

Willamette Valley Intergroup Minutes

August 17, 2015

Intergroup Officers and Committee Chairs in Attendance: Carter T. Chair; Robert J., Vice-Chair; Jane A., Treasurer & Sober Fest; Anne Marie M., Secretary; Chris E., Member at Large; Laura F., Office Manager; Mari Anne G., Events Chair; Julie M., Outreach Coordinator; Rick R., Webmaster & Computers; Susan K., District Liaison; Shirley C., Co-editor of Eye Opener

Group Representatives in Attendance:

10 th Hour Candlelight	Robert J.
Three Legacies	Elaine J.
Pioneer Group	Julie M.
Wed. Newcomer Meeting in Dallas	Chris E.
Thursday Big Book Meeting	Chris E.
Saturday Nite Live Independence	Chris E.
Women of Principles	Shirley C.
Serenity in 60	Tonya H.
Step of the Month	Sandee C.
We Are Not Saints	Dee P.
New Frontier	Cherie A.
Altered Attitudes	Dot L.
The Way Home Group	Rick R.
Into Action	Susan K.
Keizer Big Book	Michelle L.
7:00 a.m. Downtown	Carter T.

Opening: The meeting began with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Robert J. read the Twelve Traditions. Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

Minutes: Reviewed & accepted.

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

Group contributions for July-Aug 2015 = \$763.60 (a bit low this month)
Year to date group contributions = \$14,467.89

Sales for month = \$1,351.85
YTD sales = \$10,373.50

Income for month = \$2,138.65
YTD income = \$25,403.29

Expenses for month = \$3,630.83
YTD expenses = \$21,439.99

Net income for the month = - \$1,492.18
YTD net income = \$3,963.30

Payroll taxes: \$1400 for payroll taxes came out of this month's budget.

Reserves: We hope to put some money into the prudent reserves account next month.

Events (Mari Anne G.): Mari Anne reported that the annual AA Summer BBQ /Potluck is set for Aug. 30, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and will be held at 865 Valleywood Dr. SE in Salem. Bring \$4 to get a hamburger or hotdog with bottled water or coffee. It's also a potluck and will feature a speaker and live music. See flyer in this email.

Outreach Coordinator (Julie M.): Julie attended a new meeting in Silverton called The First 164 pages. It's on Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. She urged the group to elect an Intergroup representative and get involved.

Webmaster & Central Office Computer (Rick R.):

Website: Rick urged groups that have an event or project they'd like promoted to email him details so he can post it on the Intergroup website. His email is webmaster@aa-salem.com.

Central office computers: Rick reported that the laptop at the Central Office isn't working, along with the desktop computer. It's likely some money will be needed to either repair the laptop or purchase more memory for the computer. In the meantime, Rick will loan the office his old personal computer.

Jane invited Rick to attend the next Intergroup Advisory Board meeting on Sept. 21 to discuss the options.

Meeting coordinator (Cheryl M.): Carter said he would contact Cheryl to see if she's still interested in serving as the Intergroup meeting coordinator. If she's unable to, Carter knows someone who is interested in volunteering.

District Liaison (Susan K.):

Service positions open: Brian B was voted as the CPC Chair. Mike R. stepped down as accessibility chair. Open positions include on Alt. DCM, PI Chair, Activities, and Special Needs.

Workshops: District 4 & 21 Post Conference BBQ on Sept. 13 at 1:00 p.m. in Cascade Gateway Park. See flyer in this email.

Public presentations: As a result of the previous PI's hard work, District 4 gets requests from the public to present about AA. The district recently did a presentation at Silverton High School.

PO Boxes: A motion to allow people to use the District's PO Box when corresponding with prison inmates failed to pass.

September Area Assembly: The next area assembly is Sept. 18 to 20 in La Grande. District 4 will send its DCM. Three GSRs have asked for full or partial financial assistance to attend.

Donation of literature: A challenge was put to all districts asking for donations of Big Books and 12x12s. For information on how to donate, contact Susan at kidkirky@msn.com.

District 4 coffers: There is \$3,411.02 in District 4's treasury.

SoberFest: Susan K. reported that the 2016 SoberFest is scheduled for the last weekend in April. The theme will be "Rocketed Into the Fourth Dimension."

Volunteers are needed for the following SoberFest committees: T-shirts & cups, setup, and cleanup. If interested, contact Susan at kidkirky@msn.com. The committee meets on the third Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m. in the Piano Room at St. Paul's.

Car wash fundraiser: A SoberFest car wash fundraiser is set for Saturday, Sept. 12 at the SOS club from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Halloween Dance fundraiser: A Halloween Dance is set for Oct. 24 at the Scottish Rite. The event is a fundraiser for SoberFest. With an entry fee, attendees will get a free hamburger. There will also be a potluck. A speaker is lined up. A flyer will come soon.

Eye-Opener (Shirley C.): The July issue of the Eye-Opener was printed, distributed, and posted on the Intergroup website.

Hospitals & Institutions (Larry J. & Chris H.): On behalf of Larry, Robert J. said H&I had some new reps from AA groups attend the last meeting, which was appreciated. The H&I Committee meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Office.

Donation of literature: The committee is looking for donations of new paperback Big Books to give to Hillcrest.

Volunteers for meetings in prisons: Robert said they still need some volunteers to bring meetings into Hillcrest. If interested, contact Robert at robertjones97305@yahoo.com.

ORCYPAA: Robert J. said the Oregon Committee of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (ORCYPAA) campout went really well. There is an ORCYPAA convention coming up on October 1 in Grants Pass.

Office Manager (Laura F.):

Big Book sales for the month = 44
YTD Big Book sales = 267

Central Office contacts for the month = 181

YTD contacts = 1,397

Donations appreciated: Laura thanked the AA members and groups that donated stamps and coins to Central Office.

Open shift: There will soon be one volunteer shift open at Central Office: Monday from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. One year of sobriety and a brief training are required to volunteer. If interested, contact centraloffice@aa-salem.com.

Computer issues: The newish laptop at the Central Office isn't working. Rick will take a look at it and will attend the next Intergroup Advisory Board meeting to discuss possible options and potential costs.

OLD BUSINESS

Next Intergroup Workshop: Jane A. said the next Intergroup workshop will focus on how to get AA members to make a meeting their home group and how to get those folks more involved in volunteering and running the group.

Date will be Oct. 9 at 7:00 p.m. She hopes the location will be at the Broadway Coffee House. There are five speakers lined up. A flyer about the event will be distributed soon.

Motion: Jane made a motion to use \$130 in Intergroup funds to pay for pizza and room rent for this fall workshop. Shirley C. seconded. Motion carried.

GROUP REPORTS

Three Legacies (Elaine J.): The group has a healthy attendance with several new members. Sometimes there's standing room only.

Pioneer Group (Julie M.): This is a great meeting that sometimes can be up to 66 people. Donations are up and the group has been able to contribute more to Intergroup.

Saturday Nite Live Independence (Chris E.): This meeting has had a steady attendance of about 25.

Wednesday Newcomer Meeting in Dallas (Chris E.): There are typically 30 to 40 people at this meeting.

Thursday Big Book Meeting (Chris E.): This is a new meeting that's going into its second month.

Women of Principles (Shirley C.): The meeting is growing with lots of newcomers. Sometimes it's standing-room only.

Serenity in 60 (Tonya H.): A good number of people regularly attend this meeting. There will be a number of group positions changing on September 1.

Step of the Month (Sandee C.): Always good attendance at this meeting. This summer the group had to move locations a couple of times due to events at the Woodland Chapel.

We Are Not Saints Big Book Study Group (Dee P.): Although this is a well-attended meeting with about 30 to 50 people, the group needs folks to volunteer for various open positions.

New Frontier (Cherie A.): The group had a great business meeting recently, with members able to respectfully agree to disagree on certain issues. The group recently made a \$100 donation to Intergroup.

Altered Attitudes (Dot L.): This is a small, intimate group with typically 4 to 5 people, which is great for sharing.

The Way Home Group (Rick R.): This meeting gets a lot of drop-ins and the attendance depends upon the day of the week.

Tuesday Into Action (Susan K.): The group attendance shrunk a bit after a move in the spring to a new location. But there is a great group of regular members.

Keizer Big Book (Michelle L.): This is a well-attended meeting. The group recently hosted one of the car washes to benefit SoberFest and raised \$192.

10th Hour Candlelight (Robert J.): The meeting recently got a new home group member and that person volunteered to be its GSR.

7:00 a.m. Downtown (Carter T. for Sherry M.): Attendance has been down a bit lately, but there are always 5 to 6 newcomers at every meeting.

The Intergroup meeting adjourned and closed with the Serenity Prayer.