

St. Paul & Suburban Area Intergroup Representatives' Meeting Minutes, July 18th, 2023 7:30 pm

1. **Opened** with the Serenity Prayer, Introductions, and read the primary purpose of Intergroup
2. **Approved** prior month's minutes (**motion:** Janice K. **second:** Angie T.). Motion passed with a majority vote.
3. **Financial Report**, Bill C. - see *Treasurer's Report for full details* - Total contributions are up from May, but still below last year to date. Operational expenses were down due to bills that were pre-paid in May. Our prudent reserve balance is \$48,681 and the goal is \$60K. We are averaging approximately \$2K less than we need to be in revenue (contributions and sales) to break even. Question from Hendrie G. about hiring an outside accountant to do the financials. We will touch on this also in Noah's report. If you have questions, please email treasurer@aastpaul.org.
4. **Office Report** - Noah LC - see *Office Report for full details*. We have most of the volunteer shifts filled for answering phones. Volunteers have updated our 12th step call lists and written Lifeline articles. Gopher State went well. All shifts were covered and there was a good amount of traffic and interest in Intergroup. Noah and board member Tom W. are working on reconstituting the Outreach Committee. Other projects in the works include updating the print meeting directory and taking a closer look at the greeter/temporary sponsor program.
5. **Night Owl Report** - Rachel P - There are currently 6 open shifts, which are listed on the Intergroup website. If you're interested in helping out, please contact the committee. at nightowl@aastpaul.org. Orientation is on the 3rd Saturday @ 10AM.
6. **Update from the Board** - Janice K. We discussed finances, recurring online contributions, and Kelly's candidacy for the alt chair position.
7. **District Reports - District 8** - no representative present. **District 15** - Meg H. will be at the D15 meeting next month - July 24th. All are welcome. Supper at 6:30 at Christ Lutheran Church in Lake Elmo. Meg's presentation is available on the Area 36 website. They will be staffing the AA booth (Building B) at the Washington County Fair 10AM-10PM on August 2nd - 6th. Come check out horse races, petting zoo, and all the fun things! **District 19** - no updates.
8. **Intergroup Events:** Ice Cream Social. August 19th. Time and location TBD. There will be ice cream, a newcomer intro speaker, and 4 long timer speakers. We need volunteers for this event. Contact chair@aastpaul.org if you would like to volunteer. Gratitude Night (Nov. 18th) - pulling things together toward the end of August. Looking for one male and one female 1-year speaker. Founders Day (Nov 25th) - SPI will be selling literature at this event.
9. **Old Business** - Feedback on NYE Event from Reps. Tom W. (Firing Line) Folks would prefer not to cross the river and not to have it in the downtown location. Have the dance be the main event but have speaker meetings be a side draw (more of a Fellowship event). Be sure to reach out to Recovery church to see if they are already planning an event. Good for the newcomers. Dale (SPOSM) - consensus that there are plenty of other opportunities for NYE recovery events in the cities. Chris L (OMD) - feedback was that no one was married to SPI having a NYE event and in general don't have one if it costs any money. Why don't we partner with Minneapolis to co-sponsor a NYE party if they are going to have one anyway? Angie T - been to our NYE party and it has been a lot of fun. It's always been a great time - a lot of people, a lot of fellowship. It's something we have always done, so it would be different not to do it. Off-site sales - we need to purchase a new card reader (and likely software) as ours is on the fritz. Stay tuned for more.
10. **New Business** - Vote for approval of Kelly's election to Alt Chair position. 14 - yes, 1 - no, 0 - abstentions. Approved. This means there is a vacancy for the board secretary position until next year. If you know anyone interested, please encourage them to step up for this position! Tony - alt DCM Dist 19 (Dakota County). They would like a SPI board member to attend their meeting on a monthly basis. 2nd Wednesday of every month in the Rosemount Community Center from 7-8PM. Mary U. volunteered to attend.
11. **Group AA Announcements** - none
12. **Suggestions for next month's agenda:** Please contact Kelly K at secretary@aastpaul.org.
13. **Grapevine Report** - no report this month. Volunteer for August: **Chris L.**
14. **Concept Review:** Concept VII - Nancy T. Volunteer for Concept VIII: **Lindsay C.**
15. **Mock Rep Report:** no mock rep report. Volunteer for August: **Mike O.**
16. **Closed** with the Responsibility Statement

Attendance:

Keith I - Advisor	Noah LC - Office Manager	Dina - Hole in the Doughnut	Rachel P - Night Owl Chair
Kelly K - Secretary	Mary U - Member @ Large	Tom W - Member @ Large	Lindsay - Builders Big Book
Bill C - Treasurer	Alex S - 2nd Sandwich	Nancy T. - Dist 15 Liaison	Steve B - No Time Like the Present
Mike O. - Rule 62	Ken S - Como Park BB	Tony A - Dist 19 Liaison	Lindsey D - Dist 8 Liaison
Chris L - OMD	Hendrie G - Main Idea	Deb M - Pocketing our Pride	Sharon L - Women's Basic Text
Guy T -	Sue - Alt Women's Basic Text	Tim - Alt Rule 62	Marie - The Firing Line

Next Meeting: August 15th 7:30PM