

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERGROUP
MEETING MINUTES,
January 23, 2024,
6:00 P.M.**

OPENING MEETING: The meeting was called to order by Renee P., Intergroup Chair, at 6:01 pm. The 12 Traditions were read by Jude H. The Statement of Purpose was read by Heather L.

INTRODUCTIONS: By all in attendance: Chris M, Renee P, Michele G, Jenn S, Judi F, Greg G, Lisa S, Debby D, Larry T, Nancy C, Jude H, Carmel M, Debbie D, Gayle S, Duke S, Claudia H, Tom O, Tina H.

REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH'S MEETING: Debbie D moved to accept the November minutes. Chris M seconded and the motion passed.

REPORTS FROM BOARD:

CHAIRPERSON: Renee P announced that new Chair and Co-Chair positions will be elected on February 27, 2024, at the next Intergroup meeting.

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

TREASURER: Nichole M. announced that she would like to have an Intergroup contract with Number Crunchers, an accounting firm. They would prepare quarterly and year-end tax documents. They will charge \$55/quarter and \$150/year-end taxes. Nichole will bring a proposal to next month's meeting. Nichole provided an overview of financials for December and Year-end. December income was up considerably from November due to individual donation through PayPal/Venmo of \$655 and \$5790 from Holiday Party proceeds. Group donations were \$1028.89. Literature and coin sales totaled \$525.50. Total income for December was \$8,068.14. (Up \$5241.45 from November). Total expenses were \$3991.01 (down \$480.01 from November). December's ending balance was \$15,941.98 (up \$2683.97 from September). The prudent reserve to date is \$5,692.25 for a total balance of \$19,201.17 (up \$4077.13 from November). Ending balance and prudent reserve bring grand total to \$22,036.23. Nichole reported that line-item titles "Founders' Day Donations/Deposits" and "Founders' Day Event Day" will be changed to "Events" and "Events/Day Of" to track funds for Founders' Day Picnic and the Holiday Party.

OFFICE MANAGER: Lisa S. circulated the Intergroup office summary report for the group's review. Total income from book, coin and book cover sales was \$670.25. A total of 98 encounters occurred in December including 12 Step Calls, Al-Anon/NA calls, general and meeting information (staff and answering service), and visitors. Gayle S asked if there are copies of the First Edition of Big Book. Currently, they are sold out. Office is running well.

OFFICE VOLUNTEER CHAIR: Nancy C reported that Intergroup Office is still looking for volunteers to work 2 hour shifts on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. She will train new volunteers on Tuesdays.

12 STEP CHAIR: Jenn S. reported that the 12 Step Call List is updated and in use for 12 Step calls and has been sent to the list of resource agencies.

WEBMASTER: Heather L. continues to update events and meeting list. Gayle S. asked about how groups go about posting meetings. Heather informed her that all group updates go through Lisa, Office Manager, first before posting on Website. Heather announced she would like to research Mail Champ, software that would support the Website and Newsletter. She will work with Patty and bring more information to the next meeting.

NEWSLETTER CHAIR: Absent. Sent copies of the Newsletter and Intergroup Speaker/Birthday meeting flyers.

BIRTHDAY/SPEAKER MEETING: Chris M. reported that the Experience, Strength, and Hope Group from Red Bluff will host the February meeting and Band of Brothers will host in March. Chris announced that he will be stepping down as Chair in February as his term will be ending.

FOUNDER'S DAY PICNIC CHAIR: Absent. No report.

HOLIDAY CHAIR-Carmel M reported that: "The party was a huge success. Everyone had a great time. Of special note, Susan W's daughter did a fantastic job singing carols."

Rob T. will Chair and Angie will Co-Chair the Holiday Party next year. Mike C. will cook and Mitch G will organize set-up and tear down. Ron will take care of the raffle and Carmel M will oversee the table judging. Mandy will be the MC. The committee will look at reducing the number of turkeys and hams needed as the excess was significant. The committee will have a new outreach position who will design flyers and circulate them at group meetings.

Chris M. suggested that Intergroup look for a larger venue next year. This year 400 people attended with 40 tables and 10 seats/table. The challenge is to find a larger, affordable venue with adequate kitchen. Chris M will investigate larger venues.

REDYPAA: Judi F reported that January Event, Lip Sync went well. Valentine Dessert Competition will be held on Saturday, February 17 @ 8pm at the Alano Club. The Speaker meeting starts at 8pm and the event will follow.

PI/CPC: John M.- Absent. No report.

OUTREACH CHAIR: Larry T reported that visiting and reaching out to AA groups who are not giving splits is a work in progress.

ARCHIVES CHAIR: Absent. Bob L. sent a report stating that Archives group will provide information and an exhibit at Winterfest on Saturday, January 27th, only. The following is a list of activities that will be provided:

Movies:

- Markings on the Journey
- Bill & Lois Talk (YouTube)
- Not God Ernie Kurtz
- Other movies with Bill & Lois

History Presentations:

- Writing the Bog Book
- AA History
- Washingtonian Movement
- Oxford Group
- Bill, Bob, Henrietta, Sister Ignacia
- Clarence S.

H&I-Renee P reported there is nothing new with H & I programs. Jail meetings are still conducted through glass windows. Next H & I Committee meeting is next Tuesday, March 5 @ 6pm at All Saints Church.

DISTRICT 11: Gayle S., DCM and Liaison for District 11 asked the group, "Who is the female outreach Chair?". She was informed that it is not needed as Outreach Chair does not go into jails or prisons. Gayle needs to get together with Lisa regarding group donations and H & I. She announced that they are looking for group representatives at district level.

DISTRICT 9: Debbie D. from Siskiyou County reported:

- At the December ACM (Area Committee Meeting), our DCM Christine T. and DCM Gayle S. (district 11) were awarded the bid for hosting an area Pre-conference Assembly in 2025. We will be co-hosting on April 5-6, 2025.
- Our DCM, Alt-DCM, and treasurer attended the winter assembly in Merced.
- Working with District 11, the DCMs are planning to have the area delegate, Matthew L, come and talk about the agenda items for the general conference. It will be held at the Lake Shastina Community Center in Weed on March 24th, at noon,
- Siskiyou Unity Editor position has happily been filled.
- Need recording secretary. We are rotating taking turns at taking notes for now. We are asking all committee members who submit reports to send them via email too.
- The December Intergroup Holiday Party was a Smash. 17 members joined us to represent. The centerpiece was created by Mickey D: What's in Your Toolbox. Tuesday High Rails, Sunday Hole in the Donut, Thursday Sisters of Sobriety and Members at large donated poinsettias, snowmen, Christmas items, goodie bags & literature to the table, and to two raffle prizes. Our table won an intergroup award: The Most Unique Centerpiece Trophy. Fellowship and fun!!!
- I have made great headway on updating Intergroup meeting records that show our group's donations with GSO # and current treasurer info. I am utilizing our DCM Christine's and Alternate DCM Glen's efforts. We are down to a few meetings without GSO#s. It is quite a blessing to be working together. I will be scheduling a meeting with Lisa to update intergroup District 09 records soon.
- I sent out a link to district members on our email list for Winterfest: Jan 26-28, 2024, Redding, as well as the Plain Language Workshop flier.
- Our district is asking all service panel members to submit a budget for their position at our February district meeting to the new treasurer so that our district can get back to operating as a district and be appropriately spending & tracking.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bi-Laws are undergoing changes.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Arrangements for literature table at Winterfest:**

Lisa S took names of volunteers to work literature table at Winterfest: Renee P, Nancy C, Chris M, and Jenn S.

- **Positions open:** Co-Secretary, Co-Treasurer, Newsletter Co-Chair, District 11 Liaison

- **Workshop Chairperson:** Michele G made a motion to nominate Chris M as Workshop Chair. Nancy C. seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

What's on Your Mind?

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm and was closed with the Responsibility Prayer. Next meeting will be held on February 27, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at All Saints Church.