

Willamette Valley Intergroup Minutes

January 19, 2015

Intergroup Officers and Committee Chairs in Attendance: Carter T. Chair; Robert J., Vice-Chair; Jane A., Treasurer; Anne Marie M., Secretary; Tausha S., Member at Large; Julie M., Outreach Coordinator; Laura F., Office Manager; Ben M., Telephone Coordinator; Shirley C., Co-editor of Eye Opener; Chris H., H&I Co-Chair; Larry J, H&I, Co-Chair; Mari Anne G., Events Chair

Group Representatives in Attendance:

7:00 a.m. Downtown	Vena S.
Children of Chaos	Dallas A.
New Frontier	Cherie A.
North Santiam Group	Bert D.
ORCYPAA	Jake H.
Saturday Nite Live Independence	Chris E.
The Way Out	Alexa S.
Altered Attitudes	Dot L.
Three Legacies	Elaine J.
Into Action	Jane A.
Women of Principles	Shirley C.
Dallas Tues./Thurs.	Tausha S.
Pioneer Group	Julie M.
10 th Hour	Robert J.

Opening: The meeting started with the Serenity Prayer. Vena read the Twelve Traditions. Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

Minutes: Reviewed & accepted.

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

The 2014 yearend report revealed that Intergroup ended up \$-1123 in the red. That was actually a pretty good projection by the budget committee for 2014 income and expenses.

She passed out the profit and loss budget overview for 2015. As it is projected now, Intergroup will end up \$-5671 in the red at the end of 2015. Without being able to count on revenue from book and coin sales, Intergroup will probably have to plan some fundraising events and communicate that AA group and individual contributions help keep the Central Office sustainable.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Eye-Opener (Shirley C. & Kati A.): The latest issue has been printed and distributed.

Hospitals & Institutions (Chris H. & Larry J.): Chris introduced himself to the group, and said that Larry has volunteered to be his co-chair. He said the H&I Committee is working on getting into Hillcrest. Marion County Jail meetings are up and running, and meetings at Serenity Lane are also going well.

He said if anyone is interested in bringing AA meetings into rehab facilities, jails, hospitals, and other institutions, to contact him at chonochickburley@gmail.com or 503-999-1758.

The committee meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Office. Chris urged all AA groups to elect an H&I rep and get involved.

The committee is working on getting more information up on the Intergroup website, including meeting minutes.

Jane A. moved to pass a unanimous vote to elect Chris H. as the new H&I Committee co-chair. Motion carried.

Office Manager (Laura F.): Laura reported that there were 228 contacts to the Central Office in December 2014, with a yearend total of 2575 contacts in 2014. 15 Big Books were sold, for a yearend total of 470 in 2014.

Books and coin sales are down, which is a big reason the Intergroup budget ended in the red for 2014. She encourages everyone to “buy local” and purchase their AA materials from the Central Office vs. buying them online.

Income for the Central Office is generated by AA group contributions, individual contributions (which are tax deductible!), and coin & literature sales.

Laura passed out a sheet that gave an overview of some key data for Willamette Valley Intergroup in 2014:

- In 2014, Willamette Valley Intergroup lost \$2120 dollars.
- There is a projected loss in 2015 of \$5600 (due to diminished book & coin sales).
- Intergroup has \$3918 in the prudent reserve.
- 47 of the 100 AA groups contributed to Intergroup in 2014.
- Sales of AA literature and coins generated 30% of Intergroup’s total income.
- The Central Office was open 306 days and was staffed by 31 volunteers. It provided over 1500 schedules and sold 470 Big Books.
- The Central Office serves the mid-Willamette Valley with a 24-hour phone hotline, meeting schedules, coordination of 12-step calls, the EyeOpener newsletter, sales of AA literature, and more.

She said that any time a group would like a financial or office report to let her know. Contact the Central Office at centraloffice@aa-salem.com or 503-399-0599.

The latest Intergroup AA meeting schedule has been updated and printed.

All volunteer shifts at the Central Office are filled. She thanked the donor of Clorox hand-wipes and copy paper.

Outreach Coordinator (Julie M.): Julie reported that she is working on forming an outreach committee so Intergroup reps can get to more meetings.

AA Hotline (Ben M.): Two shifts are open for the AA hotline: 6:00 p.m. Thursday to 10:00 a.m. Friday, and 9:00 p.m. Saturday to 8:00 a.m. Sunday. Calls are forwarded to your own phone during a shift.

If anyone is interested, contact Ben at benhd80@comcast.net or 503-375-0382.

He asked the meeting reps to contact him if they know their home group is not going to meet on a holiday. People tend to call the hotline for that sort of information.

Events (Mari Anne G.): Mari Anne explained how the Events Committee plans fun, social, typically free activities for mid-Valley AA members, rather than fundraisers.

The next event is Java Jive, which this year will be a musical talent show. It is set for Friday, April 10, probably 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Location TBA. Desserts will be sold to offset the cost of the room rental. Flyers will be distributed soon.

If you're interested in sharing your musical talent at the show, contact Mari Anne at mgest@msn.com or 503-851-8845.

The next Events Committee meeting will be on March 8 at the Central Office.

Sober Fest (Jane A.): Jane said that the SoberFest Committee meets once a month.

You can register for 2015 SoberFest online using PayPal at <http://www.aa-salem.com/soberfest.html>

The program is being developed and there will be a few changes this year.

Some people were wearing the new SoberFest sweatshirts at the Intergroup meeting. The sweatshirts are light blue with a yellow logo on back that says "Love & Tolerance Is Our Code."

Volunteer signup sheets for SoberFest marathon meetings will be available soon.

A dance held earlier in January was successful and raised some funds for the event.

OLD BUSINESS

Open Member at Large Positions

Ray R. and Chris E. have volunteered to serve in the open two Members at Large positions on the Intergroup Advisory Board. They will start by attending the next Intergroup Advisory Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 16 right before the regular Intergroup meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Moving SoberFest Back as a Subcommittee of Intergroup

Jane made a motion to accept the request by the SoberFest Group to become a subcommittee of Willamette Valley Intergroup.

Jane explained that SoberFest is a major fundraiser for Intergroup, with 90% of the proceeds going to it. Liability insurance expenses will be cheaper if SoberFest is under Intergroup's plan vs. having its own plan. Intergroup could have more of a presence at the event this year.

Laura passed out a sheet of points group reps should consider before they vote on this proposal at the next Intergroup meeting. These included bill payment responsibility, IRS reporting, and chairperson selection.

Volunteer Appreciation Event

Jane made a motion to plan a Volunteer Appreciation event at the Central Office to honor the many volunteers who donate time to operate the office and the 24/7 AA hotline. Motion carried.

2015 Intergroup Budget

Jane A. passed out the 2015 proposed budget for Intergroup. Reps were asked to look over the budget and be prepared to vote on it at the February 2015 Intergroup meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Respectfully submitted,
Anne Marie M, Alcoholic Secretary*

Next meeting is: Monday, February 16, 2015