

Harrisburg Area Intergroup
1251 South 19th Street, Harrisburg PA 17104
5/2 /2019

Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 6:30

Call to order: Serenity Prayer 12 Traditions- read by Keegan

Role: 4 officers (*actual head count*)

- 16 Groups Represented (*as per attendance sign-in sheet*)
- 14 Group Reps present (*as per attendance sign-in sheet*)
- 2 Group Alternate Reps present (*as per attendance sign-in sheet*)
- 3 Other than Group Reps present (*as per attendance sign-in sheet*)

New Reps Present:

- Kirvin- 19th Street

Secretary Report / Meeting Minutes: *Ciera*

- ✓ Minutes Accepted

Treasurer's Report: *Chris* ***SEE ATTACHMENT – Treasurer's Report**

- \$2,783 in prudent reserves - \$326 available in checking – total cash is \$3109 - did not have the Marco copier invoice for the month (no longer have their services, their dropped us) so that cost is going to change as we figure out what we are going to do about a new copier – Chris needing to step down as treasurer *see new business for more on same

Chairperson's Report: *Kevin*

- nothing really to report other than we will get the copier taking care of

Committee Reports:

Central Office: *Diane H.*

- No one present

Literature: *Albert C* ***SEE ATTACHMENT - Literature Intergroup Report**

- request from Charlie (with Corrections) to exchange a dozen hardcover Spanish Big Books for 7 soft cover Spanish Big Books (hardcover books are not allowed in the jails) which will leave us with 12 Spanish hard covers. Advised we have only sold maybe 10 in the last year so the books are tying up funds.. not sure what to do with them.. would be expensive to send back to new York but we could, but it kind of ties up money for no

real purpose because the books aren't getting sold – suggested we donate some, maybe give some to the 2 Spanish meetings that are around - Jose will bring it up more when he talks about the treatment centers – asked for approval to give away 8 of them - activities suggested that they take and give the rehabs a copy so they have a Spanish BB on hand

MOTION to donate Spanish Big Books as basically Albert sees fit → CARRIED

advised that Lit does not have the 7 soft cover books but they will get them and get them to corrections

Sobriety News: *Jose* *SEE ATTACHMENT - **HAI Intergroup Website/Committee Meeting Report**

- All meetings changes are up to date – minutes are updated – updated the Sunday night speakers for the Speaker Meeting in New Cumberland for May – updated some of the margins on the meeting app that were a little messed up – will be doing an email blast for the Founders Day event in June

Public Information: *Patrick, Katrina not present*

- They had to reorder the box of material to be distributed to the libraries – order did not get processed or something – Katrina available to call and text if anyone needs her

Corrections Facilities: *Charlie B, not present* - *SEE ATTACHED REPORT* - **Corrections Report**

- **See Report**

Treatment Centers: *Jose A.*

- everyone is okay – just finished shipping out some boxes to a Harrisburg recovery house

Activities: *Norm S.*

- Sue is stepping down from co-chair for a little bit
- Founders Day Picnic is the next activity, free picnic first and then the Sober on the Susquehanna 2hr boat ride on the Susquehanna following..they decided to get local speakers to save money –a lady from Middletown – DJ Earl djing on the boat after the speaker.. they are asking people to bring side dishes for the picnic – tickets for boat ride \$25
- Next event is up in the air, unsure if the pavilion will be available, which is the Family Fun Day, they will know for sure by next month
- Started talking about the Chili Cookoff in October - might do the food differently so the people that hike don't miss out on any of the chili.. might do chili first & then hike
- Offered to buy the Spanish books so they money isn't tied up especially since they are going to buy the soft cover books for Corrections... they would then give to the rehab centers

MOTION to let activities buy the books off of Literature and then donate accordingly -- none opposed -- Minority Opinion: because the funds are

segregated and there is non-7th tradition money that has gone into Activities we should not bring non-7th Tradition money into AA - opinion 2nded

Anyone changing their vote?

Discussion:

- Lit advised that normally they donate Lit to the prisons and rehabs, so to return books into their possession as income and then donating the books back out, unsure why Activities needs to pay for it
- Activities advised that that is what they were going to do their excess funds is donate it back in Literature, but they are bringing in non 7th Tradition money and they really shouldn't do that because their money is tainted. ****Need to review meeting minutes from November 2017 on same subject**
- Advised that if they donate back to the Lit Committee it is going to go into the Treasury anyways so what is the difference - asked if Lit has it's own budget - advised they do not, they don't budget anything, they just have a working inventory and replace and then vote on donations, but they don't budget anything because they would then make a profit
- Activities asked who Lit sells their books too, only alcoholics - Lit advised that they sell them to groups - Activities asked if they buy the books from them do they care what they do with them - Lit advised it is still the same money
- advised that we want to get our books to not just to alcoholics but to the next sick and suffering
- Lit advised that they will sell the books to anyone, they have never discriminated sales so there isn't a problem with Activities buying the books off of them then
- Activities is still under Intergroup so it is not violating any Traditions because they are not a separate entity, it is just their budget that is separate
- Lit sells books to anyone and takes green money
- technically the hospitals and rehabs and all of them are not part of AA but they donate and get things to them in order to help the next sick and suffering alcoholic
- Why does activities have to buy them .. they don't, but activities wants to buy them and donate because they are generating more capital then they need for events so they find a way to donate it back to AA and do something good for the people and help
- Lit advised they will sell lit to anyone and they can do whatever they want with the books
- Technically this is a grey area and it is confusing because Activities is not separate, only their budget is

No one changing their vote – MOTION CARRIES for Activities to buy books from Literature

Finance Sub-Committee: *Kevin* *SEE ATTACHMENT - **HAI Budget Sub Committee Report**

- **See Report** - someone requested the report not be in color when copies are made so it is easier to read - he will update same

Unity: *Patrick*

- got a new list from the ACDM of all the groups in the area – he is taking the secretary’s sign in sheets for the last couple of months so that he can see what groups are going and not going – wants to pick 10 groups at a time on the dark list and send them a postcard to see if we get a response – will have his email on it – wants to mail the pamphlets to the groups that reach out so they know what is going on

District 36: *Ryan, new liason*

- 2 upcoming events – Saturday May 4th is the Preconference Share Day – Concepts workshop and Pancake Breakfast Sunday the 5th

Cumberland Valley Intergroup (CVI):

- **No one present**

AI-Anon: *Mary*

- State Convention May 31st-June 2nd at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove... there is speaker Friday night... all are welcome
- Mary is stepping down, Pat will be the new liason

Hotline Committee: *Matt*

- Nothing new to report... unable to move forward with with the available info... he is waiting for Tom K to get back to him with his info and can’t do anything with account until he does --- phone going from Diane with Hershey to Kirk

Icypaa Liason: *Dan*

- Co-hosting the Pancake Concept Workshop 11-2pm on Sunday – suggested 8 dollar donation... area delegate is speaking –
- Leadership in AA Workshop & Paintball event on June 29th – still working on the final version of the flyer but there is a flyer on the website... \$44 includes everything you need to paintball -- you can just go to the workshop without paintballing and it is Free!

OLD BUSINESS:

- **None**

NEW BUSINESS:

- Treasurer resigning – nominated Dick J with West Shore Group... he could not be at Intergroup tonight but okay with us voting him in - Melissa also nominated

MOTION made to wait until next month to vote since dick is not present → motion DIED

VOTING: procedures: only group reps can vote

FOR MELISSA (big book west) – 7 - FOR DICK (west shore area group) – 10 - OBSTAINING – none

Need to vote again because there was not a majority vote - second vote:

FOR DICK – 12 -FOR MELISSA – 5 - 2/3 majority this time

Dick J new Treasurer

- We need to vote in a new alternate
 - **MOTION to nominate Melissa as alternative → CARRIED**
 - Melissa new Alternate Treasurer
- **MOTION to add icypaa and hotline committee to intergroup checklist** – secretary apologized for not adding them and they will be on the next checklist as this was already motioned and carried
- Do we still need Central Office?
 - MOTION to remove Central office position and let the hotline committee take over the phone line –**
 - Discussion: do we talk to her first before removing position – hotline committee willing to take over the hotline and making sure the phone gets passed around accordingly – central office is mainly only for making sure the phone gets passed between groups – talk to Central Office rep and see if there are any other responsibilities that Central Office takes care of other than the phones and see if she is going to continue to come as she has not been here the last 2 months - Central office is a sub committee - Central Office helps Central office run → that is how it is defined on our site - **MOTIONED WAS WITHDREW ... UNANIMOUS consent given**
- Copier – functionality is going down hill – Marco is the new company that took over & are not willing to service our machine – we are paying \$23/month – jose willing to do some research on local copier options on maybe getting our own printer and copy machine - should Intergroup just get their own printer as well so that everyone can use it - will discuss next month and decide
- Someone brought up an older topic that is relevant to tonight’s discussions: Activities committee is technically outside of Harrisburg Intergroup of AA and that it is its own entity... over the years it has been an adoption of activities into AA – Because they are accepting funding from sources other than AA, is the reason we segregated them in the first place – important to no longer recognize Harrisburg intergroup as a part of AA --
 - **MOTION that they stop using our name of Harrisburg Area Intergroup** because it provides confusion to newcomers that do not understand the subtle differences and the 7th Tradition and that Intergroup should form their own Activities committee to be able to provide services to alcoholics within the fellowship of aa. it is important that we look at this.

CHAIR ASKED FOR A REPEATED MOTION:

- **MOTION THAT ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS OF HARRISBURG AREA INTERGROUP NO LONGER RECOGNIZE HARRISBURG AREA INTERGROUP ACTIVITIES AND**

**FORM OUR OWN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE INSIDE HARRISBURG AREA
INTERGROUP ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

■ **Discussion:**

- Unity advised that segregating does not sound like a good idea because we are trying to bring groups together, not tear things apart so it counteracts what they are trying to do
- advised that Activities is already its own entity and not affiliated with AA but there is implied affiliation because they attend intergroup and brand themselves with AA
- Disagreement around the rooms
- they are a part of us and Intergroup, they just have their own separate budget so they are not using 7th Tradition money for activities and then they donate the money back if they exceed their prudent reserves - agreement around the rooms with same
- someone advised that this is an older topic and that if research is done on old minutes, they will see that we voted on this before and we need to look at the minutes before making this decision
- by laws state that we are to have parties, conventions, and activities with alcoholics they didn't want the 7th Tradition money that is going to the newcomer to go towards Activities
- some groups did not want to contribute to intergroup before because of how they were spending 7th Tradition money, so that is when the decision money was made to not use 7th Tradition money for Activities, so they made their own budget so they didn't have to use it but they are a part of Intergroup as much as they ever were
- Tainted money part of it is that for ex: if you bring your money to the Sober on Susquehanna and bring your Mom because it is an open event then they will take the money from your Mom - they never take from an outside source like a business or anything like that. But if they have money over their prudent reserves then they donate it back.
- advised that we are splitting hairs at this point because we have open meetings and if someone that is not an alcoholic puts a dollar in the bin do we tell them no or what if we don't know
- advised we are making a contribution, not a donation, if someone is giving someone 25 dollars they are getting a ticket in return, it is not a donation
- advised times are changing and we have to stick with the times
- advised that the Traditions haven't changed though
- advised that GSO will accept donations up to 5000 once a year so there is non alcoholic money coming into AA sometimes

- advised that if we start splitting things up then we will be defeating the purpose of Unity and we are not a glum lot and we need to have activities and fun things to do
 - advised again that we need to go back and look at the minutes to see how it was worded in the past
 - advised that this should be left just the way it is
 - advised that if we use 7th Tradition money when there is another way to do it than that is not right because there are people out there suffering
 - advised that this is a non issue because we already went over this
- **BACK TO MOTION: OFFICIALLY REMOVING ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE – MOTION DIES**

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm

Closed with – Responsibility Prayer

***SEE ATTACHMENTS ON FOLLOWING PAGES**

HAI Intergroup Website Report 5/2/2019

Website Report submitted by Committee Members: Jose A. & Rod S.

- Committee additions:

Looking for others to assist with website updates
(Anyone willing to learn)

- Events & Sobriety News:

- All Events and meetings changes have been kept up to date
- Posted District 36 April 2019 Meeting Minutes
- Updated Bridge St. Group Speakers for May 2019
- Updated Online Meeting Guide App Database

Please have anyone with website updates e-mail: info@aaaharrisburg.org.

May Corrections Report

The corrections committee is meeting on May 11th to confirm the Fall Workshop Date, review Corrections part in the PA State Convention, and facility reports and mtg scheduling.

All facility mtgs are being covered.

Literature are up to date as well.

HARRISBURG AREA INTERGROUP
TREASURER'S REPORT

	April 2019		2019 Year-to-Date
	Details	Total	
Beginning Balance		\$ 1,405.36	
Receipts			
Contributions from AA Groups		\$ 606.18	\$ 3,653.65
Sale of AA Literature		\$ 1,033.65	\$ 3,102.90
Corrections Workshop Return			
State Convention Literature Sales			
Prudent Reserve Transfer			
Interest Transfer			
Total Receipts		\$ 1,639.83	\$ 6,756.55
Disbursements			
Fellowship House (March Rent)	CK #1497 4/29/19	\$ 425.00	\$ 1,700.00
Marco (copier)			\$ 66.36
AT&T Cell Phone	Online 4/1/19	\$ 62.18	\$ 186.53
Verizon Office Phone	Online 4/18/19	\$ 65.97	\$ 263.08
AA World Services (Literature)	CK#1498 4/28/19	\$ 1,314.90	\$ 4,001.98
Office Supplies			\$ 22.77
Sobriety News			
Grapevine for DC Women's			\$ 260.73
Transfer to petty cash			\$ (36.32)
Corrections			
CAT Bus PSA			
Interpreting	CK#1499	\$ 68.00	\$ 952.00
All Hands Interpreting			
Phone Workshop Expense			\$ 49.56
Transfer to Reserve		\$ 783.00	\$ 2,000.00
Total Disbursements		\$ 2,719.05	\$ 7,466.69
Ck Acct Ending Balance		\$ 326.14	
Petty Cash	4/28/2019	\$ 50.00	
Interest in Savings Account		\$ -	
Prudent Reserve (Checking Account)		\$ 2,783.00	
Total Cash		\$ 3,159.14	

PI/CPC	\$ 480.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accessibilities	\$ -	\$ 272.00	\$ 204.00	\$ 408.00	\$ 68.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 952.00
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Total	\$ 4,380.00	\$ 381.20	\$ 408.06	\$ 978.43	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,840.89
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