

Willamette Valley Intergroup Meeting

May 15, 2017

7pm

Intergroup Officers and Committee Chairs: Tonya, Chair; Jerry L, Co- Chair; Jane A, Treasurer; Laura F, Central Office; Cathy C, Secretary & 2nd Chance Meeting; Chris E, Member at Large, Saturday Nite Live Independence; Erik S, Member at Large, Rebellion Dogs; Dot E.-Member at Large, Old Guthrie School;

Intergroup Sub Committee Chairs: Events: Mari Anne G.; Outreach Coordinator: VACANT; Webmaster/Computers: Gabe D.; Meeting Schedule Coordinator: Mark S.; District Liaison: Eric B; Soberfest: Mike L.; Telephone Coordinator: Ben M.; H&I: Chris H.; Al-Anon: Dianne L.

Opening: After a moment of silence, Tonya read the Serenity Prayer and Eric B read the 12 Traditions.

April 17, 2017 meeting minutes were motioned and approved.

Introductions were made.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY GROUPS REP'S (present at meeting)

2 ND Chance	Cathy C.
Children of Chaos	Kerry P.
North Santiam Group	Bert D.
Pioneer Group	Sheila R.
Step of the Month	Dorothy K.
The Way Home Group	Rick R.
We Are Not Saints	Dee P.
Soberfest Liaison	Mike L.
H & I Chair	Chris H.

Office Manager Report: Laura stated there were 197 contacts made for the month. There was 706 contacts made year to date. The Central Office is searching for a volunteer(s) to work the odd dated Saturdays of each month. There are 2017 Soberfest t-shirts and 2017 Soberfest cups for sale in Central Office, left over from Soberfest. We will be taking inventory from central office and selling them at speakers meetings, dances, events, etc. Will look into setting up a Pay-Pal account for this purpose. Many do not have the cash on them to make the purchases and this will provide them the ability to purchase whatever they want.

Treasurers Report: Jane provided the monthly income & expenditure report. Every quarter the payroll taxes are paid, which explains the low amount of net income.

District 4 Liason Report: Eric B. provided handouts.

District 4 Vacant Positions:

Secretary: Keeps complete and accurate records of the District 4 meetings. It is preferred to have 1 year minimum of continuous sobriety. The term of office is 2 years. It is an essential position for District and all asked to spread the word to groups.

Activities Chair: This Position remains open.

Accessibilities Chair: This Position remains open.

Grapevine Chair: This Position remains open.

Cooperation with Professionals Chair: This Position remains open.

November 2017 Assembly Committee Update:

The Assembly cups are here. There are some for Pre-Sale of \$8 each. Quarters for Quarterly is proving to be a success, raising over \$1000 so far but still a long way to go! Thank You to all of the groups that are participating!

The assembly committee is having an Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, July 8th at 6:00pm. It will be held at the Scottish Rite Center. They are selling tickets for a Prime Rib dinner. The cost is \$25 for One or Two for \$40. There will be AA and AI-Anon Speakers, a raffle and an auction!

There's going to be an ice cream social fund raiser just prior to the "There is a Solution" Speaker meeting on the 4th Saturday in August. It will be Aug 26th, 6:30pm at St. Paul's Church.

Upcoming Post Conference Report:

The Post Conference Report is scheduled for June 3rd, 4:30 – 6pm at the First Christian Church, 685 Marion St. NE Salem. It will be a Potluck and the 2017 Delegate report by Reilly K., Your Oregon Area 58 Delegate. Come on down and hear what's going on! Also there is going to be a Dessert Raffle to raise funds for the November 2017 Assembly.

Last but not least, District 4 would like to know if you could generate a flyer for awareness of what goes on at central office, what the intergroup donations go towards, and what would happen if these services were no longer available? They would like to help distribute the flyer to raise awareness of the need to support the central office and intergroup. Also it could be emailed out using the old eye-opener list.

Yours in Service,
Eric B.

H&I Chair: Chris stated they are looking for a room to hold their meetings. IKE BOX was suggested. They have many volunteers and need to find a place. Chris will look into meeting there.

Events Chair: Jane gave report for Mari Anne. Java Jive had 15 acts and was very successful. Many attended. This is the 6th year holding this event. Very popular. There were desserts and raffles for a small cost to attendees. This is a free event for all. \$632.27 was donated to Central Office. They still have their \$500.,start up money for upcoming events. There will be a BBQ for all this summer.

Soberfest Chair: NEW CHAIR: Mike L.: Soberfest has a balance of \$354.25. They are beginning the 2018 Soberfest planning. Committee's and volunteers are being gathered at this time. Raffle's did not make money this year. New committee will be brainstorming for idea's. Suggested that speakers at 2018 Soberfest have an outline to follow. There was a large mix of ages of people in attendance. Three years ago, a lot of \$\$ was made and given to Central Office.

Chris suggested we tell our groups about Central Offices needs funding to provide services that they do. Suggestions thrown out:

Maybe change Soberfest back to last weekend in February?
Look at another venue AND make sure there is close lodging also.
Scottish Rite is a great venue.
Shorten Soberfest by a day?
Total attendance (not a solid number) 303.
Outreach Chair needed to help with this

OLD BUSINESS: Dorothy shared that she made contact with John C in Eugene (comparable to Salem) and asked many questions about how they are staying afloat. They only have a part time bookkeeper in a paid position. They have many volunteers. They make copies for anyone, provide literature to any groups, they have an outreach person who says to forget about trying to get donations from the little groups. The suggestion was to go back into our finance ledgers and see where the largest amount of donations were coming from and focus our attention on trying to get more donations from those groups.

UPDATE: Dorothy provided several handouts stating all information that John (Chair) from Eugene Intergroup shared with her and a copy of their EVI Newsletter. Copies will be provided at June meeting. Dorothy also asked questions about their Summerfest and how they manage it.

NEW BUSINESS: Laura will put a flyer out about what Central Office does and the fall out if it goes away. Send it to WVI Officers to review.

Soberfest Flyer going out.

Tonya & Cathy will work together to update the WILLAMETTE VALLEY INTERGROUP CALENDAR OF BUSINESS.

GROUP REPORTS

Pioneer Group: Attendance is good, new seating arrangement seems to be a success. Loose change can is now going to district for Quarters for Quarterly event.

Keizer Monday Step Study: We are a small Group. We do a step a week. We welcome all.

Morning Coffee: 8 AM Saturday. We are growing but invite more people. Good coffee and good people.

2nd Chance: Attendance is increasing again. Getting back to normal. Had springtime potluck breakfast. Fair turn out. Business meeting....lost our treasurer and then found a new treasurer. Positions are filled.

Children of Chaos: Thursday @ 7pm-8:15 pm. 582 High St. Group is doing well. 30-60 people weekly. Great speakers followed by open discussion.

Way Home: Five nights a week. Steady attendance, good meetings.

N. Santiam Group: The groups meets at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Stayton, downstairs on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7 pm. Tuesday is also a Book Study and last until 8:30 pm. WE also have a group conscience once a month.

We are Not Saints: Same O Same....large attendance (30 + all the time) for Big Book Study. Ghost town for group conscience meetings.