

Intergroup 5 ~ Monthly Business Meeting Minutes: February 5th, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Michael.

Present

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| Michael , Chair | Adam , Website | Barby , Bradfordville |
| Paul , Vice-Chair | Niki , Activities | Robert , Came To Believe |
| Jim , Treasurer | Kevin , Alt DCM | Judy , Carrabelle |
| Chip , Secretary | James , Lloyd | Len , Carrabelle |
| Tom , The Message Editor | Marsha , The Message | Nick , Lake Jackson |
| Rebecca , Literature | Lisa , Singleness of Purpose | Beth , Crawfordville |

Monthly Reports

Secretary's Report — January minutes presented. Reviewed updates on web & possibility of messages going to junk mail. Email announcements for meetings will be in a varied format. Rebecca made a motion to accept the minutes, 2nd by Tom; Approved 16-0 (before Jim & Barby arrived).

Treasurer's Report — January's report given. Contributions of 1,249, expenses of 352. Checking balance 6,159.68, savings 1,827.85, prudent reserve 4,140.19. Expense for the Holiday party were in December's figures, the revenue in this month. Jim reviewed several methods used to calculate our prudent reserve (using the 6-month NY guideline). The result is our prudent reserve wouldn't change more than 20.00, like the review in June 2019. The 2020 budget will be ready next month. Motion to accept his report by Rob, 2nd by Marsha; Approved 18-0. Motion by Kevin to keep the prudent reserve at 4,140.19, second by Tom; Approved 18-0.

Chair Report — Asked for input on responding to the occasional email inquiries. Discussion concluded with "OK to use your judgement" on these types of messages. The common thread in most like this were about starting a meeting in a dark (no meetings nearby) area.

Vice-Chair Report — Suggested we start skipping the group reports when there's multiple items in Old and New Business. Michael expressed his delight at having a Vice-Chair. Implementing the suggestion at this meeting.

Web Report — Has met with several people willing to help. Meeting App work in process, but we may change the website architecture. Website services would be the same, but there would be a "no extra work" benefit for the Meeting App listing. He is continuing research on if the change (to WordPress) is worth an increase in expense, as well as the overall costs of our current system vs. changing it.

Message — New issue was distributed. Also now has someone that will help (Robert) along with Marsha. The next issue will feature the Lloyd group as well as more history of AA in our area.

Hotline Coordinator — Absent, Secretary reported. Calls for January were 368. Currently all spots filled. She has a waiting list for volunteers and mentioned openings are relatively frequent.

Activities Coordinator — Highest priority task now is carefully picking the date for the Spring Picnic. Discussion followed; recommendations were made. Last year it seemed there were too many other functions in town that competed with it, likely postponed functions due to hurricane Michael.

Literature Report — January was a slow month, 3 group & 2 committee orders received in January. Sales were 310.70, 36 books & 502 pamphlets. Seven orders were received since Feb 1.

Business

Old Business — Welcome packets were not discussed, tabled.

Speaker list topic - suggestion was made to bring it up at group business meetings, see if there's an interest. Forward suggestions and people that would participate to the Intergroup Secretary.

Succession planning for beyond 2020 - Start thinking about it; tabled until June.

IG5 Group Survey - which essentially would be an Intergroup inventory. Did not discuss at this meeting. Tabled.

Member engagement for Group Reps at Intergroup - would like us to keep that in mind in 2020, how to encourage participation. This topic will be featured in the next issue of *The Message*. Tabled.

New Business — A motion was introduced by Gene to allow Literature to stock & sell other items that are not "NY approved". Discussion followed, including, additional work, what to inventory, space for more books, how fast we add items. Examples are coins and other books that are sold in other intergroups as well as in Akron. Reviewed why this was approved in the past but was never implemented. Motion amended to do this for literature only on a test basis. Vote was taken, 13-1 (one abstained initially & voted no at the beginning of the discussion after the vote, 3 left before the motion was brought up). Voters against the motion reviewed their reasons, essentially ease of groups that want them can get on-line; we do a good job of getting the important items to the groups now (Big Book, 12 & 12 and literature); added burden to the Literature Chairwoman. The question about if anyone would change their vote - final vote approved the motion, 13-2.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm, 2nd by all. The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

Next meeting: March 4, 2020 @ 7:00 PM
2200 N. Meridian Rd (at John Knox)

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