

St. Paul & Suburban Area Intergroup Representatives' Meeting Agenda, February 20th, 2024 7:30 pm

- I. **Open** with the Serenity Prayer, Intros & Primary Purpose of Intergroup
- II. **Approve** prior month's minutes (motion: _____ **Greg** _____, 2nd: _____ **Joe** _____) Passed
- III. **Treasurer's Report** – *Devin R*
Jan–Very good month, the best in the history of STP Intergroup thanks to group contributions–\$9831 and \$3500 more than December. Prudent reserve is at \$50K, moving \$5K to the prudent reserve to approach goal of \$60K. Anticipate needing roughly \$11K monthly to stay afloat.
- IV. **Office Report** – *Frank N*
Transferred phone from Comcast to Centurylink, saves about \$100 a month. Still looking to reduce cost more, just waiting to hear from phone company management. Reduced the Nigh Owl cell service about \$60 a month. New layout of the store is being received well by those who visit. Office is looking for volunteers to answer the phone, do service work. Bring this to the group. Looking to fill out the list of 12 step volunteers. It is out of date and shorter than it should be. Looking for volunteers to be added. Board has some committees being put together, also looking for individuals to write articles for the Life Line every month. We offer speakers for groups who are looking, groups interested can give the office a call.

Generally receiving between 3 and 8 12 step calls during the office hours. If night owls have difficulty finding help from the 12 step list they can try their home group phone list.

The number transfer hasn't changed yet, still getting straightened out, will let them know when it comes about.
- V. **Night Owl Report** – *Lesli D*
Paul–As of today, website reports there are two open shifts, 1st monday 5-10 pm, 4th friday 10pm-9am. We aim for 0 open shifts this is a vast improvement. Night owl committee consists of 5 people, Added Mary J, lost Naptalie P. Still looking for Night Owl committee volunteers to help keep the program happening. Committee members carry the backup phone and assist night owls who may need help during their shift.
- VI. **Website Report** – *Jonathan L*
Things are good, Ethan is at the meeting tonight to get the inside scoop. Reminder that the meeting guide builds the meetings from many different sources, 4 of them. If the meeting doesn't look right on the page, scroll to the bottom to find the provider. If it is not STPI, you need to reach out to the provider. Also many "suspended" meetings that need to be checked for accuracy. Check to find your groups meeting if any updates may be needed. Groups can post events, as per the guidelines and requirements of the web servant.
- VII. **Update from the Board** – *Ricky G*
Ricky–Frank wants to retire, the board voted and is allowing Frank to retire. Jacob will be taking over as full time manager. Will be talking about office relocation as well as other things in new business. We will be looking for another part time employee, also will be discussed in new business.
 - Ice Cream Social 9/7
 - Spring Fling date changed 4/13

VIII. Liaison Reports

- A. District 8 Dan-ASL demand is high, working on finding new interpreters, 7 new ones have been found. Additional course work and training is needed. Committee's budget reviewed and approved. AA ad on bus bench is up, working on getting the billboard up in July. D8 looking to go back to in person, still in discussion. Update the website questions.
- B. District 15 Nancy-Looking forward to Spring workshop hosted with area 36 Grapevine committee "writing for the Grapevine". Publisher will join the workshop in the AM, then lunch, then the "do's and don'ts" of sharing your story to the Grapevine. March 16 Christ Lutheran Church, Lake Elmo 10-3. 7th Tradition luncheon, Lees corned beef and cabbage. Sending 3 people to west central service conference in Minot, ND. First weekend in March. Area 36 delegate Meg H has lined up two events, founder's writings listening sessions. One has happened, 2nd is tomorrow night at 7PM on zoom. People will be sharing their thoughts on changing the founder's writings. Contact is on the area 36 website under "delegate" or contact Nancy.
- C. District 19-MIA

IX. Intergroup Events

A. Upcoming

- i. Spring Fling (4/13/24) John-Church of the Redeemer, carnival event, treats. Speakers in the evening. Looking for volunteers, reach out to Mary or John. Costco cake!!! 50/50 raffle.
- ii. Gopher State (5/24-5/26) Intergroup has a suite and selling literature. Have board members chairing that. We will be looking for groups to host a shift at the suite. Come back with some ideas in mind next month. Shifts are typically 2 hours. Don't know if it will be the same suite, but probably. Gopher State is at the Double Tree in Bloomington.

X. Old Business

- A. Group feedback: Open House Event
Dan-No Time Like the Present would like to see it remain, though no one raised hands in regards to actually showing up.
Steve-Basic Text says yes, could it be scheduled on the first Saturday that the office opens on Saturday, if it does so?
Nancy-River Rats trust the decision of the Board, would understand if it got swept into Ice Cream Social
- B. Group feedback: Adjusting Intergroup Hours
Paul-Third Edition wants both, but understands that personnel may not be available so will trust the group conscience.
Steve-Basic Text votes yes
Greg-Woodbury says yes.
Alex-Second Sandwich wonders if it would be extended, or reshuffled hours.
Jacob from the office things a 10-6 PM could be beneficial for those who work typically until 5. Saturday would be a short day, 10-2 maybe. Would need to find the hours that would work for a Saturday.
- C. 12 Step List Updates
Jacob-List is running dry and short, makes it difficult for the staff to find available people to pick up the 12 step calls. 2-8 a month are being made to the office during office hours. 12th step work is how AA started. If you would like to be a volunteer, call the office to be added. It is very important to have 12th step volunteers.
- D. Option to contribute to a meeting directly from the meeting directory

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We could potentially move the spot that carries the link for contributing. It can be moved to a better place that seems less like AA looking for money. Nancy recommends moving "contribute" to general, as it is easier to find a dedicated button. Kim also thinks keeping it at the top is ideal, but moving its location at the top farther down the line. Jonathan is going to look at how to adjust that.

XI. New Business

- A. Group feedback: Office Location
Kelly-Lease ends in spring of '25, thoughts on moving the office back into St. Paul Proper. Looking for feedback from the groups on this, understanding that this will incur cost. If your group is interested in moving back into ST. Paul we will put together a committee and the groups should provide some volunteers. Any one familiar with commercial real estate would be useful. Malena reminds us of moving out of STP due to cost as well as safety of some areas.
- B. Brandon is wondering about making a survey for the groups to look through the website and get a feel for how the group feels about the website: changes, navigation, appearance, etc.
- C. Looking to start an HR committee, looking for volunteers with some HR experience.
- D. Brittani suggests a survey regarding the extended hours possibility. It will be emailed to the reps.

XII. Group AA Announcements

XIII. **Suggestions for next month's agenda:** Contact the secretary at secretary@aastpaul.org

XIV. **Grapevine Report** - John K . ; **Volunteer for March:** _____ Paul _____

XV. **Concept II Report** - Dan . **Volunteer for Concept III:** _____ Steve J _____

XVI. **Mock Rep Report** - Dan ; **Volunteer for March:** _____ Melissa T _____

XVII. **Close** with the Responsibility Statement

Next meeting: March 19th at 7:30PM