

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY INTERGROUP COUNCIL: MARCH 1st, 2023
Minutes
Meeting Commenced 7:31 pm

OPENING CUSTOMS:

Serenity Prayer, Preamble & 12 Traditions – Christopher questioned these items being on the agenda. Skipped to 7th Tradition.

7th Tradition & Introductions – Kerri to post PayPal Info
Christopher asked for the introductions of new Reps:
Karla – New Rep for Spiritual Tools
Grey – New Rep for Friday Nite Live
Vincent – New Rep for Friday Nite Candlelight
Don – New Rep for Men’s Basic Step Study
Erik – Big Book Thumpers Step Study on Wednesday Nite.

Birthdays No Birthdays!!

Approval of previous month’s minutes – motioned to approve by Ed O; 2ndd by John.
Any oppositions? - none forthcoming.

REPORTS:

Chair: Christopher – happy to be present – very happy to be of service.
Old business was an Ad Hoc committee for financial guidelines and a budget. The old committee has been disbanded, and he is creating a new committee.

He has received 2 formal complaints.

- a. A person was verbal
- b. The other in writing

Both stemmed from the election.

Christopher believes the complaints should be addressed via spiritual fitness of Inter-group as a whole. A group inventory would help to identify where we can improve. Not on the agenda tonight, but it will be forthcoming. Asked for questions, none forthcoming.

Vice Chair: VACANT

Treasurer: Matthew – Had a meeting with Kerri yesterday and some reports were printed. He asked what the groups want to see at group level from the treasurer. Kimberlee noted that previously we had received a list of contributions by group, and then a general expense sheet to see where Central Office is month by month in terms of profit and loss. Sarah added that she would like to think it over and send an email. Lucie added that in terms of the newsletter, groups like to see what was contributed. Matthew asked for other details...in terms of reports.

Office Manager: Kerri - Kerri ran the donation by report group last night. 80 callers; 61 visitors and 44 purchasers. Was a slow month at Central Office. The shifts are all filled. The office manager’s meeting will be this Friday. She showed the

new big book with a new cover and the paper is thicker, so the book is about ¼ inch bigger. Please go to AASantaCruz.org where the latest meeting info is located, and business committee meetings, and also the events page which is up to date! Be sure to check out the website!! Asked for questions, none forthcoming.

BSM Chair: Ed O – We all set for this Saturday! Show up and win one of those new books!! Val is the speaker. Father Tom is the speaker for April! A new spreadsheet is being set up so Lucie will have all info regarding BSM. Rob said the recording was completed and delivered to Central Office.

Activities Chair: Kimberlee – St Patty’s Day is under way. We have lots of decorations and CruzyPaa is going to have a Mocktail Bar, and drinks will be for sale, and all sales will benefit CruzyPaa! We have a great speaker! Patrick C from Freedom!

Diverter Chair: VACANT Jack stepped up to give a report - 3rd Shift open on Tuesday 11pm to 7am. Jack said in Tahoe, they use an answering service, and the service finds someone available to talk to the person. He thinks it might be a good idea since last year we had as many as 12 positions open at once. Jack thought it might be worth it to investigate options...Grey’s question – some people call for meetings, so he’s wondering if the answering service would have the meeting schedule and the answer was “yes.” Lily noted that it was rolled out in San Mateo, and the point is to speak to another alcoholic, rather than an agency, and what would our cost be?

Newsletter Chair: Lucie – March newsletter came out today – thanks to Mark for posting, and to Kerri for help with the snail mail version. She’ll be contacting Area Reps to recruit people for subscriptions to the Grapesccin!! QR code available! Mary asked, “what?” Lucie said we’re okay mailing out paper copies, but we want to get information out to subscribe. Mary said, they can email, and why do we need a QR code? Christopher clarified it just makes signing up easier.

Bylaws Chair: Sarah R – Group met 3rd Tuesday in February. Busy meeting and robust discussion. Topics discussed included the role of the chairperson in our business meetings, and how much hard work goes into getting a budget approved at Intergroup. Sarah wrote a report and read it and put it in the chat. Christopher attended and said it was a lively discussion.

Website Chair: Mark B – their first meeting was a couple weeks ago. The first goal is to document the existing system so in case something happened to him. They also want to establish a regular meeting time which is the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Delegate at Large: Magi R – She’s back!! She took a year off to get married, and now she’s back! Looking forward to being of service. She offered herself up for questions about Intergroup.

Recording Secretary: VACANT – Kimberlee taking notes for the record, not an official report.

GS Liaison: Deb – The Agenda topics are out for this year; released last Saturday. The GSRs should be gathering group consciousnesses – the 5th Edition of the Big Book is under way, and there are 2,600 stories submitted; they're reading about 100 per month. They're shooting for 2025 for the new publishing date. It's Being updated with "plain language" The first 6 chapters are completed. April 3rd all book prices will be going up by about 20% and pamphlets will be going up by about 10%. Now's the time to stock up! Someone asked, "what is DCMC" and it means district committee chair. See the Chat for the new address for donations for CNCA

H&I Liaison: Fiona – absent

CRUZYPAA Liaison: Jesse – Cruzypaa elections are coming up; the flier was in the meeting email! They're happening March 18th at noon at Harvey West; 326 Evergreen Street, Santa Cruz. New Panel – all positions are being swapped out. They had a lot of participation and a lot of events! They attended AcyPaa – they obtained the "Summit Bid" which means eventually Cruzypaa will eventually host AcyPaa. Please join regardless of your age! Magi asked about location, and Christopher explained that there's a mini workshop about how to bid and host a conference, so our area gets to teach other groups, but wants to see more experience from our crew.

AD-Hoc Committee(s) Finance Ad-Hoc Committee – Chair, Treasurer, Office Manager, and anyone that would like to volunteer! Cloud Storage Ad-Hoc Committee, it overlaps with the Web Committee, so they will be discussing – the Ad-Hoc committee tasks will go directly to Web Committee...

OLD BUSINESS:

- Continuation of Elections from February:
 - Vacant positions from last month: Vice Chair, Recording Secretary, Diverter Chair
 - Area Rep Elections

She'll read the guidelines; will ask for availability; candidates will state qualifications; and then they'll go into a waiting room. Need 2/3 majority to elect; and will follow General Service guidelines for election.

No nominations or volunteers for Vice Chair (Someone asked to read the duties after Vice Chair was revisited for a vote, which Deb read)

No nominations or volunteers for Secretary

No nominations or volunteers for Diverter Chair

It was noted that next month, the 3-year time requirement may be waived.

Deb called for Area Rep Volunteers...

Mary K. Volunteered for Area 6 for a second year and describes her meeting attendance. A poll was sent out for the vote. Mary continues as Area 6 Rep!!

Rob Mc Volunteered for Area 5. He served a partial term last year. A poll was sent. Rob continues as Area 5 Rep!!

Dave H. Volunteered for Area 7. He served a partial term last year. A poll was sent. Yay! Dave is staying in.

John Volunteered for Area 9. He served a year last year. A poll was sent. Yay! John is staying in.

Grey asked about how to identify the different areas. And also, is there going to be an Area Rep for Zoom Meetings. Christopher noted that he would like to see how General Service handles this.

Grey asked if elections would continue after next month, and Christopher clarified that all emails need to go into the chat for communication going forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Request from Activities Chair to increase budget for spring fling Kimberlee was requesting an additional \$1,000 over the “normally” approved \$2,000 for a total of \$3,000 for the budget for Spring Fling. The matter had not been brought before Steering. She talked of inflation and itemized a few expenses: \$400 for the site at Harvey West; \$600.00 Band and about \$800 for food, leaves hardly anything for incidentals, so the request for \$1,000 wouldn’t necessary be spent, but rather it would be available if need without having to go to council again.
- The motion was: To Approve \$1,000 over the \$2,000 that is normally approved for Spring Fling” Poll was sent. 23 in favor; 4 opposed.
- Christopher asked for the minority to speak. No one spoke, the motion was passed.

Area Rep Reports (from outgoing reps):

Area 1 (Watsonville/La Selva): VACANT

Area 2 (Aptos): VACANT

Area 3 (Greater Soquel): Kimberlee-stepped down

Area 4 (Soquel Main St): Darcy-termed out

Area 5 (Capitola/Live Oak): Rob M-available to continue

Area 6 (East Santa Cruz): Mary K-available to continue

Area 7 (Downtown Santa Cruz): Dave H-available to continue

Area 8 (“Little Red Church” Downtown): Erik B-stepped down – Ursula L. Stepped up for the Red Church; Magi described the position after Kimberlee clarified that only 2 meetings per year need to be attended, and Ursula noted she goes there often, but decided to think it over.

Area 9 (Westside/Davenport): John J – available to continue – Staying on!

Area 10 (Scotts Valley/Emeline): VACANT – no volunteers

Area 11 (SLV): VACANT - Jackie volunteered, Poll was sent. Jackie is in!

What’s on your mind?

(Intergroup reps are welcome to bring up any topic or ask any questions at this time, but the topics may not be fully discussed until following Council Meeting)

Magi made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm, motion passed.

Quick three take aways:

St Patrick's Day March 18 – bring donations!

We need a Diverter Chair!

We Need a Vice Chair!