

## 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. A correction to the Treasurer's Report: \$72,000 in assets instead \$70,900 as shown in the distributed materials. Contributions continue to erode. Net sales for the year are up, but sales for this month are down compared to last month (which included Gopher State sales). Operational expenses continue to decline. Jim encourages the Representatives to bring "Faithful Fiver" information to groups as this tradition is down about 60% from the past. Questions/concerns can be sent to Jim G. at [treasurer@aastpaul.org](mailto:treasurer@aastpaul.org).

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. A new World Services book, *One on One About Sponsorship*, came in and was so popular that it sold out already! 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](mailto: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. Our area has netted 6 new meetings since last month. Traffic on the website was down in June, possibly due to a short month.

Jonathan reports research on QR codes as suggested last month: 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 to access the website directly rather than through a QR code. For now the Board has determined to table this idea unless groups specifically request a mobile app, at which time we can revisit it.

VI. Outreach Program – Contact the Office if you can help with this important service opportunity. Mickey has stepped down from the Board, so a new Chair will be appointed in the near term. Jonathan explained that Outreach serves as Intergroup's "quality check." We ask volunteers to reach out to meetings in our directory to make sure they are there, and also to make an announcement at the meetings to tell them what Intergroup is and how it can help. If any Rep or other AA member is interested in being the Outreach Chair please contact a Board member or the Office!

VII. Update from the Board – Tim highlighted the "Faithful Fiver" program, and the Board's concern that there is little understanding of this important program in our community. He asks the Reps to explain the program to their groups.

VIII. Night Owl Report – Chrissy reports there are **seven** recurring shifts available. Please visit the website or call the Office for more information on open shifts and to volunteer. Night Owl Orientation is held every third Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Office. Frank is available to do informal training as needed for people who can't make it for a Saturday training. Even temporary coverage would be very helpful. Small groups are encouraged to pick up one shift; larger groups are encouraged to pick up more than one.

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 that Terry L, Area 36 Delegate, was at the meeting last month. He provided an overview of what occurred at the recent 63<sup>rd</sup> General Service Conference. Hot points included the following:

- Next year's International Conference will be on recovery, unity, service, and inventory.
- The AA Archives will publish a 75<sup>th</sup> 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 finalists for the next International Conference, but because we have hosted one 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 GS Conference.
- No word changes to the Big Book.
- They decided not to change the 11<sup>th</sup> tradition (press, media and films includes Facebook).
- New trustees elected.
- Service manual is being updated with more text on the principle of rotation.

If you would like to suggest agenda items for next year's conference see Nancy.

X. Upcoming Intergroup Events:

- Ice Cream Social/Old Timers' Recognition, August 24<sup>th</sup> (Jim & Jan, Co-Chairs)
  - The time has been changed to 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 and especially to those who helped out! 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: Mickey, Board Member at Large, stepped down. Christa nominated Tiffany B. to take the open position. Unanimous approval by the Representatives in attendance.

XIII. Group AA Announcements:

- New Brighton Big Book Study Group is having a potluck breakfast Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup> 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 (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.,	Jan T., Member	Christa,	Eva P., Member	Frank N., Office	Tim B., Member
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Treasurer	@ Large	Alternate Chair	@ Large	Manager	@ 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., MNYPAAA	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., MNYPAAA	Don D., Third Edition	Mary K., Uptown Club	Leslie T., Amigos III	Joanthan L., Webservant