INTERGROUP MEETING

May 20, 2024, 7:00PM

1. Renaming
2. Call to Order at 7:00PM
3. Open with the Serenity Prayer
4. Welcome to all new Intergroup Representatives

   Scott – Experience, Strength, and Hope; Karen – GOYA; Jacqueline (Alt) – Honesty; Pickles – Never too Late; Helene (temp) – Women Stepping Up; Kenny – Wheel of Recovery; Janet – After Work Bunch
5. Statement of Purpose read by Vice Chair
6. Reading of Second Tradition, short form by Chair

   For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern.
7. Chairperson's Remarks
   a. Pinellas County Intergroup will have a new fundraising event this Fall – a talent show open to all. Location is selected and the first committee meeting will be this Thursday by Zoom. Contact Allen C or Tanya Y if you want to get involved.
   b. Allen C and Joe G will be participating in an AA tech conference via Zoom to learn about new ideas in using technology for AA.
8. Treasurer's Report – Mickey walked through the financial summary and referred the IGRs to the financial reports for details. We are working with our new CPA on increasing our Prudent Reserve.
   a. One IGR asked what our total balance is. Mickey provided the current checking account balance.
   b. Another IGR asked how much four months of Prudent Reserve will be. Mickey responded that we will find that out when our CPA completes the calculation.

9. Other Reports:
    a. Office Manager's Report – Allen C presented highlights from his written report.
    b. District 1 Liaison Report – Allen C presented highlights of his written report. Tickets for the District 1 luncheon are selling quickly. The treatment committee will contact a group in Pinellas County to discuss concerns about potentially advising members they should not be taking prescription medication.
    c. Helpline Report – Brian G presented the report. A list of treatment centers and other facilities will be made available on aapinellas.org. The list will include a disclaimer that we are not endorsing these facilities, but simply providing information for those in need.
    d. Plain & Straight – Pam reported the May edition has been printed and is also available online. Pam provided a reminder that birthdays reported in the Plain & Straight are for the previous month. Deadline for submissions is the first day of each month.
    e. Tech/Web Chair – Joe G reported Intergroup is moving to Google workspace May 25. This will save us money on our website due to reduced storage space required and will save us by providing a replacement for MS-Office and Adobe. This will also enable us to make needed changes to the website. We had issues with the 7th Tradition link on our website last month. There is now a PayPal link on that page to click for contributions. Additionally, a glitch with the meeting list has been resolved.
10. Motion was made to accept all reports. Motion was seconded and all reports were accepted.
11. Old Business
    a. Status of increasing Prudent Reserve to four months – Mickey reported that we have paid our former CPA for services he performed.
    b. Intergroup distributions to GSO, District, and Area – Tanya presented information indicating that Intergroups typically do not contribute funds to other AA entities, but rather utilize their funds to serve their local groups. Her presentation is included with the reports for this month. Potential uses for available funds:
        i. Additional Helpline training, with a recorder to improve availability of training for new volunteers.
        ii. Enhance aapinellas.org to better reach those interested in seeking help.
        iii. Launch online store.
        iv. Intergroup will send a questionnaire to IGRs asking their suggestions for other uses.
        v. An IGR asked if we were budgeted to distribute to GSO. Mike F replied that we're budgeted to have revenue in excess of expense equating to $2,200. This money is not budgeted for distribution, it is simply not

earmarked for a particular purpose. That IGR indicated this is fine, but we should distribute the funds if we don't have a local use for them.

vi. An IGR asked if we can task the Central Office Manager with finding out from other Intergroups what other services they utilize their funds for. They may have already implemented ideas we haven't thought of yet. He also asked that we communicate back to the Groups on spending decisions that are based on the input we receive.

vii. An IGR asked if Intergroup contributes to Area and District. The Chair indicated that we have in the past.

viii. An IGR noted that he has been an Intergroup Chair in the past in NY and has been to numerous Intergroup seminars. He reported that Intergroups don't distribute funds and should budget for expanding services within their county. He has experienced emerging needs where an Intergroup had to request additional funds from groups, and that is an acceptable practice.

12. New Business
    a. Brian G explained that we have a venue for the Nov 10 Gratitude Dinner. He solicited volunteer coordinators from the groups to help coordinate the dinner. Menu will be ribs and chicken, and tickets will likely be no higher than $25.
        i. An IGR suggested a vegetarian option be offered. Brian agreed.
13. Motion was made to adjourn. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
14. Anonymity Statement - Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.
15. Pass the Basket / Seventh Tradition: Every AA Group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
16. Group Announcements
17. Recognize May Anniversaries
    a. Keith – 4 years; Matthew – 3 years; Matt – 14 years; Alyssa – 2 years
18. Close with Responsibility Statement