

St. Paul Area Intergroup Representatives' Meeting Minutes, July 16, 2013

I. Opened with the Serenity Prayer, Introductions, and the reading of the Primary Purpose of Intergroup.

II. Last month's Minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Treasurer's Report – Jim G. reports expenses remain well below budget and Intergroup's financial health remains strong. Questions/concerns can be sent to Jim G. at treasurer@aastpaul.org. Two errors on the treasurer's report tonight. Jim reports we actually have \$72,000 in assets instead \$70,900. Contributions continue to erode. Net sales for the year are up, but sales for this month are down compared to last month with gopher state. Operational expenses continue to decline, which is good. Jim encourages reps to bring faithful fiver information to groups since this tradition is down about 60% from the past.

IV. The Office Report – Frank N. reports that the Office continues to seek submissions of writing, cartoons, and/or jokes from individuals for inclusion in the *Lifeline*. Office staff is available to help you create a flyer for your AA-related event, just call! The Office has been busy with visitors and they have many volunteers. New book in the office called "One on One About Sponsorship" and they have already run out! 38 groups contributed last month and we are grateful for their support. Night owl shifts are available. Frank is available to do informal night owl training as needed for people who can't make it for a Saturday training. Frank is on vacation next week but the office is open and part time staff will fill in.

V. The Website Report – The full usage report and server statistics are available on the website. Groups are encouraged to contact Jonathan (webservant@aastpaul.org) or the Office for AA-related events which may be added. Guidelines are available on the site. Remember to submit your flyers (with AA-related content) for inclusion on the website. Up 6 meetings since last month. Traffic down in June, due to a short month possibly. Jonathan reports research on QR codes-they present a problem that includes purchasing an app that looks at barcodes, and then paying for a mobile app for Intergroup. Jonathan suggests that we continue to use our smart phones in order to access the website. For now we are tabling this idea unless the groups come to us with a request for a mobile website, at which time we can revisit it.

VI. Outreach Program – Contact Mickey M. (outreach@aastpaul.org) or the Office if you can help with this important service opportunity. Jonathan reports that Mickey has stepped down from the board, so we will talk about a replacement later. Jonathan explains in detail exactly what the "Outreach Committee" does. Outreach is our quality check. We ask volunteers reaches out to meeting in the directory to make sure they are there, and also make an announcement at the meetings that tell them what intergroup is. (He did an awesome job at this, btw) also asks reps if they are interested in being the Outreach Chair, to please contact us.

VII. Update from the Board – Tim reports that we have lost a lot of people don't know/understand what a faithful fiver is. He asks that you take this to your meetings and explain exactly what the faithful fiver is. (Wow, with people not being here, board members are really showing up! He explained this in detail and with a lot of enthusiasm!)

VIII. Night Owl Report – Chrissy reports There are 7 recurring shifts available. Please visit the website or call the Office for more information and to volunteer. Night Owl Orientation is held every third Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Office. Even if people could cover temporarily that would be very helpful. If your group is small, take 1 shift, if your group is large, take more shifts. The list is available on the office report and on the website.

IX. Liaison Reports: Scott (District 8) reports the green can fund for the ASL program is still underfunded. They are spending more per month than they are taking in. Contributions were up last month. Volunteers are needed for the DUI program and a women's halfway house in the midway area and these are posted on the intergroup website.

Nancy (District 15) reports-Terry L, Area 36 Delegate was at the meeting last month. 25 people there. He gave a rundown of what happened at the 63rd General Service Conference. Hot points included the following: next year's international conference will be on recovery, unity, service, and inventory. AA Archives will publish a 75th anniversary commemorative edition of the Big Book available in 2014. Wording changes on a number of pamphlets. Mpls/St Paul was in the top 5 finalist list for the next international conference, but because we have hosted an international conference in the past we did not make the next cut. Montreal, St. Louis, or Vancouver are the three venues and this will be decided at next year's conference. No word changes to the Big Book. If you would like to suggest agenda items for next year's conference see Nancy. They decided not to change the 11th tradition (press, media and films includes Facebook). New trustees elected. Service manual is being updated with more text on the principle of rotation.

X. Upcoming Intergroup Events:

- Ice Cream Social/Old Timers' Recognition, August 24th (Jim & Jan, Co-Chairs)
 - The time has been updated to say 4-7pm. The flyer and the website time are incorrect. Jim asks that if the meetings have suggestions for speakers with 25 years or more to contact him. There are four slots open.

XI. Old Business

- Open House, July 13, 11:00 – 3:00 (Eva, Chair).
 - Thank you to everyone who came! We had over 50 visitors to the office (on a normal Saturday it's between 4-5). Good turnout for the barbeque as well.

XII. New Business: None.

Mickey, board member at large stepped down. Christa nominated Tiffany B. to take the open position. Motion approved and seconded. Unanimous approval.

XIII. Group AA Announcements: New Brighton Big Book Study Group is having a potluck breakfast Sunday August 4th 9:15-11:30am. Wednesday, 31 July 2013 10:00 AM – Sunday, 4 August 2013 10:00 PM District 15 is hosting a booth at the Washington County Fair. See Paul if you would like to be of service. Empty Chair Men's Retreat Friday, 23 August 2013 – Sunday, 25 August 2013 Cross Lake, MN; Contact Jamie M +1 (612) 227-9747 for more information.

XIV. Suggestions for next month's agenda: None

XV. Hillary delivered the Grapevine Report. Mary volunteered to do the Grapevine Report for August.

XVI. Krissy delivered the Concept Review for Concept VI. Paul volunteered for August.

XVII. Joe delivered the Mock Rep Report. Michelle volunteered for August.

XVIII. Closed with the Responsibility Statement.

NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 20, 2013 (7:30 PM), BETHLEHEM CHURCH

ATTENDANCE:

Jim G., Treasurer	Jan T., Member @ Large	Christa, Alternate Chair	Eva P., Member @ Large	Frank N., Office Manager	Tim B., Member @ Large
Denise A., Advisor	Karen B., Back to Basics	Brad R., Basic Text	Paul T., Cottage Grove Groups	Scott L., District 8	Nancy T., District 15
Tali M., Fireside Women's	Craig O., Happy Hour 12x12	Ed H., OMD	Emily B., MNYPAAB	Hillary B., Hole in the Donut	Harry T., Main Idea

Adrienne B., Maplewood Alano	Michael C., Defogged Men's Group	Michelle M., New Brighton Big Book	Sharon O., Pocketing Our Pride	Chad O., Como Park Big Book	Joe S., 12x12 by The Book
Drew L., West End Groups	Bella J., MNYPAAB	Don D., Third Edition	Mary K., Uptown Club	Leslie T., Amigos III	Joanthan L., Webservant