

Pittsburgh Area Steering
Committee Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2011

Jodi, Steering Committee Chair, opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Jodi introduced Nancy W. Intergroup Co-chair who was filling in for Justin Intergroup Chairman who was absent. Nancy asked for a motion to approve the last Steering Committee Meeting minutes, April 2011. Motion was made 2nd and accepted.

Nancy gave Justin's report

Justin L. - IG Chairman & PICPC:

PICPC report – 4 requests came into the office and were filled.

Leo H. – Metropolitan Meeting & Speaker Bureau Liaison:

Speaker Bureau report - 2 requests came into the office for speakers which were filled. Also a request came in for speakers for a 'DUI Hotel' who wanted speakers to come in, Leo talked to them and they did not have enough participation and will get back to Leo on this.

Metropolitan Meeting report – The meeting is set for Saturday, September 17, 2011.

Jim E. – Meeting Trouble Shooter & Co-Treasurer:

Meeting Trouble Shooter report – There were two “complaints” that came into the office, the first was concerning meetings at the Camel Club, that the groups were charging for coffee, Jim contacted members of the groups and found that they were not charging for coffee. The second was regarding the Parkway West Group, Jim was told by another AA member that a Parkway West group member was telling people who came into the meetings where to sit. Jim contacted the Parkway West members to inform them, they did state that they suggest that women sit with women and men sit with men and that they would make sure no group members were forcing people out of their seats and that people can sit where ever they want.

Lynn M. – 2011 Office Manager & Gratitude Liaison:

1st quarter office activity report:

Office Hours:

There were **1,116** calls during office hours, **328** meeting booklets & pamphlets were mailed out, **52** 12 step calls referred to AA Members.

Non office Hours:

There were **1,350** calls to the Answering Service, **162** calls were referred to Intergroup Members.

Frank S. – 2011 Treasurer & Christmas Party Liaison:

Treasurer's report – Frank was absent and MaryLou, Office Administrator gave the financial report. She went over the figures, stated that a new color copier was purchased for \$4550 in the last quarter. Question was asked regarding the taxes, MaryLou stated that last quarter had a high unemployment tax payment.

Christmas Party report – no report

Leslie M. –2011 Banquet Liaison & Asst. Office Manager:

Banquet report - Leslie went over the financial report, cost was a little less than last year. The balance in bank is \$8,614.

Bill W.–2011 Newsletter, New Group, Group Communication & Website Liaison:

Website report –**23** calls were referred to website from the office

New group & groups close report 1ST quarter – there were 7 closed groups and 4 new groups opened.

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Nancy W. – 2011 Co-Chair, Prison Liaison & 2012 Banquet

1st Q Prison report – Eight members who are contacts for the various prisons received their allotment of \$100 of literature.

Ted G. – 2011 Answering Service Liaison & General Service Liaison:

General Service report – Ted stated he attended the last Area 60 meeting and it was discussed concerning groups starting and having a six month waiting period before it was listed in the Meeting Booklet. Ted said he would discuss it more under “new business”.

Reports were finished and Jodi asked if there were any questions, no questions were asked regarding reports, Jodi asked for a motion to close old business, motion made and 2nd, old business closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Randy J. stated he wanted to bring something to the floor, it was stated to him that at the last quarterly meeting, he had been given time to state his discussion regarding his concerns of Intergroup removing his group Back To Basic’s out of the meeting booklet. He said he had another issue, he was told by the S.C. Chair and Intergroup Chair that he had five minutes on the floor. Randy stated the Intergroup and Central Office were “violating” Traditions, and that he had many pamphlets to quote from regarding how he came to that conclusion. Randy indicated that the Intergroup committee and Central Office staff needed to be removed from their duties because they were violating these Traditions, when asked what Traditions, he stated six or seven of them. There were statements made from the Intergroup members, Central Office staff and Steering Committee Representatives disagreeing with Randy’s statements and informing him that Intergroup reports to the Steering Committee and that the Steering Committee makes the final decisions and if they, the Steering Committee representatives, did not think the Intergroup and the Central Office Staff were not doing their jobs it was their duty to “remove them”. Bob D. S.C. rep stated that Randy wasn’t even a Steering Committee rep because his group Back to Basics was removed from the meeting book at the last quarterly meeting which the Steering Committee Reps had voted for and at the last meeting they had given him more than ample time to have his discussion and since he was not a Steering Committee rep he should not be talking at the meeting. Discussion was closed.

Ron R. opened the discussion regarding new groups that open within 5 miles of each other and maybe they could consider doing something about that because it hurts other groups. Jean M. Murrysville Group & Area 60 Delegate stated that at the last Area 60 meeting it was discussed how many new meetings open and then end up closing soon after they open, so maybe it could be considered for the groups to have a waiting period of six months before they are listed in the Pittsburgh Area Meeting list so as to see if they will have the support to stay open. Much discussion on this topic, and a motion was made, seconded and passed, that the Steering Committee reps would take it back to their groups to discuss and vote on three different things:

- 1) Should new groups have to wait 6 months before they are listed in the Meeting Booklet and on the website.
- 2) Should new groups have to wait the 6 months for the meeting booklet but not the website.
- 3) Should the new groups be allowed to be listed in the Newsletter before the 6 months. New business was closed and Jodi, the Steering Committee Chair, asked for a motion to close the meeting, motion made, seconded and passed. Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.