

INTERGROUP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2013

Agenda, financial statements, other reports and notices are distributed/available before the meeting.

Meeting called to order by Rick A. at 7:30pm

OPENING CUSTOMS

Recitation of the Serenity Prayer Preamble read by: Hanna 12 Traditions read by: Trevor
Sign in sheet announcement. 7th Tradition basket passed as introductions were made.

BIRTHDAYS of the month announced: Pam 2 yrs, Lori 4 yrs.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mary Jane.

Website is Greg not Grey.

Review and acceptance of previous month's meeting minutes with changes recorded by Mary Jane.

REPORTS:

CHAIR: Rick A. ~ Attended GS meeting – was great, Steering committee meeting (with a quorum) included picking the December BSM host – General Service is going to be invited to host the December BSM. Generous anonymous donator contributed new lighting for Central Office. Now is good time to try out Area Rep position for a couple of months. Election are in February for officers and March for Area Reps.

VICE CHAIR: Louis D. ~ absent

TREASURER: New Shoes (John S.) ~October >> Beg bal \$8938: Income \$2016: Expenses \$4508: Ending Cash \$6446: Month's gain/loss -\$2492. Literature total is incorrect – but, the numbers are right. Where to send money for intergroup – Central Office (address on meeting schedule). The liability insurance does cover all of the groups. If a group requires a certificate it is available.

OFFICE MANAGER: John W. ~ Copier situation is still getting worked out. Negotiations are ongoing. This discussion and update will be covered more thoroughly at the Steering Committee Meeting. Dan's binder is at Intergroup.

TELEPHONE DIVERTER CHAIR: Jude ~ Has been working with Linda. They have been working together. Still finding people who have resigned. So calls are being made to each person on the list – the day before to verify status. There are about eight shifts open. Please implore the members of your group to participate. Jude is grateful for the opportunity to be of service. Really need a daily coordinator for Saturday. There is no set sobriety requirement. Keep the commitment as long as you want or can. Also we need to update the list of people who are willing to do the service of calling back wet ones who call the diverter line.

ACTIVITIES CHAIR: Matt R. ~ It's been busy. Because there was no rep for the area – it all kind of happened on the fly. Kimber did great. However, there were no treats because of the lack of group "ownership" of the BSM. Now it is time to get together with Mark to get someone to host the November meeting – already lined up. Ben Lomond Fellowship – Speaker is Ed O. with 25yrs. It has blown Matt's mind to hear groups say they voted "no" on hosting the BSM.

NEWSLETTER: Rob P. ~ absent – get your potlucks, holiday events and other flyers to Rob. The only phone number that can be on the flyer is Central Office – no personal phone numbers. The cut-off date is the 3rd Friday to get something in the following month's newsletter

BY-LAWS: Rudy A. ~ absent

Meeting is on the 3rd Tuesday at 6pm at Central Office. – Usually there is food ☺

WEBSITE: Greg D. ~ absent

DELEGATE AT LARGE: Vacant ~

GENERAL SERVICE LIASON: Scott B. ~ This Saturday in San Francisco is the GS Fall Assembly – the topic is the Area's inventory. What we do as an Area to assist the newcomer? 8am carpool leaving from Peet's Coffee – Capitola. We have a new PI (Public Information) – Meeting at Central Office on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30. There are a couple of DCM positions open at the District Level here in Santa Cruz.

GS meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Aptos Village Park.

H&I LIASON: Paul G. ~ absent

NCCAA LIASON: Vacant

NEW BUSINESS: Questions/motions sent to Chair at info@asantacruz.org

Questions from "Out of the Blue". Motion that the BSM be hosted by groups only. The second was the sale of "drunk junk". These motions were passed at that time. The group was concerned with the way that motions were presented. The group decided to practice "power of the purse". Steven is charged to ask these specific questions:

1. Selling "drunk junk"?
2. Are groups still hosting the BSM?
3. How are motions being addressed from AA groups?
4. Is there any talk/suggestion on the Latin (Spanish) translations at the BSM?
5. Financial questions
6. How is Intergroup being supportive to Spanish groups?

Rick answered (basically this stuff could be further addressed at the Steering Committee Meeting)

1. We only have chips. Not sold at BSM. Only sold at Central Office) No non-conference a
2. Yes
3. There is an outline format and the information seems to be going back and forth from groups to committee meeting.
4. PJ is working on the translation of the January BSM
5. (Steven addressed this during the treasury report)
6. Presence at Spring Fling – there is communication

OLD BUSINESS:

By Laws amendment: Mary – explanation looks really comprehensive on the provided paperwork. Steven: On the back page – starts with "chairperson asks..." if it should say "AA group" or is it appropriate for it to say "group". Rick explains whether it is a one person motion or a motion delivered by the representative from the group. Is it understood or should it be clarified? It is all AA motion process. Motion on the floor is to table the vote for next month. In favor 24. Opposed 6. Abstention 1. Hear the minority opinion – Mary Jane would like to move on. It is not controversial. Dave – group is overwhelmingly in favor of accepting the change. Group probably doesn't want to talk about it. It is a waste of time to continue to talk about it.

Tim: it is very straight forward and a simple change. People did change their mind. Re-vote
Who wants to vote tonight? 30 Who does not want to vote tonight? 1
Motion to accept to the recommended changes. Second. No Opposition. One abstention.

AREA REPORTS:

Area 1 Watsonville, PJ W. ~ absent

Area 2 La Selva Beach, Seascapes, Open ~

Area 3 Aptos, Sam S. ~ absent - Matt will try to hunt down Sam

Area 4 Capitola, Open ~ Pam made herself available.

Area 5 Soquel, Antonia ~ Everything is fine. Going to new meetings once a week.

Secretary handbooks can be picked up at Central Office

Area 6 E Santa Cruz, Matt R. ~ no report

Area 7 Morrissey, Randy N. ~ Made calls. All is well. Keith Friday Nite Live is hosting it
- Dec 7 at 5pm is a holiday party/pot-luck at the Live Oak Grange. Flyers on table

Area 8 Santa Cruz Downtown, Tim G. ~ An important event happened - Our
downtown Intergroup reps had a baby. Congrats! Thanksgiving Alca-thon. Good opportunity
for beginners to practice being a secretary or being a speaker at meeting. Beginners 4 weeks 12
step workshop. Wednesday at 6pm (for one hour). Starts at the beginning of each month.

Area 9 Emeline, Chris M. ~ absent

Area 10 West Side Santa Cruz, Alicia Y. ~ absent

Area 11 Scotts Valley and San Lorenzo Valley, Mark G. ~ Ben Lomond Fellowship is
hosting the November BSM - Speaker is Ed O. with 25yrs.

Thanks for the snacks,

Volunteer for next month - Sandy

Take back to meetings ...

CLOSING CIRCLE

Next Steering Committee Meeting
November 20, 2013 @ Central Office @ 7:30

Next Intergroup Council Meeting
December 4, 2013 @ Aptos Park @ 7:30