

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY INTERGROUP, INC.  
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**Intergroup Council Meeting Minutes for October 1, 2014**

Today's agenda, September Minutes, September final Treasurer's report, and various other reports and notices were distributed before the meeting.

CALLED to ORDER at 7:30 PM and opened with recitation of Serenity Prayer, Preamble & Twelve Traditions. Sign-in sheet and 7<sup>th</sup> tradition were passed around while introductions were made.

Birthdays of the Month announced: Patricia, with 28 years; Vada, with 18 years; Rachel, with 11 years; and Crystal, with 5 years.

Attendance: 36

Minutes of last meeting were approved with corrections. Amendments to the minutes were:  
To strike from the Newsletter report the sentence "There will be a notice on the front cover announcing the next issue's theme" and in the Diverter report to change "god" to "good" [good - god!]

**REPORTS:**

CHAIR, Clarissa B: It is possible for us to move the Council meeting to the Simkins Center. To get an informal idea, how many would like to move? How many would rather stay here? [Show of hands was about even.] Q: How much will it cost? A: We have not talked with them yet; we got an solicitation from them.

I attended some meetings where no Intergroup announcements were made so I spoke up [here she summarized what announcements could currently be made]. With that in mind, I changed to format of the agenda, hoping it will help in taking notes so announcements at meetings would be easier. I have also put together an email address for those who would like to get a list of current announcements for your meetings: it's <santacruzintergroupcouncil@gmail.com>. Send me a request at that address and I'll send out an announcement listing.

Since Danielle is absent today, I would like to discuss the Birthday Speaker Meeting (BSM); our current coffeemaker, Bret, is taking over the audio set-up and needs to pass on the coffee duties. It's a monthly commitment to get the equipment from Central Office and setting it up early enough to have everything ready when the doors open. Also, Danielle is working with an ad-hoc committee focusing on updating and improving the BSM; perhaps changing the day and/or venue. The first meeting will be Oct 22, 7:00 PM at Lulu's on Pacific Av.

I need help setting up this room for this meeting; anybody willing to help needs to arrive at 6:30 PM. I also want to emphasize the importance of the upcoming Anonymity Workshop on the 11th, put on by our General Service District. Scott B will be giving the details later.

VICE-CHAIR, Danielle B: Absent

TREASURER, Rudy A: Our starting balance was \$ 7,129.62; total income was \$ 4,026.32; total expenses were \$ 1,827.84; leaving a balance of \$ 9,328.10; with a month's gain of \$ 2,198.48. It was a good month, so please encourage your groups to keep up the momentum.

OFFICE MANAGER, Bob S: We are now allocating [setting aside] funds we know we'll need to pay out or earmarked for certain uses; so although we have \$ 9,328.10 in the Operating Account, we allocated \$ 1,500.00 for various needs, leaving \$ 7,828.10 that's actually available.  
This month we've received \$ 150.00 from the Birthday Club, so it's alive and well—please spread the word. Basically, the Birthday Club is members donating to Intergroup \$1.00 (or whatever they choose) per year of sobriety, and we put them in the Birthday List on the GrapeSCCIN cover. Q: Does this violate the

anonymity of donors, listing them in print? Discussion: A very good question; no donation is listed with the names on the list; doesn't this make those who can't afford it left out? People can be on the list without donating—they just need to ask to be put on the list. A lively discussion clarified the procedure: a member makes an annual donation to Intergroup, marking their AA birthday. It could be a dollar or more per year of sobriety (or a penny a day). Then their name automatically goes on the Birthday list in the GrapeSCCIN. There is no mention of a donation. Anyone who is celebrating an AA birthday can be on the list without donation by request to the newsletter or through Central Office.

We have Central Office volunteer openings on Mondays 9:00 AM 'til 1:00 PM: and Tuesdays 1:00 PM 'til 5:00 PM. Requirement is generally 1 year sobriety, but can be waived depending on the person.

We have a volunteer who brings chairs from Central Office to the BSM, and he would like an alternate so he can do other things from time-to-time. Call Central Office to be put in contact with Louis, who will work it out with you.

TELEPHONE DIVERTER, Jude W: Bad news: we have no openings! All the shifts are currently filled. [This is a good thing.] In the 6 [or more] years I have been involved with the Diverter this has never happened. Thank you, thank you!

ACTIVITIES, Vada B: The Old Timer's Speaker Meeting could use your help: with set-up, and snack donations. Central Office has the flyers, and there are two sizes available here tonight. I would like to "dress up" the speakers' table with a cover and some flowers. MOTION: to allow up to \$ 100.00 from the Activities Account for that use; seconded. All in favor: unanimous.

We need a new Activities Chair to be available—elections come up soon. I will not be available, but am willing to help the new chairperson get started with Spring Fling.

NEWSLETTER, Tara W: A reminder that I sent out notice to all on our email list that our old Yahoo email account was hacked and the addresses hijacked. If you receive an email from the Grape's yahoo account, don't open any links; in fact—just trash it right away. Our current address is <grapesccin@gmail.com>.

The GrapeSCCIN gets emailed out tomorrow. The electronic version can be updated after the print version has gone out, so I will be able to add meeting changes that came in after the printing of the issue. Those changes will be in the next print issue.

BY-LAWS, *OPEN*: We will have an election under New Business.

WEBSITE, Greg D: Anyone who has a flyer for the website should get a digital copy to Bob at Central Office; he will forward it to me. Be aware that dark pictures come out very poorly; black-on-white print and imaging is best.

DELEGATE-AT-LARGE, Rick A: Just a plug for the Bylaws Committee Chair position: we have an active committee ready to work. They have been meeting the third Tuesday at Central Office at 6:00 PM.

GENERAL SERVICE LIAISON, Scott B: The October 11th Anonymity Workshop will present 3 panel discussions related to Anonymity: Anonymity and the Digital Age; the Siritual Foundation of Anonymity; and the Traditions and Anonymity.

Our November meeting is our Annual Elections for the next panel.

H & I LIAISON, Sandra A: The H&I General Committee meeting will be held on October 12, 11:00 AM, in Livermore, at 4444 East Avenue. Santa Cruz H&I will be hosting the December BSM. Our speaker will be Robert R. from San Jose. Looking forward to it.

NCCAA, *OPEN*: No Liaison

NEW BUSINESS: Bylaws Chair election: After a description of the position and requirements, a survey of the room in the spirit of the 3rd Legacy showed none available. It will be moved to next month's agenda.

OLD BUSINESS: Intergroup Group Inventory: due to the time, we will move this to next month's agenda.

REPORTS of AREA REPRESENTATIVES:

Area 1 Watsonville, Aromas – Lydia E: *Absent*

Area 2 La Selva, Seascape – Louis D: Watsonville Fellowship Halloween Party is going to be on Friday, Oct. 25, 6:00 PM; probably a BBQ which is always nice, and a DJ dance.

Area 3 Aptos, Corralitos, Freedom – Alan G: *Absent*

Area 4 Capitola, Live Oak – Crystal J: No Report

Area 5 Soquel – Matt T: No Report

Area 6 E Santa Cruz – Randy: No Report

Area 7 Santa Cruz - Morrisey – Bredette: No Report

Area 8 Santa Cruz - Downtown – Tim G: Lou wants to make an announcement—the Downtown Fellowship Halloween Alcañon will run from 9:00 AM until 8:00 PM, followed by a dance party until 11:00 PM. Tim answers a question about the Step Workshop meetings: still going strong—happening every Wednesday at 6:00 PM.

Area 9 Santa Cruz - Emeline – Lori P: Thanks for all the help with the September BSM. I will be visiting 2 more of my meetings this month.

Area 10 Westside Santa Cruz – Tommy K: The October BSM will be hosted by “There is a Solution” group; No speaker finalized yet, but will have the name soon.

Area 11 San Lorenzo Valley, Scotts Valley – Brett W: The Ben Lomond Fellowship Halloween Bash will be combined with their Chip Night and will go until 11:00 PM this year.

Motion to adjourn; seconded; no objections. Request for next month's Cookie Commitment; request for tonight's clean-up volunteers. Thank you all!

Next Council Meeting on November 5; Next Steering Committee Meeting on October 15

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:40 PM with the customary closing circle.

Respectfully Submitted, Damien M., Recording Secretary