, there will be a Bingo Night on Feb. 26 and the annual Java Jive on May 13.

If interested in volunteering on the Events Committee, come to the next meeting on Jan. 4 at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Office.

Meeting Schedule Coordinator (Mark S.): On behalf of Mark, Laura said that all updates have been made and submitted to the webmaster.

Robert J. indicated that there are a number of meetings listed in the Monthly Meeting section that need more clarification and information listed.

Hospitals & Institutions (Robert J.): Robert reported that he recently received a big donation of Big Books to donate to Hillcrest, which is great.

Two new volunteers attended the last H&I meeting, also great.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections

Secretary: Tonya S. was elected.

Webmaster & Computer Help: Dallas A. was elected.

District 4 Liaison: Eric B. was elected.

Open Officer Position

Treasurer: The Treasurer's position must rotate every two years, so Jane cannot continue as treasurer in 2016. She could fill in for a month or two, but a new volunteer must be found. That person should have some familiarity with bookkeeping and/or computers. Training will be available. If interested, contact Jane at janetony2@gmail.com.

Office Manager Raise

The group voted to give Laura a \$100 per month raise to compensate for new duties now that Soberfest is under Intergroup and for a cost-of-living increase.

2016 Intergroup Budget

The Advisory Board approved a budget for 2016, which is attached to these minutes.

Income

- Group Contributions: modest increase
- Individual contributions: up slightly due to 2015 actual
- Sales: modest increase

Expenses

- Office rent: 1.5% increase--lease says 3% hasn't been raised since 2014...laid back landlord
- Office supplies: up due to 2015 actual spending
- Conventions: no Soberfest registration--it's part of Intergroup
- Shipping: up slightly due to sales increase
- Workshops: used 2015 actual, put in January
- Office manager pay increase of \$100 per month

Rick R. mentioned that it would be good to have funds set aside for computer problems as they arise. What will probably happen is that Intergroup will have a fundraiser if money is needed for computer fixes.

The 2016 budget proposal was made very conservatively and therefore projects that Intergroup will end next year -\$3628 in the red. Intergroup will work throughout the year to keep group contributions and sales at a healthy level so a budget deficit is avoided.

2015 Budget End

YTD for 2015, Intergroup is \$3,164.42 in the black, which is quite good considering our 2015 budget projection was to end the year -\$5670.61 in the red.

GROUP REPORTS

New Frontier (Cherie A.): On behalf of Cherie, Jane reported that there will be no New Frontier meeting on Christmas Eve. This is a small meeting that works on the spiritual principles and she loves it.

Children of Chaos (Dallas A.): Dallas said this meeting is going along great and is on the hunt for speakers.

Al-Anon (Dianne L.): Dianne said Al-Anon is working on scheduling a speakers meeting. The group has a new public outreach person and they're trying to do more on this front. Al-Anon can help distribute Intergroup flyers.

7:00 a.m. Group (Aaron D.): Aaron reported that this group is going great and he wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.

Serenity in 60 (Tonya S.): Tonya said this is a women's meeting with good regular attendance and occasional newcomers.

We Are Not Saints (Dee P.): Dee reported that recently this group has had standing room only at meetings. They are working on getting more home group members.

North Santiam Group (Bert D.): Bert said that this group's business meetings were pretty well attended. They have a speaker meeting once a month.

Way Home Group (Rick R.): Rick reported that this group is well attended and was a "thoughtful" meeting with lots of newcomers.

Pioneer Group (Katherine P.): Katherine said the home group membership has grown. They now have an H&I rep and new volunteer positions. They pass around a can for loose change, which is donated to Soberfest.

Into Action (Susan K.): Susan said the people at this meeting "smile, laugh, and carry the message."

Saturday Night Live Independence (Chris E.): Chris reported that attendance to this meeting was up, and overall it was going very well.

Three Legacies (Monica W.): Monica said this meeting has pretty sporadic attendance. The group just celebrated its 6th anniversary on Dec. 6.

10th Hour Candlelight (Robert J.): Robert was happy to report that the group now has seven home group members. They have a goal to donate more money to Intergroup in 2016.

The Intergroup meeting adjourned and closed with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie M.