

Intergroup Meeting Minutes: May 10, 2017

Meeting Chair: Jean F., Intergroup Chair

- Meeting opened at 7:00 PM with a Moment of Silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer
- Reading of 12 Traditions by Stephen., Intergroup Webmaster
- Jean welcomed all the reps. Jean asked the Executive to introduce themselves first.
- Introductions from the floor. Groups in attendance: Sunday Night Big Book Study, Sunshine Group, Back to Basics, Willing to Change, New Day, Ottawa South, Sobriety Group, Fellowship Group, B-United, Westboro Big Book, Uptown, Lunch with Bill, Chelsea Friday Night Big Book Group, Maitland, West End Group, Crossroads, Parkwood Hills, Stepping Ahead, We Can Recover, Share and Care, By the Book, Search for Serenity, Orleans Hub, Oasis, Podium /Hill, Vanier, Hand in Hand, Sunrise Group, Beginners Group, Alta Vista Open Door.
- 39 voting members present and 5 non-voting members (excluding 8 Executive members).
- Motion to accept previous month's minutes as presented: Marcia P, Oasis; Seconded by Bill P., Parkwood Hills Motion carried.
- Motion to accept the agenda with the addition of Canadathon and a presentation by Aaron, Labyrinth Group made by Shana D., Ottawa South, seconded by Chad B, Uptown. Motion carried.

REPORTS

VICE CHAIR: Sandy K. –no report

SECRETARY: Anne D.

1. If reps haven't received a copy of the minutes delivered to their email address, please come and see me after the meeting as I may have typed the email address incorrectly. Or if they haven't filled out a Rep information sheet, please do so.

TREASURER: Stephen C.

1. Stephen presented the April financial statement. He reminded reps that the statement contains revenue from the conference but does not include any expenses. Stephen will prepare a forecast of financial position from now to the end of the year. A question was asked as to why a forecast had to be done when the budget is already included. Stephen explained the budget is based on the actual income and expenses from last year. A forecast will be based on the current trends in sales, etc.

WEBMASTER: Jason M. (absent) report read by Anne D.

1. The ad-hoc website committee continues to meet once a month. There has been excellent attendance and a good team is reviewing the requirements for a new website and a standing website committee.
2. We created the website survey, which can be found at the following address: <http://survey.ottawaaa.org>. Paper copies are here tonight for the reps to take back to their groups, if they wish. Jason is requesting as many people as possible complete the survey, either online or on paper so the Committee has as much input as possible to include in the creating of the new website. The link for the survey is also in this month's Primary Purpose.
3. Jason is gathering a team of people to assist with a bid for Area 83 and Ottawa to host the National A.A. Technology Workshop in the autumn of 2018. If you are interested in what this workshop is all about, you can visit <http://www.naatw.org> for information on this year's event in Sacramento, CA.

TAS COORDINATOR: Mickey R.

1. Mickey reported that lots of groups are taking shifts. He has cleaned up the shift schedule, as there were some individuals who were not doing the shifts. Mickey did a training presentation at Search for Serenity

(Orleans). Mickey had a table at the Spring Conference where 3 groups expressed their interest in having training on the remote answering system. Mickey has had 1 person take on an unfilled shift in the trial project as was discussed last month where shifts are taken as time become available. Again, here's the criterion: *If the shift is empty 4 hours before they can take it and email tas@ottawaaa.org*. Mickey will update the calendar at a later time and no one needs confirmation from Mickey that he has booked it. You just need to show up (or sign on from home) and do the shift.

2. A member has written a script for possible use on the telephone answering system. Mickey will continue to look at the possibility of changing the current script.
3. One-year sobriety is required for answering phones. A rep asked if someone with less sobriety wants to do phone answering what suggestions does Mickey have? He suggested that individual do the phone commitment with their sponsor.
4. Please email tas@ottawaaa.org if you are interested in group training.

12-STEP COORDINATOR: Carolyn O'D.

1. Carolyn asked anyone who is on the current 12-step list to email 12step@ottawaaa.org with their contact information. She asked the reps to encourage their group members to put themselves on the 12-Step list. The number of female volunteers is lower than male volunteers.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Rick B:

1. The May newsletters are now available for pickup at the Intergroup office. 600 were printed, so there are lots for the taking. Please be sure to call before coming to the office to make sure someone is available. It is available in colour online, if you prefer.

LITERATURE: Christina J.

1. Christina reported all beginners' literature and meeting lists are well stocked.
2. Literature is for sale daily between 10-4 if volunteers are available. **Please phone first and leave a message.** The literature room is open an hour before and an hour after every Intergroup meeting for literature and medallion sales.
3. Christina had a table at the Spring Conference and sales were good. They will be attending the Vanier Roundup as well.

SPRING CONFERENCE: no representative, so Jean spoke briefly

1. Everything went well. There was lots of food. The final report will be presented in June.

M McNABB MEETING:

1. Jean H., representing Lunch With Bill, reported they had an average of 25 people per meeting for the month of April. One meeting had 40 people. She said it was a success and reminded reps to bring their own supplies.
2. The Intergroup meeting is the business meeting for the McNabb meeting. There needs to be a monthly report done by the hosting group. The monthly rent is \$80.17.
3. Ottawa South has volunteered for May. Oasis has volunteered for June, Search for Serenity Orleans for August, By The Book for September 2017 and Saturday am Westboro will take October and West End Group volunteered for November. **We still need volunteers for July and December 2017.**

OLD BUSINESS-GROUP DONATIONS LISTING: Jean F

1. Sandy C., Fellowship Group made a motion to print out and distribute to groups a list of donations made to Intergroup and hand it to all the groups. Shana D, Ottawa South seconded the motion. After some discussion and the clarification that a group can choose to remove itself and that the list WILL NOT be published a vote was taken. 25 voted for and 11 against. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS-PORTABLE PROJECTOR

1. The projector has been ordered, but not received yet.

OLD BUSINESS-INTERGROUP OFFICE LOCK

1. The office lock will be changed next month. Intergroup has contact information for all the daily volunteers. If anyone needs to know the new code, please email info@ottawaaa.org or tas@ottawaaa.org. The lock is being changed for security reasons.

NEW BUSINESS-SPRING CONFERENCE CHAIR: Jean F.

1. The person in the position of vice chair had to step down. Jean asks if anyone interested in taking on the Chair position for the 2018 Spring Conference to contact her. She has 2 people who are willing to stand for the position currently. The election will take place in June.

NEW BUSINESS-2018 NATIONAL A.A. TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP BID: Jean F

1. This was mentioned in Jason's report. It is a gathering of webmasters from the United States and Canada that is held annually. Jason attended last year in Winston-Salem, NC. In order to put in a bid, Jason needs a letter of recommendation from the 3 districts and Intergroup. There will be no hosting costs to Intergroup. Some reps expressed a concern that there isn't enough information available currently on what hosting this conference will actually entail to make a decision. Jean emphasized that Ottawa Intergroup would not be financially responsible for this event as it is managed by the NAATW Committee. Marnie C., B-United Group made a motion to support the Ottawa Bid to host the 2018 National A.A. Technology Workshop. Seconded by Dominique L, Willing to Change. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: INTERGROUP INVENTORY: Jean F.

1. Jean suggests rather than taking the August meeting off, Intergroup could take a group inventory. How would this be done? Jean suggested a former Intergroup Chair could bring the questions. A concern was expressed that when you take an inventory you then need a committee to execute the recommendations. Another question was whether this inventory would be open to just the Intergroup Reps or to all alcoholics in the Ottawa area. Suggestions were that it should be only Intergroup Reps who could bring questions/info from their groups. It was also suggested that this must be preannounced. John G., Back to Basics made a motion that an Intergroup inventory be taken in August 2017 and it will be open to all Ottawa area alcoholics, not just Intergroup Reps. Seconded by Marcia P., Oasis. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS-COFFEE AT INTERGROUP MEETING: Jean F.

1. John G. will prepare coffee for the next Intergroup meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: INTERGROUP RENOVATION REPORT- Jean F.

1. Jean distributed the Renovation Report on the Intergroup office. No further purchases will be made. She went over budget by \$1109.01 due to the flooring, which had been damaged beyond repair with the removal of the literature room walls as well as electrical wiring found in one of the walls that had to be moved. There was a significant amount of volunteer labour involved in the renovation. Jean acknowledged that she does not take the matter of going over budget lightly.

NEW BUSINESS: PREDATORY BEHAVIOUR IN A.A.: Aaron, Labyrinth Group (bringing his own concern to Intergroup)

1. Aaron read a presentation he prepared on the predatory behaviour he has seen in A.A. and how harmful it is the new people coming in, both men and women. He doesn't see A.A. as safe for the newcomer. Aaron said, "Anonymity is not a cloak." He would like to see a proposal to protect the newcomer.
2. Founders Day, June 10th will include in their program a panel discussion on Safety In A.A.
3. Jean thanked Aaron for bringing this matter to Intergroup and while each group is autonomous there are things Intergroup can do. Here is the link to the GSO publication, Safety and A.A. – Our Common Welfare: http://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/smf-209_en.pdf. It was suggested that reps bring this to their groups' awareness. We will begin to put this publication in the newcomer packages, also.

NEW BUSINESS-SUGGESTION:

1. Richard R., Orleans Hub made a motion to send \$5000 to GSO. Stephen explained the financial statements contain the income from the Spring Conference, but not the expenses so the statement will change dramatically once those expenses have been entered. Jean mentioned, too, that Intergroup is currently

looking at the possibility of hiring an employee so that would further reduce our income. Motion was withdrawn.

OLD BUSINESS-CANADATHON: Michel D.

1. There are only 2 meetings left before the Canadathon, May 21st and June 25th. Groups can contribute to Michel D. or Chris, the treasurer. Groups and individuals can bring food on that day. You can email Canadathon@ottawaaa.org for information, to assist or to let them know you are bringing food.

Motion to adjourn Meeting by: Chad B., Uptown; Tom K., West End Group, seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting closed at 8:40 PM with the Responsibility Pledge

Next meeting: June 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM, Mac Hall, Bronson Centre.