

May 2022 Intergroup Meeting Minutes

Open with Serenity Prayer and monthly Tradition at 6:30.

Present via Zoom: - Tami D, Rhonda, SuZanne A., Jacque H., Fawn L., Al L., Marian G., Jody F., Clara M., Steve S., Dave S., Hunter H., Scott S., Beth C., and Jim F.

Groups Represented: First Things First Group., TN Group, 4-Way Group, Saturday Morning Big Book Group, Primary Purpose Group, Memorial Recovery Group.

Previous minutes were accepted as is motion Dave S., seconded by Scott S., all in favor.

Manager's Report – Clara M

- Welcome new IGRs – Clara welcomed new reps to the meeting. If you need anything reach out to the office manager @ 865-320-8649 or manager@etiaa.org.
- Remind – Clara asked for anyone wanting to be added to the Remind App for staying up-to-date with announcements and updates to add their contact information in the Zoom chat box.
- Office Manager Training Update – all is going well! Clara advised she is mostly working on her own and that the job entails quite bit of accounting which she didn't expect but that she is learning quickly.
- Office Manager Hours – Clara asked the attendees if we thought it would be more helpful if she had a dedicated work day and hours in the office every week. Those who commented were all in agreement stating they would prefer this type of arrangement so that we know when she is available in the office as well as anyone else needing to speak to the office manager. Clara stated she will be in the office on Tuesday's from 7a-3p.
- Process for adding new items to inventory – Clara was approached about adding a new book to the Intergroup inventory that was written by someone local about his recovery and time spent on the Appalachian Trail. The Bylaws state proposed additions to the inventory must be approved by the Board. After much discussion it was decided we did not want to add this particular book to be sold at Intergroup.
- History of alarm system – Clara asked for the background on why we had installed the Simply Safe security system in the office. Dave S went over the feelings of vulnerability and lack of security some of the office volunteers experienced prior to the system being installed. Clara advised the police were called several times recently because one of the workers kept activating the silent alarm accidentally. Since then the panic button has been relocated to try to prevent any false alarms in the future.

Treasurer's Report – Dave S.

- Year to Date P&L \$4198.56
- April P&L -\$1374.52
- May 1-13 P&L - \$1486.91
- Dave reported April contributions high at \$3244.
- Dave reported all accounts healthy.
- Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Fawn L., seconded by Scott S., all in favor.

Hotline – Susi M. – not present

Service Workers – Dave S.

- Dave advised all shifts covered except the Wednesday 1-4pm every other week.
- Dave will be on vacation 06/25-07/15 and will need his Friday shifts covered during those dates.

Archives – Barb S. – not present

Website – Barb S. – not present

Accessibilities – Susi M. – not present

Spanish Liaison – open

CPC/PI – open

Treatment – Jacque H.

- Jacque unable to attend the District Treatment meeting last month because they hold the meetings on Thursday evening and she is taking a meeting into Centerpointe on Thursday nights. The next District Treatment committee will meet on 05/22 at 7pm on Zoom.
- Need women to take a meeting into Centerpointe on either the 1st and 2nd Thursday of the month, contact Jacque for more information.
- Knox Recovery is also looking for women to take a meeting into their facility on Mondays.
- There is a group of women taking a meeting into Journey Pure treatment facility on Tuesday nights.
- Robin G (treatment chair for District 50/51 is doing more research on carrying the message into hospitals (this is part of Treatment) and more information is to come as it is available.
- Jacque requested \$250 a month in order to purchase pamphlets to provide information regarding treatment when she visits the District meetings around our area. After discussion, Jacque made a motion for Intergroup to financially support this effort by providing \$250 a year. Dave S seconded, all in favor.

Corrections – Marian G.

- Marian attended the District 50/51 meeting.
- July 7th she will be attending the District One meeting in Kingsport.
- Corrections Workshop – the Corrections Workshop was last Sunday May 15th at Ebenezer United Methodist church. Very few attendees. Someone from the Knox County jail came and spoke to the group. She provided information about the jail system and even offered to give a tour of the jail for those interested. She will be attending and speaking at the next Corrections workshop to be held in abt 6 months – more information to come.

Outreach – Susi M. – not present

Events – SuZanne A.

- SuZanne advised she reached out to many of the Intergroup volunteers and did not see much interest in attending the proposed Volunteer Appreciation event at Main Event. She proposed we do not go through with making those reservations.
- She will move forward with the open house in August to celebrate the 40th Anniversary.

Mobile Intergroup – Beth C.

- Beth stated she will be doing the mobile intergroup for the 3rd Quarter Assembly to be held July 22-24th at the Cedar Bluff Rd Holiday Inn as well as the District 3 picnic on June 5th. Volunteers needed for both events.

Old Business:

- Office shelving – Trey M has been working on the shelving and it is coming along nicely. Paint has been picked out (a little darker gray than the walls).

New Business:

- Hunter H – District 50/51 Accessibilities Chair proposed Intergroup support his efforts to provide more accessibility to the literature of Alcoholics Anonymous for those who are blind and deaf by updating the Intergroup website links to AA.org to specifically state the available resources for accessing the literature. On AA.org the Big Book and 12&12 are available to read, to listen to and to watch in American Sign Language. The Intergroup website already includes links to the literature on GSO's website but he proposed the description of the links be improved to denote the available ways in which the literature may be accessed so that hearing and visually impaired people will readily know these resources are available to them. Hunter is also going to get a QR code available so that people can just scan the code and immediately be taken to the Intergroup website links to the literature on AA.org. Clara made a motion that the Intergroup website be updated as outlined by Hunter and Dave S seconded the motion. All in favor.
- Beth proposed the Intergroup meeting return to in-person with a hybrid zoom option for those who are unable to make the in-person meeting. Clara will do a test run with setting up the Zoom/hybrid portion of the meeting for next month's meeting and we will tentatively go to in-person option for July's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm, without motion.

Next meeting to be held Monday June 20th at 6:30pm via Zoom.