

## **SANTA CRUZ COUNTY INTERGROUP MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 2023**

7:30 PM

### **OPENING CUSTOMS:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm, and the Serenity Prayer was led by Christopher, followed by Readings of the: 12 steps (Judi) 12 Traditions (Ed), and the Safety Card (Kerri)

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition, Introductions:

Chelsie and Christine, joining as new area representatives. Thank you for volunteering to provide this much needed service.

Julia is visiting tonight. Veronica joins as new representative from Nifty Ladies Group. Jill as new representative from Scott's Valley Women's Meeting, and Laurie from the Santa Cruz Fellowship. Welcome to all!

Birthdays- Deb with 32 years of sobriety! What an inspiration! Congratulations!

Motion to approve August minutes offered by Judi, seconded by Matthew, and held by majority show of hands. July minutes will be carried to next meeting for approval.

### **REPORTS:**

Chair: Christopher A

Christopher reports that the Finance Committee met. The final draft of our financial guidelines is complete, and ready to be presented to the group. Following will be the development of a budget.

The office manager review is complete, to be discussed at this coming steering committee meeting.

Christopher shares that the ICYPAA Convention in SF was fantastic. He himself hosted many of the panels.

Deb observes how proud we are of our local leader. Thank you for your service and contribution to this international event Christopher!

Vice Chair: VACANT

Treasurer: Matthew W

Matthew reports that our finances continue to be stable. The final report of the financial guidelines is in progress, as stated by Christopher.

He observes that after finishing this first year of "Quick Books", acquired accounting data from the new process will help make financial projections easier, clearer, and more presentable going forward.

Office Manager: Kerri F

Kerri notes that the office needs a service person Tuesday from 1-5p.

She has the "Newcomer Packets" she developed ready and encourages groups and members to pick them up.

An updated area meeting list is available. (Christopher volunteers that he will e-mail these upon request.)

BSM Chair: Ed O

In spite of some younger members being away at the ICYPAA convention, a late DJ, and a last-minute substitute speaker, the BSM was successful!

Ed will present the financial information from this event at our next meeting.

Thank you Ed!

Activities Chair: Kimberlee K

Please contact Kimberlee with ideas for the Halloween event, scheduled for October 29 at the Vets Hall. A flyer needs to be developed.

Diverter Chair: Lily

Please contact Lily, ( 831) 331-0079, for diverter service open hours.

These shift openings are constantly changing.

She has filled a position for a Thursday diverter coordinator volunteer.

Newsletter Chair: Lucie-Not present

Bylaws Chair: Sarah R

Sarah's report submitted with minutes.

Website Chair: Mark-not present

Delegate at Large: Magi R

Magi shares that there is a safety committee workshop planned to help interested members draft safety guidelines for their meetings.

Recording Secretary: Carla

Asks that members feel free to contact her, give feedback, if the minutes don't reflect their report or statements accurately.

GS Liaison: Deb

The Grapevine app is available by subscription for \$2.99 a month.

Deb notes that the organization is working on a pamphlet for transgender alcoholics.

The next PRASA assembly is March 1-3, 2024, in San Francisco. Deb says there will be lots of service and fellowship opportunities, so save the date!

H&I Liaison: Veronica

Opal Cliff Residential needs a secretary for Saturdays, and The Camp 1<sup>st</sup> and third Monday at 6:30 pm.

IVSS needs a male sponsor.

Contact Victoria with questions or to volunteer

CRUZYPAA Liaison: Gabe

Monthly meeting September 17 1-3 pm at Harvey West Park.

There is a ACYPAA Summit October 6-8

The main meeting is at the beach and includes a dance. There is a great flyer available for your meetings on the aasantacruz website.

Ad-Hoc Committee(s): Finance, Safety (discussed in reports)

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Christine qualified for area 3 representative service. The group voted to waive the 6 month sobriety requirement in her case, and she was approved by a majority show of hands.**

**Chelsie qualified for the area 11 representative position, and also was approved by majority show of hands.**

**Welcome and thank you for your service!**

**We discussed approved bylaw changes regarding electronic meetings. Sarah provided clarification regarding positioning of the new language in the revision.**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion for "A vote of no confidence of the Santa Cruz County Intergroup Steering Committee, binding to remove the entire steering committee at the end of the meeting, that vote is held." (submitted by Murias, and seconded by Sarah)

Murias read a clarifying statement detailing the events leading her to make this motion. She agreed to a friendly amendment by Julia exempting voting members added to the group on August 31 or later from participating in a vote on this motion.

Several members spoke.. A few comments include:

"What happens if the members are removed?" "Who would replace them?"

Magi asked, "Where are we with the "group inventory" process we have been considering?"

Matthew suggests that time is needed to review the background information that was sent out electronically to all members of the council.

The motion was tabled by Christopher for further review.

**Area Rep Reports:**

Area 1 (Watsonville/La Selva): VACANT

Area 2 (Aptos): VACANT

Area 3 (Greater Soquel): Christine

Area 4 (Soquel Main St): VACANT

Area 5 (Capitola/Live Oak): Rob Mc

No report

Area 6 (East Santa Cruz): Mary K

Mary is taking proposed bylaw changes to her meetings for input.

Area 7 (Downtown Santa Cruz): Dave H not present

But he relays that meetings ARE OPEN during ongoing construction on Front St!

Contact Galen for snack bar opportunities 650 303-9713

Contact Nicole for open secretary positions 831 252-3047

Area 8 ("Little Red Church" Downtown): VACANT

Area 9 (Westside/Davenport): VACANT

Area 10 (Scotts Valley/Emeline): VACANT

Area 11 (SLV): Chelsie

Motion to adjourn submitted by Ed, seconded by Kimberlee.

Motion approved by majority vote.

Meeting ended at 9:04 pm

Minutes as submitted by Carla

Recording Secretary