

Intergroup 5 ~ Monthly Business Meeting Minutes: April 1st, 2020

At this time most meeting locations are closed due to COVID-19 & shelter in place notices by government. This was the first tele-conference business meeting ever held.

Both the Spring Picnic and Founders Day have been postponed, no dates yet

The tele-conference meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Michael.

Present

Michael, Chair
Paul, Vice-Chair
Jim, Treasurer
Chip, Secretary
Tom, The Message Editor

Adam, Website
Rebecca, Literature
Niki, Activities
Evelyn, Hotline
Kevin, Alt DCM

Trey, Happy Hour
Deb, Central
Christie, Sopchoppy
Len, Carrabelle
Marsha, Serenity Sisters

Monthly Reports

Voting: Voting done by voice acclimation. There were not any no/opposed votes at this meeting.

Secretary's Report — Reviewed March minutes. No changes needed. Motion to accept minutes by Deb, 2nd by Adam; Approved. Reviewed process of gathering info & forwarding to Adam any meeting changes & updates.

Treasurer's Report — Report for March presented. Contributions of 450, expenses of 1,682, which included the normal monthly expenses plus printing of The Message & Where & When's. Checking balance 5,330, savings 1,827, prudent reserve 4,140.19, YTD we are over the reserve by 3,018. Discussed ways to allow members to donate to Intergroup via our website. Motion to accept report by Rebecca, 2nd by Chip; Approved.

Chair Report — Nothing new to report. Focus on serving our groups, however we can.

Vice-Chair Report — Nothing new to report. Brought up during the financial report what to do about the high bank balance & options, possibility of groups needing money to pay rent/etc. as well as possible lower donations from groups. Kevin mentioned Area is expecting a revenue drop. Discussed only, no actions at this meeting.

Web Report — Reviewed web changes over the last month. Presented web platform comparison, discussed it. Motion to change platform to wordpress.org by Deb, 2nd by Rebecca; Approved.

Message — Layout for the current issue is complete, the printer is shut down and did not print the March/April issue and may be a problem for the May/June issue. Discussed web-only distribution for the current issue. Will finish the analysis on the change to on-line publication system.

Hotline Coordinator — Large spike for March - **515** calls, 2nd highest month in at least 4 years. A fair number of calls related to the meeting changes/cancellations. Some were unfamiliar with Zoom or needed help - it is easy to acclimate to it once someone tries it. All teams staffed as of 4/1, no one now on the wait list for a position (3 got jobs so they couldn't do it). MENTION the need for a few people to be 'on deck' it at your homegroup.

Activities Coordinator — Spring picnic cancelled. Seed money will be returned if the picnic is cancelled for 2020. The shelter deposit was returned. She will try and pick a few dates for the picnic, likely toward Fall. Will report those for discussion at the next business meeting.

Literature Report —Orders for March were 9 from 7 entities. Sales with tax 661.90, included 76 books & 36 pamphlets. Bank balance is \$1,394. New Where & When's available at the printer's location.

Business

Old Business — None

New Business — reviewed current events and the **AA International Conference has been cancelled**. Research will be done to find out if AA meetings/functions are classed as an "Essential Business" in the mental health arena. Some discussion about different platforms for the next business meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 8:13 pm by Adam, 2nd by Tom. The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

Next meeting: May 6, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

Platform for meeting will be e-mailed prior to the meeting, similar to April.

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