

October 21, 2024 Intergroup Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened with serenity prayer Dave at 6:30 pm.

Present in person and via Zoom: David S., Michelle, Brad, Dawn W., Peggy, Marian G., Bryan G., Maria, Brandon

Colleen, Jim F., Scott S., Kyle S., Pam S., Letha, Bruce M.,

Groups represented: TN Group, So-So Group, Happy Hour Group, First Things First Group, Happy Rockford Group, West Knox Group, Design for Living, High Nooners, Group with no Name

Motion made to accept previous month's minutes Marian G, Bryan seconded it. All accepted.

Manager's Report – Dawn W. inter group is all stocked up, we can get the tri- plate chips if wanted

Treasurer's Report – Dave S.

Need to keep the office running is approximately 3,000 month Deficit of \$2,442.95 , comments on percentage of groups that send donations to inter- group, literature has gone up. Ideas were put forward to bring up inter- group need of donations at district meetings

Marian G. made motion to accept the treasurer's report
Seconded it by Bryan, all accepted

Hotline Report – Jack F.

- No updates to review or report, all is well . One opening has been filled with a new volunteer- he will miss Nov/ Dec will provide info to Dawn

Office Service Workers – Dave S.

- Dave stated that we will have to close on Saturdays- there are openings on Saturday from 8:30-12 noon- first and fourth Saturday of the month

Archives – Allison

- not present

Website – not present

Accessibilities – to be filled

Spanish liaison – Maria – nothing to report

CPC/PI – Sandra - no report

Treatment Report – Jacques H. - no report

Corrections Report – Marian G. - went to district 4, went to district 3 on October 6th- they will have a gratitude meeting, waiting for a new jail in Morristown. Going to Asheville on Friday, back on Sunday for a conference. From Sarah- district 4- meetings are going into Sevierville, working on Loudon- release program, wanting to funnel through inter groups. Pre- release program was set up when Marian was coordinator, and they would call. They would correspond . District 4 corrections is doing a workshop in January. District 6 found a woman to go into Anderson County Jail.

Outreach Report – Ken L. - reported by Dawn- I went to the Unusual Suspects meeting again. There seemed to be a lot of short term sober people struggling to ‘get it’. I suggested service work is a way to make a commitment to sobriety and being an inter group rep was a great way to start. Attended the 4th Dimension group at 11.00 AM. Big meeting, maybe 30 people. I did my announcement and asked for an inter group rep. They were having a business meeting this week. I didn’t get her name but one person announced a newer meeting in Friendsville on Wednesdays. It is on our meeting list but I told her she could get an announcement in the newsletter if she contacted the office. I got on the zoom meeting for The Outreach Group on Sunday at 7pm. It was originally based in the Harrogate area as a splinter group of the Tri State group. The members have dispersed. Peter, the chairperson, is now in Wisconsin but he forwarded my inter group info to a member in Harrogate that goes to the Tri State group. Tabitha (in the Rocky Mountains) expressed interest in doing hot line work. I advised her to call the office and to ask for Dave and/or ask to get in touch with Jack.

Events – Jimmy & Susi

Not present, no report

Mobile Intergroup & Accessibilities Report – Colleen

- still taking volunteers needed for future events - please announce them at groups . One person has stepped up- volunteers needed for 11/1 and 11/2 - remote medical - just a drop off and pick up . District 50-51 Christmas party- looking for a person to come to the event with her-

Accessibilities book- suggestion is to form a committee to see what accessibilities needed in the groups.

Dave S. Primary purpose group had someone come who reads lips

Discussion ensued on how to proceed. ONE example is to reach out to the website coordinator can be updated to show if a meeting is wheelchair accessible

Question- does etiaa.org update the app? yes

OLD BUSINESS: - none to discuss

NEW BUSINESS:

District 4 is hosting .. March 2025 . Would like to know if they can place a box at intergroup. Suggestion- District should host the fund raiser- and etiaa.org will put the information on the website

A carpenter offered his work all labor free , and would like to build a hutch to house the big books in different languages. Would only need to be reimbursed for the materials

Question- can we afford it?

It may hold other things- archives things

Request to give a price

Fawn- some of the shelves are beginning to sag

Right now, we are into deficit spending- recommendation to wait until we are ahead

Another thought- take back the motion to mailing things free of charge- Postage for the year was \$ 290 and change

We could make a motion to go back to charging for literature postage- Marian G

Fawn seconded it

Effective 11/1/2024- will be sent out in the Unity Newsletter

The motion carried

Decision was made to bring back the information on the cost of the hutch next month

David S.- explanation - Plain language Big Book is coming out next month . The 5th edition Big Book is coming out after January . Suggestion to buy 3 cases so that we can give a case to one person who asked, and have 2 for purchases. Would have to sell.

Maria motioned to buy 3 cases, Brandon seconded it

In favor 12- and 3 were opposed .

The” no’s” were given a chance to speak

Letha said that we don’t need to spend the money

Bryan- one risk is they don’t sell

David S. - it is written on a 5th grade level

Marian G. says inmates were offended by inmates who can’t read as an excuse

Pam S- point was made that if we are in a bad financial position don’t buy a larger amount than I need

Bryan- store has all of TN to sell to

Brandon- special worker know the inventory- it is their job- they see it

Another vote was taken after Dave S made a motion

Vote 11 to 4 passed to purchase the Plain language books

Colleen- made a motion to create Accessibilities committee- Michelle said she can help

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm, closed with the Responsibility Statement.

Next meeting will be held **November 18 at 6:30pm in person and via Zoom.**