

Intergroup 5 ~ Monthly Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Debbie R. We began the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2016

Present: Debbie R.~~Co-Chair
Kevin H.~~Treasurer/WebPerson
Stacy M.~~Secretary
Evelyn G.~~12 Step Coordinator
Rebecca H.~~Activities Coordinator
Jacob C.~~Literature Chair
Archie G.~~Message Editor
Ava O.~~Rep. Bradfordville
David S.~~Rep. WANTS
Rana A.~~Rep. YPG
Richard S.~~Alt. DCM District

Next meeting: April 6, 2016, 7 PM, Faith Presbyterian

1. Announcements

Intergroup 5 is currently seeking a new Literature Coordinator; Jacob is graduating and moving on!! Continued success on your journey, Jacob~~YaY!! If you, or anyone you know is interested in taking on a service position, that literally helps to carry the message, please join us at our next meeting! We also are in need of the support of our group representatives. They help to inform the fellowship of upcoming events~~many are fun-filled!! Please send an alternate if your rep is unable to attend, we need your input and help in making decisions that help the fellowship grow!

2. Monthly Reports

Secretary's Report—Reported by Stacy

- The minutes created by Sally F., in Stacy's absence last month, were reviewed by the group~~Thanks Sally! David S. motioned to accept the minutes. Rana A. 2nd the motion, approved.

Treasurer's Report—Reported by Kevin H.

- We received a substantial amount of money from the groups in our area, \$1,291.84. We had a significant expense in our insurance costs. We were turned down by one provider, so we accepted a policy from Lloyds of London at a cost of \$732.86. With the newly adjusted prudent reserve of \$5,061.72, we are currently operating with a surplus. Our balance is \$6,481.70.
- An order for Where and When's has been placed.
- Annual Report is in the process of being done.

David S. motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, Rana A. 2nd the motion, approved.

District News—Reported by Richard S.

- District has decided to do a workshop for interested individuals, on sponsorship, more will be revealed soon about the details. They would like to do a circuit speaker workshop in the future. So if that interests folks, it will be forthcoming, done down the road a bit!
- Glen, the delegate for our area, will give a Pre-conference workshop before leaving for the conference in New York. The workshop will be held on Sunday, March 13th, at Central, at 1:30 PM. The meeting will last about 1 ½ to 2 hours, District will provide refreshments.
- Vacant positions that were filled include Bridging the Gap, by David, from MS and CPC, with Sabrina, from Central. Kira has resigned from the Grapevine.

Office Coordinator—Not present

Web Report—Reported by Debbie R.

- Debbie has nothing noteworthy to report. She has added the new Lanark meeting to the schedule. She does ask that everyone continue to monitor the calendar for your meetings, to make sure we don't "lose" any. If you need to make meeting changes, please fill out the online form.

Message Editor Report—Reported by Archie

- Archie is extremely happy with the reception the Message has gotten, since it has become a regular publication. The piece on Coach Bob was very informative and he enjoyed doing the interview. The next issue will probably be Corrections oriented, as so many inmates are there due to problems with alcohol. He also plans to discuss/remind fellowship members of the Founder's Day event that is upcoming in June. He will address this in the Editors Corner, of the next issue.
- The copies of the January/February issue, flew off the tables at all meeting places. Discussion ensued about increasing the number of copies to be printed, from 100 to 140. David S. motioned to increase the number of copies printed of the Message from 100 to 140, Rana A. 2nd the motion, approved.

12 Step Coordinator—Reported by Evelyn G.

- Evelyn reports that there were 313 calls in February, an average of 10/day. As discussed at the last meeting, the message heard by callers needs to be changed. Evelyn spoke with the woman who records the message, callers hear. The woman stated, that she will record whatever message we decide upon. Discussion ensued as to what might be said. Evelyn suggested that the message be short, as those who call, are often in a state of crisis. We all agreed. She was thinking of something like, "This line is managed 24 hours/day. Someone will call you back soon, and Don't Drink!" We all agreed that we would leave the decision, in her capable hands, as to what exactly to say!!
- Evelyn also stated that she is in the process of recruiting new volunteers, to take shifts and receive calls. She needs to know the sobriety requirement, 6 months was discussed as a good amount. She brought in a draft of the handout she prepared to familiarize the new volunteers with hotline duties and contact information they might need. It was briefly reviewed by the group, at the meeting. Debbie suggested the handout be reviewed more intently, than in the time allowed tonight, and that we vote on it by email. We all agreed that this was a good idea.

Literature Report—Reported by Jacob C.

- Jacob just placed a large book order, there is a great deal of stock available if anyone is in need. Tracy from Corrections has been very regular in picking up books for distribution to inmates. The necessity for Spanish language Big Books has been duly noted and there are a number available for dissemination.
- Sales tax has been paid, so we are all alright on that front.

Activities Coordinator—Reported by Rebecca H.

- There have been no activities since the Holiday party. Rebecca is willing to help District with the Pre-Conference workshop on March 13th at Central Group.

3. Discussion

Old Business

There was nothing to attend to.

New Business

The bank needs paperwork from us, to include: The officers' names and titles, who will be on the signature card for the account and the transfer of online banking from Stan to Kevin; with the signature of the Secretary to attest to the acceptance of the above. Discussion ensued as to the particulars of such.

Rana motioned to change the signature card at bank, Larry Horne will be removed, Stanley Parsons will remain on the card, Kevin Harrington and Debbie Ray will be added. Stanley will transfer online banking duties to Kevin. David 2nd the motion, approved by the group.

Officers are as follows:

Boyd Yost, Chair

Debbie Ray, Co-Chair

Kevin Harrington, Treasurer

Stacy Miller, Secretary

Signatures on bank card: Remove Larry Horne from the account, leave Stanley Parsons on the account, add Kevin Harrington and Debbie Ray. Allow for the transfer of online banking to Kevin Harrington from Stanley Parsons.

Signed _____

Date _____

Stacy Miller, Secretary

The annual Spring Picnic needs to be planned. Sine we have a surplus of monies Rebecca is going to get moving on making it a fun-filled event!! She will let us know the details ASAP!!

Jacob suggests that the office is in dire need of rearranging and renovating of space. There is too much stuff not being used, a desk, fridge, etc. David S. offered to help Jacob, on Sunday, 3/6/16. Jacob felt he could get some other people to volunteer to help.

David S. motioned to close the meeting, Rana A. 2nd the motion, approved.

We ended the meeting with The Responsibility Pledge.