

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes October 18, 2009

Steering Committee Chairman John P. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

He then explained the election process for today's meeting which will come under "new business". Asked for approval of the July 19, 2009 minutes, motion made, seconded, passed. John also made motion for rent to be paid, motion made, seconded, passed.

John turned the meeting over to Intergroup Chairman, Steve B.

Steve B. Intergroup Chairman – gave the office activity report.

3rd quarter office activity report:

Office Hours:

There were **1,255** calls during office hours, **253** meeting booklets & pamphlets were mailed out, **29** 12 step calls referred to AA Members.

Non office Hours:

There were **1350** calls to the Answering Service, 102 calls were referred to Intergroup Members.

Kevin J. Office Manager, Treasurer

Treasurer's report – went over the 3rd quarter financial report, again counting on November Gratitude to bring us up to where we usually are at the end of the year. Asked if there were any questions, no questions or comments were made.

Lynn M. – Newsletter Liaison, New Group & Group Communication Liaison

Newsletter report – no report.

New Group & closed group report – 3 new groups opened, none closed for the 3rd quarter. Mentioned the 12 step list that went out with the Newsletter last month to remind their homegroup to fill it out and send it back.

Justin L., Prison Liaison, General Service Liaison, 2010 Banquet Liaison

3rd Q Prison report – 6 members who are contacts for the various prisons received their allotment of \$100 of literature. 5 inmates wrote letters for information on AA, info was sent to them (meeting books & pamphlets)

Banquet report – Chair person April is listening to CD's for speaker and will be having a meeting next week. New checking account is set up.

Rich F.- Co-Chairman, Asst. Office Manager, Asst. Treasurer, Meeting Trouble Shooter

Attended District 23 G.S.R. meeting per request of the D.C.M who had wanted someone from Intergroup to attend their meeting to explain what the Intergroup does.

Meeting Trouble Shooter report – received a call at the office that a meeting was selling CD's of speakers. Rich attended meeting and asked group members if this was true. Was told that it is for the district (27) to help them with their Special Needs committee fund. Rich stated that if they are announcing the sale of these CD's during the meeting that they were breaking Traditions. Rich is looking further into this.

Frank S.–2009 Christmas Party Liaison & 2009 Gratitude Liaison

Gratitude report – the gratitude flyers will go out this month – it is November 22-28. remember to mark checks "gratitude fund".

Christmas party report – 1st planning meeting is November 12th at 7:00 PM where the Lawrenceville group meets, volunteers are needed along with contributions.

Leo H. – Website Liaison, Meeting Booklet Liaison

Website report – there were 45 calls referred to the website from the office.

The link was put on our website for the International Conference.

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Janet S. –PICPC

PICPC report – 1 request came in for the Art Institute and it was filled. Janet also mentioned that when Intergroup gets call they are sometimes from out of state and that they direct them to their local central office which sometimes they are hard to find or get someone from our area to talk to them or they talk with them.

Chuck T. – 2009 Metropolitan Meeting Liaison Speaker Bureau Liaison

Metropolitan Meeting report -382 people were in attendance. Great meeting, thanked Dave for Chairing and all the host groups who helped. There will be a financial report next quarter. read a letter from a judge who attended and thanked us for the invitation.

Speaker Bureau report – 3 requests for speakers for DUI class, they were filled, 2 for Carlow College, they were filled.

Reports finished. S.C. Chairman asked if there were any questions regarding the reports or old business:

Ron R. Brighton Hts Group – made statement about the letter that was sent out last quarter with the S.C. minutes regarding the employee salaries, wanted to know why the salaries were not disclosed and what the big “secret” was.

S.C. Chairman John stated. “this was a closed issue, the discussion of the salaries was gone over at the last steering committee meeting, and the Office Administrator disclosed what her salary was. The Intergroup committee then discussed this issue of sending out the individual salaries and made the decision based on that the office assistant was not comfortable with disclosing his salary. In addition, according to the IRS that did not have to be made known as long as a financial report was available to the members with that information on it. If the steering committee reps were not satisfied with the Intergroups decision to not have that sent out, that they could make a motion to amend the By-Laws to have the Intergroup committee duties changed”.

Lou P. Ross Group – made a comment on how we don’t know how good we have it here in Pittsburgh. When we held the Intergroup/Central office Seminar here in 2002 the other offices were very impressed with what is going on in Pittsburgh, most answering services don’t even have a person available to talk with caller.

Bill W., Beechview Group – stated that some people were unhappy with the lines on the back of the latest meeting booklet, they are too small and so are the Steps and Traditions in the booklet could we see about making them bigger next printing.

Lisa F. Frick Park Group - asked if the central office gave money to the New York office, Steve B. Intergroup chair said no we don’t give to the New York World Service office.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elections for three new Intergroup members and a Steering Committee Chair.

John opened the floor for nominations and asked that each person nominated if they accepted to introduce themselves and give a brief description of their AA experience.

Nominated were:

Nancy W., Dormont group – accepted.

Leslie M., Parkway West group – accepted.

Rick S., Troy Hill Coffee Break group – declined.

Ed L., Don’t Drink group – accepted.

Bill W., Beechview group – accepted.

Nominations were closed, elected by steering committee votes.

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Elected to Intergroup Committee

Nancy W.

Leslie M.

Bill W.

Nominated for Steering Committee Chair

Ed L. Don't Drink group – accepted

Vince L., Kennedy Twp. group – declined

Nominations were closed.

Elected as Steering Committee Chairman

Ed L.

A request was brought up by Intergroup to ask if the Steering Committee reps would consider that the Steering Committee meeting meet at a centralized location such as the central office is.

Lynn M. Intergroup committee explained that it would be better served if the meeting was able to be accessible to more members who might send a group representative and we might get more people to participate.

Question was asked how was it done in the past and the answer was that the Steering Committee Chairperson picked the place for the meetings. Ed said he would consider this and talk it over with the Intergroup now that he was the new Steering Committee chair.

Motion to close the meeting, motion accepted, seconded passed.

Meeting closed with the Lords Prayer.