

Willamette Valley Intergroup Minutes

November 16, 2015

Intergroup Officers and Committee Chairs in attendance: Robert J., Vice Chair; Jane A., Treasurer; Anne Marie M., Secretary; Laura F., Central Office Manager; Rick R., Webmaster & Computers; Ray R., District Liaison; Julie M., Outreach Coordinator

Group Reps

10 th Hour Candlelight	Robert J.
Old Guthrie School	Ray R.
Way Home Group	Rick R.
Into Action	Susan K.
Altered Attitudes	Dot L.
Children of Chaos	Dallas A.
Conscious Contact	Kaitlin M.
Primary Purpose	Tim M.
Serenity in 60	Tonya S.
Step of the Month	Sandee C.
The Way Out	Alexa S.
We Are Not Saints	Dee P.
Pioneer Group	Katherine P.
7:00 a.m. Group	Aaron D.

Opening: The meeting began with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Katherine 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 = \$840.30

Group contributions YTD = \$19,766.36

Total Intergroup sales for the month = \$1,018.35

Intergroup sales YTD = \$14,023.55

Total Intergroup income for the month = \$1,869.39

Intergroup income YTD = \$35,050.05

Total Intergroup expenses for the month = \$3,942.09

Intergroup expenses YTD = \$31,480.60

Net income for the month = \$ - 2,072.70

Net income YTD = \$3,569.45

Prudent reserves = \$4,918.76

The treasurer's report was accepted.

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

Open Positions in Intergroup

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.

Secretary: Tonya S. was nominated for the Intergroup Secretary. She will be officially voted into the position at the December Intergroup meeting.

Webmaster/Computer Help for Central Office: Dallas A. was nominated to serve in this position. He will be officially voted into the position at the December Intergroup Meeting.

District 4 Liaison: Eric B. was voted in as the new District 4 Liaison for Intergroup.

SoberFest (Susan K.): Susan showed the group the design for 2016 SoberFest, which has a theme of “Rocketed Into the Fourth Dimension.”

There will be a number of fundraising events for SoberFest coming. Flyers will be distributed soon.

There are still positions open on the SoberFest Committee. Email Susan at kidkirky@msn.com if interested.

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

Central office contacts for the month = 172

Contacts YTD = 1,972

Big Book sales for the month = 22

Big Book sales YTD = 404

Two open volunteer shifts at Central Office: Mondays from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Thursdays from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. One year of continuous sobriety and a short training are required. Contact Laura if interested at centraloffice@aa-salem.com, 503.399.5099.

Outreach Coordinator (Julie M.): Julie didn't attend any outside meetings this month.

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.

District 4 Liaison (Susan K.): Susan said the District 4's 2016 budget proposal will be voted on at the December meeting. Intergroup will get a copy of it.

At the next Assembly meeting, Nov. 20 and 21 in Clackamas at the Monarch Hotel, there will be a big vote on a new Grapevine publication. There is a proposal for a new Grapevine booklet that will contain essays by AA members who are atheists, agnostics, and “free thinkers.” Susan asked all group reps to encourage their homegroup GSRs to attend this meeting and participate in the vote. She said details about it are on the Oregon Area 58 Assembly website.

Susan said the District 4's new budget dropped payments to Intergroup from \$30 to \$25 for use of Internet and copier.

Hospitals & Institutions (Robert J.): Robert said the new speaker meeting at Hillcrest went well. He had five regular attendees, plus four new ones.

H&I is in need of donations of new Big Book paperbacks to give to newcomers who attend this meeting. For donation information, contact Robert at robertjones97305@yahoo.com.

H&I also will organize a fundraising event for this purpose.

He would like to see an H&I rep from every group to serve on the H&I committee. The committee meets on the second Wednesday of the month 7:00 p.m. at the Central Office.

Events (Mary Anne G.): On behalf of Mary Anne, Jane reported that the Events Committee will schedule a bingo night in February. The committee will work with the SoberFest committee on this, so the two groups can split the profit.

24th Annual Women's AA Christmas Party. Dec. 6 - Sunday 12:30 p.m.

865 Valleywood Dr. SE Salem

Questions call Mari Anne @ 503 851 8845

Potluck 12:30 – 1:30 **Bring your favorite dish to share**

AA meeting - sharing from the heart 1:30 – 2:30

Gift exchange 2:30 – 3:30 –**Bring two gifts wrapped in the same wrapping paper marking one as a "gag" gift and the other as a "spiritual" gift. Do not put your name on the gifts.** The gag gift can be something from a garage sale, something funny or old or whatever. The spiritual gift can be anything from soap to angels to a homemade gift (cookies, scarf, ornament) or book. It's wide open. Be creative. All AA women are invited, especially newcomers so pass it on. xo

Intergroup Advisory Board (Carter T.): On behalf of Carter, Robert reported that the Advisory Board voted to give Laura \$75 so she could have her home computer cleaned-up, de-bugged, etc. Laura uses her home computer often for Intergroup business.

Eye Opener (Shirley C.): The group discussed the proposal to make the monthly Eye-Opener primarily an electronic publication. A number of group reps reported that their groups agreed that an electronic version (with about 20 printed versions of the Eye-Opener available at the Central Office) was sufficient.

Intergroup voted to make the Eye-Opener primarily an electronic publication.

Jane A. said Intergroup should do a campaign to collect emails for the Eye-Opener. She encouraged group reps to pass around a sheet at their meetings to collect emails of folks who would like to receive the monthly publication. New emails collected can be sent to Kati A. at ktarp2@gmail.com.

NEW BUSINESS

Office Manager Raise: Robert J. reported that the Intergroup Advisory Board voted to give Laura F., manager of Central Office, a raise of \$100 per month starting in 2016. She hasn't received a raise since 2013 and her duties have increased with SoberFest being moved back

under Intergroup. \$50 would be a cost-of-living increase, and \$50 would cover her new duties with SoberFest.

Robert asked group reps to bring this issue back to their groups for discussion and final vote at the December Intergroup meeting.

2016 Intergroup Budget: Robert J. reported that a 2016 Budget for Intergroup would be presented at the next Intergroup meeting for approval.

GROUP REPORTS

Al-Anon (Dianne L.): Dianne L. introduced herself as the new Al-Anon Intergroup Rep, taking over from Helen M. She gave a review of Al-Anon activities, including an upcoming state speaker meeting, having a rep from World Conference coming in March, Ala-Teen now having three local meetings in Salem, and other project goals.

7:00 A.M. Group (Carter T.): On behalf of Carter T., Aaron D. introduced himself to group. He said the 7:00 A.M. group was doing really well.

Primary Purpose (Tim M.): Tim reported that this group was very positive and was growing.

Altered Attitudes (Dot L.): Dot said this was a small group, but a great one to attend.

We Are Not Saints (Dee P.): Dee said this was normally a very large group and interest in it was increasing.

Children of Chaos (Dallas A.): Dallas reported that attendance had decreased a bit recently to 40 to 50 people, but there was still a core home group every week.

The Way Out (Alexa S.): Alexa said all is well with this group and it had a steady attendance.

Conscious Contact (Kaitlin M.): Kaitlin reported that the group has been doubling and that it's an amazing group.

Step of the Month (Sandee C.) Sandee said this group has gotten pretty large lately and there's a lot of laughter and comradery.

The Way Home (Rick R.): Rick reported that this meeting always has a solid attendance, and was a good, active meeting.

Serenity in 60: (Tonya S.): Tonya reported that attendance was good and the meeting was doing superbly.

Old Guthrie School (Ray R.): Ray said there were 37 people at a recent meeting and he always gets a lot out of this meeting.

Into Action (Susan K.): Susan said Into Action used As Bill Sees It to generate the topic for each meeting.

Pioneer Group (Katherine P.): Katherine reported that she enjoys going to this meeting and appreciates the solid home group members that attend.

10th Hour Candlelight (Robert J.): Robert said this was the best meeting at 10:00 p.m. on Fridays in town. He said the group still needs more home group members.

The Intergroup meeting adjourned and closed with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie M.