

Willamette Valley Intergroup Minutes

March 16, 2015

Intergroup Officers and Committee Chairs in Attendance: Carter T. Chair; Robert J., Vice-Chair; Jane A., Treasurer & Sober Fest; Anne Marie M., Secretary; Tausha S., Member at Large; Ray R., Member at Large; Julie M., Outreach Coordinator; Laura F., Office Manager; Ben M., Telephone Coordinator; Shirley C., Co-editor of Eye Opener; Kati A., Co-editor of Eye Opener; Rick R., Webmater/Computers; Cheryl M., Meeting Schedule Coordinator; Susan K., District Liaison; Mari Anne G., Events Chair; Jake H., ORCYPAA

Group Representatives in Attendance:

Old Guthrie School	Ray R.
Dallas Tues./Thurs.	Tausha S.
The Way Home Group	Rick R.
Women of Principles	Shirley C.
Altered Attitudes	Dot L.
Children of Chaos	Dallas A.
Daily Reprieve	Rolf N.
North Santiam Group	Bert D.
Conscious Contact	Jake H.
Serenity in 60	Tonya H.
Three Legacies	Elaine J.
Sober Bones	Mike R.
Pioneer Group	Julie M.
10 th Hour Candlelight	Robert J.

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

Minutes: Reviewed & accepted.

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

Jane thanked all of the AA groups for their contributions to Intergroup. That, along with an increase in sales at the Central Office, has been really good for Intergroup finances so far in 2015.

Total group contributions for the month = \$1079.75

Total sales = \$1365.20

For the month, Intergroup is -\$69.26 under the projected budget.

For the year to date, Intergroup is \$2794.57 above the projected budget.

Jane asked reps to let her know if they see a group that contributed to Intergroup, but is not reflected in the treasurer's report.

The target prudent reserves amount for Intergroup is six months' worth of operating expenses. Right now there is about 1.5 months' worth of operating expenses in savings.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Office Manager (Laura F.): Laura reported that there were 178 contacts to the Central Office in February 2015, with a year-to-date total of 390 contacts.

39 Big Books were sold in February 2015, for a year-to-date total of 87 sold.

Laura announced that an appreciation event for Central Office volunteers will occur right before the next Intergroup meeting on April 20, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

Webmaster & Central Office Computer (Rick R.): Rick said he's working on fixing some problems with the computer at the Central Office.

The Intergroup website is "limping along." He asked if the site is visible via smart phones, and a few people assured him it was.

Meeting Schedule Coordinator (Cheryl M.): Cheryl reported that she's been updating the meeting schedule as changes are received. It is going well.

Hotline Coordinator (Ben M.): Ben said that there is one shift open on Saturday. Contact him at benhd80@comcast.net or 503-375-0382 if interested.

He and Laura will work together on updating the volunteer packets.

District Liaison (Susan K.):

Treasure Report:

February 2015

Beginning Balance: \$ 2,520.16

Collections: \$ 367.55

Expenditures: \$ 444.55

Ending Balance: \$ 2,443.16

Prudent Reserve/Saving: \$ 2,026.25

Unassigned Funds: \$ 416.91

Service Positions Open: Cooperation Community with Professional Community Chair, Corrections Chair, Activities Chair, Public Information Chair, and Second Alternate DCM.

Pre-conference workshop – March 21st from 12-4pm at the First United Methodist Church downtown Salem. Our district is covering topics regarding Corrections, Cooperation with Treatment and Facilities, and Special Needs Accessibilities Chair. There will be little presentations for each topic discussed and then open for discussion among those present, and information collected will be carried forward to our Delegate Gus, who will take this input to the General Service Conference.

Monthly Service Topic Workshop. Topic will be: Leadership in AA/Concept 9, and the spirit of rotation". This is always the first Monday of the month, 6pm @ First United Methodist Church, 600 State St. Salem, OR 97301.

Public Information Chair Report – Bruce, filling in until New Chair is available

Gave 25 of each of the following pamphlets to the Salem-Keizer School District to be used in the health classes: Too Young, A Message to Teenagers, AA at a Glance, Young People and AA, and Meeting Schedules. PI will have an AA information table at the Salem Keizer Community Connect on March 24th from 9am-3pm at the First Baptist Church downtown. March 16th there will be a planning meeting at the Presbyterian Church downtown at 1:30pm, for the April 16th AA presentation to are chaplains at the Salem Hospital.

Special Needs and Accessibilities Chair – Mike

Reaching out to various groups and helping provide large print books if needed and focusing on what meetings are “child friendly”, assisted with one meeting updating their listing to reflect this “child friendly” accommodation and is working on a few others. Mike has been talking to groups about putting together activity boxes and having these accessible for children at meetings. Will attend the upcoming pre-conference workshop.

Area 58 Finance Chair will attend the April District meeting and talk about how the area sets it budget – etc.

Outreach Coordinator (Julie M.): Julie said the Outreach committee was working on packets to distribute at meetings in an effort to get more folks involved in Intergroup.

ORCYPAA (Jake H.): Jake reported that ORCYPAA had a dance on March 14, which was really fun. About 100 people showed up. The ORCYPAA campout planning is going well.

Sober Fest (Jane A.): Jane said that Sober Fest planning is going along very well. The event is set for May 15-17. Online registration is available on the Intergroup website.

A volunteer is needed to serve as secretary and take minutes during Sober Fest. If interested, contact Jane at janetony2@@gmail.com.

Car wash fundraisers will start in May.

Events (Mari Anne): Mari Anne reported that Java Jive is set for Friday, April 10, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Capital Park Wesleyan Church, 210 19th St. SE in Salem.

It will be a lot of fun with great performances, a 50/50 raffle, and desserts and drinks for sale. It's a good event to bring newcomers to.

Hospitals & Institutions (Robert): Robert said that the H&I Committee will bring two meetings per month into Hillcrest, with a goal of having weekly meetings there.

There are a good number of volunteers available to bring AA meetings into treatment centers, but more volunteers are needed to bring meetings into prisons.

There is an H&I informational flyer on the Intergroup website.

Jane added that male volunteers are especially needed for the Marion County Jail meetings. There is a men's meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 2:45 p.m to 4:00 p.m. The women's meeting is on Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. There is a required orientation for Marion County Jail volunteers on March 30.

GROUP REPORTS

Way Home Group (Rick R.): Rick said the meeting has a fairly consistent turnout with lots of newcomers. The group hands out cards instead of coins to acknowledge time.

Sober Bones (Mike R.): Sober Bones is a speaker meeting on Saturday night from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Paul's in Salem.

He added that the Common Solution meeting does not exist anymore.

Three Legacies (Elaine J.): Elaine said this meeting has wonderful attendance and is a "strong, healthy group."

Conscious Contact (Jake H.): Jake reported that this meeting is growing and has a lot of regular members.

Pioneer Group (Julie M.): While the past few weeks have been quieter at this meeting, Julie said the last business meeting was well attended.

Serenity in 60 (Tonya H.): Tonya reported that this meeting has had a number of new attendees over the past month. The group is going to organize a women's retreat.

Children of Chaos (Dallas A.): Dallas said this meeting continues to have a great turnout.

Old Guthrie School (Ray R.): Ray is the new rep for the Old Guthrie School meeting. It meets on Mondays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and is located in between Fall City and Independence. There is a steady attendance of about 35 people.

Altered Attitudes (Dot L.): Dot said this meeting has struggled with attendance. Everyone is encouraged to check it out.

N. Santiam Group (Burt D.): Burt said this group meets three times a week and has good attendance.

Daily Reprieve (Rolf N.): Rolf said this group meets at noon in downtown Salem and has a good mix of people. Every day of the week, the meeting format changes. At each meeting, the goal is to allow everyone time to share. On Fridays, the church closes at 1:00 p.m. so the group has to be out of the building by that time.

Dallas Tues./Thurs. (Tausha S.): Tausha reported that attendance at this meeting fluctuates, but there is always between 15 and 25 people.

Women of Principles (Shirley C.): Shirley said this is a small group with anywhere between two and 10 attendees. The next business meeting is in June.

10th Hour Candlelight (Robert J.): Robert said about 50 to 100 people come to this meeting. The group always needs volunteers to chair a meeting.

The Intergroup meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer.