

Intergroup Service Committee of the 5th District Inc.

Monthly Business Meeting

Date: 4/21/2016

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

The Responsibility Declaration was read

Introduction and Welcome to new Intergroup Representatives (IGR's)

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. [*]	Position Open

([*] 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, Venice YPG, Venice Lunch Bunch, Attitude Adjustment, Tuesday Beginners (PC) and PMS Group.

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: As reported in the Treasurer's Report, we have reached our required prudent reserve. We wish to thank the groups in District 5, the Birthday Club members and our Faithful Fivers for their continued generous support of Intergroup. I would also like to thank the Steering Committee for their support. Together, we have accomplished a great deal and we can only get better from here. We would also like to thank the members that attended our 12 Step Volunteer Workshop. We have been able to increase the number of 12 Step volunteers and we are in the process of updating our current list. The information we are adding should make it so much easier for the office volunteers to find a willing AA member when someone calls the office for help. Since our first workshop proved successful, I would like for us to host a second workshop in August. The subject of the workshop would be sponsorship and would be based on the AA pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship". Additionally, I am hoping to have a few old timers lead the workshop,

since we could all benefit from their experience. It is with much sadness that we say goodbye to our Tuesday 9-12 office volunteer. Dotty has stepped down. We thank her for her service, she will be missed. On a lighter note, we would like to welcome Laura to our volunteer family. She will be covering the Wednesday 12-3 shift. We currently need a volunteer to cover the 3rd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 12-3 and every Tuesday morning from 9-12. Our gratitude to the Events Committee for the amazing job they did on the Old Timers Dinner. As always, a wonderful time was had by all those that participated. The people who volunteered to cook and serve did an amazing job. We also got very positive feedback regarding the Steering Committee member serving as greeters. The lending library has begun to see some action. In addition to the CD boom box donated by a member, we were also gifted a set of headphones. Now, our members can enjoy CDs right in the office. Thank you to those members for their donations. So far, we have loaned out 20 CDs. We also had a member donate even more cassette tapes to Intergroup. Our library will hold over 600 CDs by the time we are finished. Last April, I spoke with a gentleman from Michigan who is the chairman of the Upper Peninsula Corrections Committee. This is a very remote area that receives no funding from the local district. All literature purchases are paid for by the members of that Corrections Committee. Last year we sold 12 pocket size Big Books to him at cost. This year, we sold 24 pocket size Big Books at cost. It is such an honor for our office to assist members that serve, even if they don't serve our district directly. We look forward to continuing this arrangement so the message of recovery continues to be carried. An order was placed for aluminum coins and bronze medallions. Thanks to a sale on the aluminum coins and an offer of free shipping on orders over \$75.00, we were able to save \$21.50 on the order. We also placed an order with AA World Service (AAWS) for literature. A second order was placed to AAWS upon my return. When I left on my vacation, we had 30 hard cover Big Books on the shelf. When I returned, we had zero, so I ordered 100 Big Books. As you may remember, we are given a significant discount when we order 100. On Friday, Normand and I met with Darla M. and Kim D. These ladies are involved with the new clubhouse that will be opening. The Englewood Alano Club will begin holding meetings beginning May 1st. They will also be holding an open house this Saturday, April 23, from 3-6 pm. The address is 2936 S. McCall Road in Englewood, all AA members are invited to attend. There are flyers available. Normand and I discussed literature needs with the representatives of the Alano Club and offered Intergroups' assistance. Currently, there are 4 new AA groups that will be meeting there with more to come I'm sure. Finally, my gratitude to Normand for filling in for me while I was away. In love and service, Claire T. Office Manager

Day Phone Coordinator: A Volunteer is needed for the Tuesday 9-12 am shift and the 3rd and 4th Tuesday from 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 on April 7 at 7:00 pm at the Intergroup office. There were 7 people in attendance. The Founders Day Dinner is scheduled for June 4, 2016 at the United Methodist Church in Englewood. It will be an Hawaiian theme. The menu was decided, we will serve Hawaiian Chicken Salad, a fresh vegetable plate and Key Lime pie. Once the price is set we will print tickets and flyers. Golf at The Cove (formerly Duffy's) on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at 8:30 am. Flyers will be available soon. There will be no Events Committee meeting in July. Golf Tournament in September. Flyers will be available soon. Gratitude Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, November 19, 2016 at the United Methodist Church in Englewood. Tentative menu was set. We will be serving Roast Cornish Game Hen, Seasoned potatoes, Julienne Zucchini & Yellow Squash,

Caesar Salad and desert. More information will follow. Halloween Dance will be held on October 29, 2016. Time and place to be announced. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm followed by the Lord's Prayer. In love and service, Bill G.

Old Business: None

New Business: Desiree stood for the open position on the Steering Committee. After giving her qualifications, the IGRs voted unanimously to approve. We thank Desiree for her service.

Announcements from the floor: None

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Gary McD. Secretary