

# Willamette Valley Intergroup Minutes

September 21, 2015

**Intergroup Officers and Committee Chairs in attendance:** Robert J., Vice Chair; Anne Marie M., Secretary; Ray R., Member at Large; Laura F., Central Office Manager; Mari Anne G., Events Chair; Rick R., Webmaster & Computers; Susan K., District Liaison

## **Group Representatives in attendance:**

Three Legacies	Elaine J.
7:00 a.m. Downtown	Sherry M.
Serenity in 60	Tonya S.
The Way Out	Alexa S.
Children of Chaos	Dallas A.
Way Home Group	Rick R.
Unity Group	Mark
North Santiam Group	Bert D.
We Are Not Saints	Dee P.
Keizer Big Book	Michelle L.
Into Action	Susan K.
Old Guthrie School	Ray R.
Pioneer Group	Katherine P.
10 <sup>th</sup> Hour Candlelight	Robert J.

## **Upcoming events:**

- What's It All About? Workshop to help AA groups improve member involvement, 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. Flyer attached.
- Halloween Party, Oct. 24, 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Scottish Rite Temple, 4090 Commercial St. SE in Salem. Flyer attached.

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

**Minutes:** Robert J. made a note that the upcoming Intergroup Workshop What's It All About? is scheduled for October 24, not October 9 as reported in the August minutes.

Minutes were accepted with noted change.

## **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**Treasurer's Report** (Jane A.): Laura F. gave the treasurer's report in Jane's absence.

Because income has been good over the last few months, Jane was able to make a deposit into the Intergroup prudent reserves account, making that total \$3,918.34.

Group contributions for the month = \$3,696.72

Group contributions YTD = \$18,164.61

Total Intergroup income for the month = \$5,640.52

Intergroup income YTD = \$31,043.84

Total Intergroup expenses for the month = \$3,524.12

Intergroup expenses YTD = \$25,024.11

Net income for the month = \$2,116.40

Net income YTD = \$6,019.73

The treasurer's report was accepted.

**Meeting Coordinator:** Mark introduced himself as the new Intergroup Meeting Coordinator. Intergroup will vote on his position at the October meeting.

He suggested that the Intergroup meeting start time should be added to the website.

**Events** (Mari Anne G.): Mari Anne reported that the August BBQ was a bit hit with over 65 people in attendance. It was a fellowship event, not a fundraising event, and fun was had by all.

The Events Committee will schedule another activity for January 2016.

**SoberFest** (Susan K.): Susan reported that all of the SoberFest Committee positions have been filled. The theme for the 2016 SoberFest is "Rocketed Into the 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension." The committee is working on getting cups and t-shirts ordered with the event logo.

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.

**District Liaison** (Susan K.): Susan reported that there will be a number of open positions at District soon, due to volunteer term limits: CPC, Correction, Special Needs, and Alt. DCM. Elections will be held at the October meeting. If interested, contact Susan at [kidkirky@msn.com](mailto:kidkirky@msn.com).

Area 58 Book Drive: District met its challenge of donating at least 40 Big Books for the book drive benefitting corrections/federal prison.

Outreach: Three people from District went to Silverton High School and spoke to the driver's ed class about the dangers of drunk driving. On Sept. 19, District had a booth with AA information at the Silverton Community Resource Day.

Grapevine subscription change: In the yearlong Grapevine subscription challenge, Oregon is in 10<sup>th</sup> place so far, and for the Spanish-language version "La Vina," Oregon is in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The completion ends in December.

District's service topic for October will be Tradition Four.

World Service Conference: District received a 27-page overview of agenda outcomes from the World Service Conference.

Treasurer's report: District's checking = \$1,358.13; prudent reserves = \$1,816.89

**Central Office** (Laura F.): Laura reported that the office badly needs donations of copy paper. Donations of reams of copy paper can be dropped to Central Office at 687 Cottage St. NE in Salem.

All Central Office volunteer shifts are filled.

Central office contacts for the month = 221

Contacts YTD = 1,618

Big Book sales for the month = 49

Big Book sales YTD = 316

**Webmaster & Computers** (Rick R.): Rick reported that the computer at Central Office is now functional. He encouraged anyone who would like an announcement posted on the Intergroup website to email it to him at [webmaster@aa-salem.com](mailto:webmaster@aa-salem.com).

**Hospitals & Institutions** (Robert J.): Robert says the committee needs male volunteers to bring meetings into Hillcrest correctional facility. It requires three hours of training, and the meeting is 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. every Thursday. Volunteers must be at least 21 years old and have a year of sobriety. He's looking into whether females can volunteer.

If interested, contact Robert at [robertjones97305@yahoo.com](mailto:robertjones97305@yahoo.com).

## **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.

## **GROUP REPORTS**

**Three Legacies** (Elaine J.): This is a healthy group with good attendance. There have been a lot of out-of-town visitors lately.

**7:00 a.m. Downtown** (Sherry M.): A good group inventory meeting discussed ways to improve welcoming newcomers and avoiding cliques, along with a frank discussion about “13<sup>th</sup> stepping” newcomers.

**Serenity in 60** (Tonya S.): This is a women’s meeting in Aumsville with a lot of strong sobriety. There are typically a few newcomers and visitors in attendance.

**The Way Out** (Alexa S.): The group’s annual BBQ was a great success. Attendance has been good.

**Children of Chaos** (Dallas A.): The group desperately needs volunteer speakers who start the meeting by sharing their story for 15 to 25 minutes and setting the meeting topic. If interested, contact Dallas at [treble51@gmail.com](mailto:treble51@gmail.com). There is a strong set of core home group members and typically 60 to 70 people attend.

**Way Home Group** (Rick R.): This is a well-attended, well-managed group with typically 35 to 40 people and lots of newcomers.

**Unity Group** (Mark): “The funnest meeting in town,” this group always has good attendance. Mark added that the group has many AA coins that it hopes to donate to other groups and/or Central Office.

**North Santiam Group** (Bert D.): On October 29, this group will have a speaker meeting/potluck.

**We Are Not Saints** (Dee P.): Although attendance is good with lots of regulars and newcomers, finding volunteers for group positions has been a challenge.

**Keizer Big Book** (Michelle L.): “The most fun meeting in Keizer,” this is a thriving group.

**Into Action** (Susan K.): This is a topic meeting with a timer. Attendance varies and there’s a wide variety of sobriety time and experience.

**Old Guthrie School** (Ray R.): This is a good meeting with a wide range of sobriety time and typically 25 to 35 people.

**Pioneer Group** (Julie M.): On behalf of Julie, Katherine P. reported that the meeting has a strong base of home group members. The group just created new positions designed for newcomers, like greeters, to encourage their involvement.

**10<sup>th</sup> Hour Candlelight** (Robert J.): The meeting is trying to recruit more home group members. Lately attendance has been 40 to 50 people.

The Intergroup meeting adjourned and closed with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie M., Intergroup Secretary