

Willamette Valley Intergroup Minutes

May 18, 2015

Intergroup Officers and Committee Chairs in Attendance: Carter T. Chair; Robert J., Vice-Chair; Jane A., Treasurer & Sober Fest; Anne Marie M., Secretary; Ray R., Member at Large; Chris E., Member at Large; Julie M., Outreach Coordinator; Rick R., Webmaster & Computers; Shirley C., Co-editor of Eye Opener; Mari Anne G., Events Chair

Group Representatives in Attendance:

Old Guthrie School	Ray R.
New Frontier	Jane A.
Saturday Night Live Independence	Chris E.
Pioneer Group	Julie M.
The Way Home Group	Rick R.
Women of Principles	Shirley C.
2 nd Chance Group	Sandy S.
7:00 a.m. Downtown	Sherry M.
Altered Attitudes	Dot L.
Children of Chaos	Dallas A.
Keizer Big Book	Michelle L.
New Frontier	Cherie A.
North Santiam Group	Bert D.
The Way Out	Alexa S.
Three Legacies	Elaine J.

Opening: The meeting began with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Mari Anne G. read the Twelve Traditions. Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

Minutes: Reviewed & accepted.

Treasurer (Jane A.): Jane A. distributed the Treasurer's Report. She asked any group to let her know if they made a contribution to Intergroup, but are not listed in the report.

Total group contributions for April 2015 = \$1919.47
Total sales = \$1494.90
Total income = \$3432.77
Total expenses = \$4085.34
Net income for the month = \$ -652.57
Year to date, net income = \$2717.89

Jane noted that Intergroup had to pay quarterly payroll taxes this month, which is why we're in the negative. These numbers don't include Sober Fest.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Office Manager (Laura F.): Carter gave an update on Central Office on behalf of Laura.

Office contacts for April 2015 = 235
Year to date contacts = 835
Big Book sales for the month = 37
YTD Big Book sales = 162

Rent for the Central Office will not increase this year, which is good news.

There is one volunteer shift open at Central Office: Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. If interested, contact centraloffice@aa-salem.com.

Laura thanked the Grapevine Group for donating four reams of copy paper to Central Office.

Webmaster & Central Office Computer (Rick R.): Rick said the website updating was going pretty well.

He requested that any submissions/updates for posting on the Intergroup website be sent to webmaster@aa-salem.com

Hospitals & Institutions (Larry J.): On behalf of Larry, Robert said that the H&I committee would like to get more volunteers, ideally a representative from every AA group. Now there are only six people on the committee. He said the committee is working to become more organized and responsive to those who volunteer.

H&I is requesting a donation of four to six Big Books that can be given to the Hillcrest Institution, preferably soft-cover copies with no writing in them. He thought perhaps a couple AA groups or individuals could contribute a book or two. Some AA groups might want to purchase a book at Central Office, which can then be given to H&I.

If interested, contact Robert at robertjones97305@yahoo.com.

Jane noted that in next year's Intergroup budget, H&I may receive more funds if the committee shows a need for it.

Events (Mari Anne): Mari Anne said the next Intergroup event will be a BBQ potluck, probably in August.

She also asked that anyone who might be interested in serving as the Intergroup Events chair to contact her at mgest@msn.com.

Sober Fest (Jane A.): Jane said the 2015 Sober Fest was successful, as always. There were 271 registered attendees, though probably close to 400 people attended.

Contributions to the raffle were really great this year. In fact, Jane herself won the raffle prize for the trip to the coast!

She said 36 scholarships were utilized for Sober Fest. Of those, 10 scholarship recipients didn't show up to use it, but the funds were able to be given to other people. Last year, we had 20 no-shows for scholarships, so this is an improvement.

The winner of the 2016 Sober Fest theme and logo contest will be announced by August.

The coloring contest and hospitality suite were both very well received.

Anyone interested in getting involved in the 2016 Sober Fest planning committee should come to the July meeting. If interested, contact Jane at janetony2@gmail.com.

Next year, Sober Fest will likely be scheduled in March instead of May.

Car Washes Benefitting Sober Fest: Jane said that there are four more car washes that will benefit next year's Sober Fest: the second Saturdays in June, July, August, and September.

She hopes that AA groups will sign up to be in charge of a car wash. Only about three volunteers are needed at a time. The car washes go from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the SOS Club, 1797 Center St. NE in Salem. All supplies are provided.

Any group or individual that is interested in volunteering to help at a car wash, contact her at janetony2@gmail.com.

Also, be sure to drive your car by and get it washed the second Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. from June through September at the SOS Club, 1797 Center St. NE in Salem. You'll be supporting Sober Fest!

Eye-Opener (Shirley C.): The latest issue will be distributed ASAP.

Outreach Coordinator (Julie M.): Julie reported that the outreach committee attended two meetings in the past month: the Silverton 7:30 p.m. meeting and the Good To Be Here meeting in Salem. Packets containing information about Intergroup were left for each group.

NEW BUSINESS

Member at Large position open: Intergroup has a member at large position open. This person serves as a representative of the general Intergroup body at meetings of the Intergroup Advisory Board. The person should not be a chair of an Intergroup committee, and the position involves attending the Advisory Board meetings, which are from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (immediately before the regular Intergroup meeting at 7:00 p.m. and at the same location).

Interested parties should contact Intergroup Chair Carter T. at 1baduck@comcast.net.

GROUP REPORTS

Second Chance (Sandy S.): Sandy said this group will organize a big BBQ in August, and she's looking for ideas for games and activities. Attendance at this meeting has grown to about 75 people.

7:00 a.m. Downtown (Sherry M.): Sherry said this is a very active meeting and it was very well represented at Sober Fest. It's a good mix of newcomers and veterans.

Keizer Big Book (Michelle L.): Michelle reported that this group donated a basket to Sober Fest and also signed up to be in charge of a car wash.

Three Legacies (Elaine J.): Elaine said there's a good group of newcomers who keep coming back to this meeting and celebrating milestones.

Pioneer Group (Julie M.): Julie was happy to see that the home group membership has increased; at the last business meeting had an attendance of 15.

Women of Principles (Shirley C.): Shirley said this meeting has increased to a regular attendance of about 12 thanks to newcomers who keep coming back.

New Frontier (Cherie A.): This meeting continues to grow. Cherie said it donated a basket to Sober Fest.

The Way Out (Alexa S.): Alexa reported that the Way Out Wednesday meeting was going to be closed due to lack of attendance. The last Wednesday meeting will be on May 27. However, the Monday night meeting will continue.

Children of Chaos (Dallas A.): Dallas said this meeting continues to be very popular, sometimes with 100 people and standing room only.

Altered Attitudes (Dot L.): Dot thanked Rick and Shirley for promoting the fact that Altered Attitudes needed more support because a number of new people have started to attend it.

North Santiam Group (Bert D.): Bert said he thought this Thursday was the group's business meeting, and next Thursday (May 28) was the date of the next speaker meeting and potluck.

The Way Home Group (Rick R.): Rick said this group meets five nights a week and about 30 to 40 people attend.

Saturday Night Live Independence (Chris E.): Chris said this meeting had consistent attendance at about 20 people. He added that the Wednesday newcomer meeting in Dallas is large with lots of young people.

Old Guthrie School (Ray R.): Ray said about 25 to 35 people attend this hour and a half meeting. It's in a nice setting, in a one-room schoolhouse.

10th Hour Candlelight (Robert J.): Robert reported that attendance to the meeting is large, between 50 and 100 people, but the group needs more folks to become home group members to help with necessary tasks like setting up the meeting.

The Intergroup meeting adjourned and closed with the Serenity Prayer.