

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERGROUP
MEETING MINUTES
August 22, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

OPENING MEETING: The meeting was called to order by Renee P., Intergroup Chair at 6:00 pm. The Statement of Purpose was read by Heather L. and the 12 Traditions were read by Judy F.

INTRODUCTIONS: By all in attendance: Chris M., Patty H., Judi F., Michele G., Renee P., Jenn S., Greg G, Lauralyn D., Lisa S., Mikki O., Nancy C., Heather L, Sam, Claudia, Amanda, Janice G., PJ V., Debby D, Tracy.

REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH'S MEETING: Chris M. moved to accept the July minutes as amended. Judy F. seconded and the motion passed with the following amendments:

- Under New Business, Vote on Founders' Day Picnic Chair, **add to the end of paragraph that Nichole M. was nominated for Founders' Day Co-Chair. Motion was made, seconded, and passed.**
- Under What's on Your Mind, change the time of Happy Valley group's 30th Anniversary BBQ from "7pm" to **5pm.**

REPORTS FROM BOARD:

CHAIRPERSON: Renee P. announced that group donations were down considerably from the previous month. Around \$50 was sent to Intergroup in July. Renee encouraged everyone to get the word out to their groups to send in splits. Janice G announced that her group committed to sending splits monthly. Tracy G stated that many groups do not send in splits because they don't have the money to do so.

SECRETARY: Jenn S. passed Intergroup Contact list around for updating.

TREASURER: Nichole M. provided an overview of financials for July and YTD. Group donations were very low: \$50.13. Literature sales were up at \$875.50. Founders Day credit of \$350 (deposit refund) was received. Total income for July was \$1549 and total expenses were \$3319.31; a net loss of \$1770.31. Big expenses for July included 1) Quarterly taxes and 2) Workman's Comp. July's ending balance was \$11,433.17 and prudent reserve to date is \$5,486.25 for a Total Balance of \$16,919.42.

OFFICE MANAGER: Lisa S. passed around the office summary report for the group's review. Total income was \$1080.75 from book, coin and book cover sales. A total of 89 encounters occurred in July including 12 Step Calls, Al-Anon/NA calls, general and meeting information (staff and answering service), and visitors. Office is running well.

OFFICE VOLUNTEER CHAIR: Nancy C. announced that Intergroup Office is looking for volunteers to work in 2-hour shifts on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Duties include book and coin sales, answering phones, and talking with visitors. Nancy offers training on Tuesdays to new volunteers. The requirement for this Service position is 6 months of sobriety and a 1-year commitment.

12 STEP CHAIR: Jenn S. reported that the 12 Step Call list has been sent out to all volunteers and the Intergroup Office. A few emails were returned. Jenn will follow up by contacting those individuals

to get correct email addresses. Jenn explained to newcomers what the 12 Step Call List, the Pamphlet (guide for volunteers), and the Resource List are and their purposes.

WEBMASTER: Heather L. reported that she has been updating the Events page on the website. Also, Heather is collaborating with Technology in AA (TIAA), an online community forum to learn best practices on maintaining our site and adhering to the Traditions. She is networking with Intergroups across the nation: Sonoma, New Jersey, Eastern Missouri, Pittsburgh, PA, Denver, Jersey Shore, Kentucky, Oak Park, and Illinois. The forum addresses hot topics such as:

- Online/In Person Hybrid meetings.
- The Meeting Guide/12 Step meeting guide and plug-in list
- Guidelines for Events page
- Digital Archives Back-ups
- Traditions
- Structure and operations of different Intergroups
- Phone answering services
- Digital 7th Tradition
- Meeting Guide in WP 2023

Heather is very excited about this pool of resources to keep our website current.

NEWSLETTER CHAIR: Absent. The Newsletter should be out in the next day or two.

SPEAKER MEETING: Chris M. announced that the next Intergroup Birthday Speaker Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 2 at 7pm @ All Saints Church. Phil R. and "It's All Good" group will be speaking. Approximately 40-45 people attended the August meeting. Chris reported that Birthday Speaker Meetings are booked through October, and he encouraged groups to host Speaker Meetings starting in November.

FOUNDER'S DAY PICNIC CHAIR: Lauralyn D., Founder's Day Chair and Patty H., former chair, will meet this week to "pass it on." Patty will pass on the planning guide and materials for next year's event. They will discuss what went well this year and what could be improved on. Nichole M. is on board for Co-Chair for this event.

HOLIDAY CHAIR: Absent. The group discussed the need to hear from Sunny and asked Janice G. to reach out and invite her to the next meeting for an update.

REDYPAA: Judy F. and Michele G. thanked Chris M. for the use of his BBQ pit for REDYPAA campout at Hat Creek. Upcoming Events are also posted on our website.

Judy F. reported on upcoming events for 2023:

- September 16, 9am-4pm-Epic YPAA Softball Tournament
- October 21, 4pm-Scavenger Hunt
- November 18, TBD-Friendsgiving
- December 16, 8pm-White Elephant Bingo

PI/CPC: Absent

OUTREACH CHAIR: Absent

ARCHIVES CHAIR: Absent

H&I-Renee reminded the group that Northern California H&I Workshop will be held on September 23, 11am-2pm at Memorial Hall at All Saints Church. Guest speakers representing several H&I

organizations will share their experience, strength, and hope. Mike Z. and his wife, Janet, will cater the event. Shasta Co. jail is still closed to AA meetings, but 1 on 1 visits behind glass are being provided. H&I continues to run smoothly.

DISTRICT 11: Absent

DISTRICT 9: Debbie D. from Siskiyou County is the new liaison to Intergroup. She reported on the following planned events:

- August 26, AA Annual District BBQ Picnic, Lake Siskiyou, @ 10am. Highlights include hamburgers/hot dogs, potluck, games, raffles, swimming, Al-Anon and AA speakers.
- September 10, SISKIPAA Field Day, Carrick Park, Weed @ 12pm. \$5 donation. Speaker(2pm), potluck, games, fellowship will be provided.
- September 16, 9th Annual Sobriety in the Siskiyou, 810 N. Oregon St, Yreka @ 10am. Appetizers, lunch, speaker, raffles/prizes and fellowship will be provided.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- **September 9th Workshop Finalization**-Nichole M. will bring pizza and punch. Tracy H) Lisa S. will team up to organize the event and bring literature, pamphlets, set-up, and get flyers out.
- **Positions open:** Co-Secretary, Co-Treasurer, Newsletter Co-Chair, Newsletter Editor.

What's on Your Mind?

- **Venmo/PayPal Account for Donations:** A sidebar conversation on establishing an Intergroup Venmo account to offer another donation vehicle. Several ideas and comments for and against the app ensued. Chris M. made a motion to have Nichole M. and Heather L. research this topic. Motion was seconded by Michele G. The motion passed. Nichole and Heather will report to the group at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm and was closed with the Responsibility Prayer. Next meeting will be September 26, 6:00 p.m. at All Saints' Church.