

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY INTERGROUP, INC.  
5732 Soquel Drive, Soquel CA 95073

**Minutes of the Santa Cruz Intergroup Council Meeting of APRIL 6, 2016**

Meeting agenda, last month's minutes, Treasurer's report, and other reports and announcements were available before the meeting began.

CALLED to ORDER at 7:31 p.m. and opened with the recitation of the Serenity Prayer, Preamble & Twelve Traditions with Introductions. Attendance: 43

Minutes of last month are approved as read / approved with corrections: Approved as Read

CORRECTIONS ARE: None

OFFICE REPORTS *Elections of open Officer and all Area Representative positions will be held; Reports being given during counting of ballots:*

CHAIR, Steve N: Nice little orientation meeting numbers are growing but we still have a few Area Rep. positions that are still Open as well as some incorrect meeting listings in each area that the Area Reps are correcting and then will forward these corrections to Bob S., Office Manager.

VICE-CHAIR, Sharon: Going to start Orientation and getting Steering Committee phone numbers to be sure make calls to Remind everyone of next month meeting.

TREASURER, Jackie: The March report: Beginning Operating Account Balance was \$14,087.21; Total income was \$1,881.26; Total expenses were \$2,043.10; Closing Operating Account Balance was \$13,925.37; with a Month's loss of \$161.84. Attendance was down for the BSM and Only Collected \$196.00.

OFFICE MANAGER, Bob S: Our accountant is retiring, and we need to find someone with accounting skills to take over this volunteer position. [He then summarized the duties; basically filing quarterly and annual reports to both State and Federal agencies. Question to Bob: Do we need a C.P.A.? A: No, but they would need to be knowledgeable and get the updates to the laws for taxes and filings which occur frequently . Question to Bob: How long would it take to perform the job? A: about an hour. Office open shifts include, Thursday Afternoon Every Other Week starting on the week of April 10<sup>th</sup>. From 1:00 to 5:00. It's been a hectic month at the Central office but a slow month for Group Contributions and the BSM Contributions. We put Grape SCCIN copies on the table, please bring them to your groups.

TELEPHONE DIVERTER, Fred: The Diverter currently has (20) Open Shifts out of (155) 87% FULL. There are (2) Open Coordinator shifts available That are currently being handled by Fred & Jude. To learn more about the Diverter, there is an article in this month's Grape SCCIN which is very informative. Electronic updates have been completed. Sobriety requirements are 6 months.

ACTIVITIES, Brian: Wrapping up everything for the Spring Fling, still working on T-Shirt design. Looking to get the Doughnut Hole Meeting to Host the Birthday Speaker Meeting. Bob S. will handle Pre-Sale of tickets in (2) weeks. Projected date April 20, though subject to change. Call Brian to Volunteer. Brian's number is in the the Grape SCCIN on pg. 6 Spring Fling Planning Committee Meeting. Next meeting April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @6:00pm at the Central Office. Drop by and get involved.

NEWSLETTER, Terry: We actually got the March newsletter out on time ; asking for articles and in-put on newsletter such as: Content, H&I or any Area you in, Announcements, write Essay's and anything that you have shared in the past. Also coordinating with others and getting some help; there's a link on the home page of the website to past Grape SCCIN's about getting that updated and Pat is on it.

BY-LAWS, Joe: We had a quorum at the last meeting and Good Food & Chocolate Cake; Spent most of the time pulling up the (11) area's with the information available and created a work-sheet for the Area Rep's. The next meeting will be on the April 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., at Central Office.

WEBSITE, Jess: Great Website! Compared to other AA websites. Ours is pretty Great! The first order of business is to keep everything updated and what that process is. We are lucky to have a web master who offers his services and documenting the behind the scenes stuff, such as; Hosting and things like that and also forming a website committee to over-see the website management. They currently have (1) person on their committee and will be posting an announcement in the April Grape SCCIN and on the website. If you are interested in participating on the Website Committee go to the website at [www.aasantacruz.org](http://www.aasantacruz.org) or call and text Jess at (510)290-3914.

DELEGATE-AT-LARGE, Damien M: Encourage the Area Rep's to call their Group Reps to attend the Intergroup Meeting. Encourage the Group Rep's to attend the Orientation again if they had not done it in a while , as a refresher. This has been useful in the past.

GENERAL SERVICE LIAISON, Jeff W., D.C.M.C.: Not Present

H & I LIAISON, Tim M.: Fliers on the table of the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Hospitals & Institutions going on April 29<sup>th</sup>-May 1<sup>st</sup>,2016, Also, in the Grape SCCIN. If you have someone coming in from out-of-state or would like to get a meeting or chair a H&I Meeting that information is on the website, as well. So, Check It Out!

OLD BUSINESS, OPEN OFFICER POSITION 3<sup>rd</sup> LEGACY ELECTIONS *Candidates summarized their service experience, and where possible past officers gave job descriptions:* Area Rep's took back to their group's discussion on how Intergroup could better reach out to your meetings and the newcomer? Terry commented: Received some good feed-back. Have the groups make up newcomer packets. Assorted AA links on the website of different material that the newcomer could look at. Making Sponsorship available at meeting level and to have regular member's of Intergroup to be Greeters' at these meetings. Nick commented: That the group could have a Twelve Step Call list. Someone else commented: To have preselected call list and Newcomer Packets. Opinion: Terry: To raise awareness at the group level. Intergroup Chair Steve N. commented: That Intergroup position here is NOT to tell any group on how to conduct their meeting. Discussion will continue at later date.

NEW BUSINESS, AREA REPRESENTATIVE 3<sup>rd</sup> LEGACY ELECTIONS *Some of the past reps gave job descriptions, and candidates summarized their service experience:*

Area 1 Watsonville – Rich G. Not Present

Area 2 La Selva, Seascape – Not Present

Area 3 Aptos – Kevin - Visited a few meetings and is looking forward to visiting more of his Areas Groups. Mostly crickets when he announce the meeting, mostly crickets. I do try and sell the party committee having fun with and breathing some life into that also.

Area 4 Capitola – James – No I.G.R calls

Area 5 Soquel –Rick A. – No I.G.R calls and looking forward to making calls next month as reminder and extend invitation for the Birthday Speaker Meeting to the Women's Step Study and send that to Sarah to bring back to her group.

Area 6 E Santa Cruz – Greg – Not Present

Area 7 Santa Cruz - Morrisey – Judy – No Report

Area 8 Santa Cruz - Downtown – OPEN

Area 9 Santa Cruz - Emeline –*Glen made himself available, No one opposed, approved by acclamation.*

Area 10 Santa Cruz - West Side – OPEN

Area 11 San Lorenzo Valley, Scotts Valley – Mark G. made himself available and volunteered for a second term, approved by acclamation. Announcing the BLF AA Take your Sponsor to Dinner (See Flyer)

REPORTS of AREA REPRESENTATIVES:

[Because most Rep's were newly elected, and due to the time, reports were not given.]

A request is made for volunteers to bring treats to the next Council meeting, help break down the room and help set up the room next month.

The Donut Group rep. asked the council if our meeting list could be more beginner-friendly [ie: area for phone list], and asks us to discuss more ways help groups reach out; Bob S. informed that changing the format of the list to allow more room is being discussed.

The meeting closed with the traditional closing circle at [approximately] 8:25 p.m.

Next Council Meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>, Next Steering Committee Meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>. 2016

Respectfully Submitted; Ralph W. Recording Secretary