

Intergroup Service Committee of the 5th District Inc.

Monthly Business Meeting

Date: 3/17/2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous was read by Lee H.

Introduction and Welcome to new Intergroup Representatives (IGR's): Scott, Venice YPG

Roll Call of Officers and IGR's

Officers		Members At Large
Chair	Clark D. [*]	Joe B. [*]
Vice Chair	Lee H. [*]	Bill G. [*]
Treasurer	Normand D. [*]	Russ D. [*]
Secretary	Gary McD. [*]	Mark [*]
Office Manager	Claire T. [*]	Jeff C. [UnEx]

([*] indicates present, [Ex] indicates excused not present, [UnEx] indicates not excused not in attendance)

Groups represented: Progress Group, Serenity By The Sea, Peace River Group, Brown Bagger, Fresh Start, Bare With Us, Morning Glory, North Port Group, I Am Responsible, Venice YPG, Venice Rainbow, Lunch Bunch.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and after a seconded motion, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was reviewed and after a seconded motion, the report was approved.

Chairperson's Report: None

Office Manager's Report: The Pizza, Pins and Pop bowling event was a huge success. Everyone that attended seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. After expenses, total proceeds to Intergroup were \$215.00. Our thanks as always to the Events Committee for their hard work.

We have our forms for the CD lending library ready for use. Thank you to Normand for his work on the form as well as the time he's been taking to transfer the tapes. As you may remember, we are offering CD's for members to borrow. The only thing we are asking is a \$5.00 deposit, which will be returned when the CD is returned. We have a list of available CDs, which will change as more tapes are transferred onto CDs. Also, we were gifted many tapes from the family of Henry Z. Normand will review them once our original set of tapes is completed. After review, the cost to transfer to CD format will be presented to the Steering Committee. In addition to the tapes, much AA literature was donated as well. It was requested that our office donate the material as we saw fit. Treatment, Corrections and District 5 General Service were all given material in Henry's memory. Also, the literature basket that is given away at the Old Timers Dinner contains books donated by Henry's family as well.

We created a flyer for the lending library. A copy was made to put at each place setting at the Old Timers Dinner. We also have a copy of the flyers and speakers for each of the IGR's to take back to their groups.

A member of our fellowship has donated a small boom box with a CD player to Intergroup. We will now be able to offer the members the opportunity to listen to the CD's right here in the office. This will increase the use of the office for fellowship, which has long been one of our goals.

We had a minor issue with our call forwarding system. On the weekends, we remotely access the system to roll the calls to the Saturday and Sunday volunteers. However, the weekend of 2/20-2/21 we were denied access. Thank you to Normand and Russ for going to the office to turn the phones over. Three hours and 4 calls to Comcast and the issue was resolved.

We have replenished our inventory for the month. We reordered leather key rings, we sold the original 5 that we ordered in one week! The tri-plates that are empty are on order. Our office continues to get compliments on the availability of inventory. Just a reminder, our bookstore is 100% self-supporting. Group contributions are **not** used to purchase literature. Instead, group contributions are used to pay all of our regular monthly expenses, rent, utilities, insurance, corporate fees, payroll, etc.

One of our office volunteers had to step down. We thank Wess for his service. The position has already been filled. However, we are losing our volunteer that covers the 3rd and 4th Tuesday from 12-3 and our Wednesday 12-3. Please let your group members know that we are looking for volunteers to fill those positions.

The Old timers Dinner is this Saturday at 5:00 pm at the Englewood United Methodist Church. The 12 Step Volunteer workshop is Saturday, March 26th at 1:00 pm at the Intergroup office. All members are encouraged to attend.

Calls for the month of February were: AA – 117, Detox – 1, 12 Step – 4, Office – 47, and other 6.

In love and service, Claire T., Office Manager

Day Phone Coordinator: A Volunteer is needed for the 3rd and 4th Tuesday and every Wednesday, both shifts are 12-3.

Night/Weekend Phone Coordinator: All shifts are covered.

Intergroup District Liaison's Report: Position open

Events Coordinator's Report: The Events Committee met at 7:00pm in the Intergroup office. There were 5 members in attendance. The committee reviewed the plans for the Old Timers Dinner. The list of needed supplies from Sam's Club was finalized. The number of cakes to be ordered was also finalized. Tablecloths were approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. The Events Committee meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Intergroup office. All interested AA members are encouraged to attend.

Love and service, Bill G.

Old Business: There was a motion made regarding the Lifeline. The motion states: That the monthly newsletter the Lifeline be discontinued due to lack of interest. The motion was seconded and the floor was opened for discussion. The webmaster stated that the website received only 20 visits last month and several were from him to approve the site and the Office Manager (OM) to print and review, meaning less than 20 people actually visit the site to view the Lifeline. The webmaster also said that all the information in the Lifeline is available on the website itself. Many Intergroup Representatives (IGRs), said that the general feeling in the group was that it was not that important. All those present agreed that the information being available on the website made the Lifeline unnecessary. After all discussion was complete, the motion was put to a vote and all voting members unanimously voted to discontinue the Lifeline.

New Business:

Announcements from the floor: The 12 Step Volunteer workshop is next Saturday, March 26 at 1:00 pm at the Intergroup office. The Serenity By The Sea Group is having their spring picnic on Sunday, March 20, 2016 immediately following the 10:00 am meeting.

Adjournment: The Responsibility Declaration was read and the meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Gary McD. Secretary