

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERGROUP  
MEETING MINUTES,  
June 25, 2024,  
6:00 pm**

**OPENING MEETING:** The meeting was called to order by Michele G, Intergroup Chair, at 6:00 pm. The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions were read by Rob T. and the Statement of Purpose was read by Sam M.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** By all in attendance: Michele G, Gayle S, Bob L, Tom O, Sam M, Renee P, Greg G, Lisa S, Chris M, Jenn S, Nancy C, Jude H, Debbie D, Heather L, Nichole M, Kathy A, Rob T, Ken W, Carmel M.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH'S MEETING:** Jude H. moved to accept the May Minutes. Chris M. seconded and the motion passed.

**REPORTS FROM BOARD:**

**CHAIRPERSON:** Michele G.- No report

**SECRETARY:** Jenn S. passed Intergroup Contact list around for updating. She asked the group to bring their own copies of the agenda and financials to save on printing costs.

**TREASURER:** Nichole provided an overview of financials for May. May income was \$2046.24 down from April by \$368.88, due to a decrease in Literature sales. Group donations were \$1277.25, up \$110.02. PayPal/Venmo/Individual donations/sales totaled \$141.99. Literature, Coin and Literature donations totaled \$259.75, down \$424.13 from April. Total expenses were \$1430.45, down by \$1294.82 from April. May's ending balance was \$16,459.99, up \$615.79. The prudent reserve to date is \$6875.81. The ending balance for May was \$23,243.80, up \$615.79 from April. Nichole announced that her term as Treasurer had ended, and that Carmel M. will take over next month.

**OFFICE MANAGER:** Lisa S. made the following requests:

1. 200 copies of the 75th Anniversary Edition of the Big Book (an exact replica of the original First Edition of the Big Book) have sold. Lisa S. requested that Intergroup approve the purchase of another 200 copies. They have been a great fundraiser by selling over \$300 in merchandise at the Founders' Day Picnic and Red Bluff Round Up.
2. Lisa passed a copy of the Intergroup Office volunteer calendar out asking the group to consider filling openings and to reach out to group members to volunteer.
3. Lisa circulated the March Intergroup Office summary report for the group's review. Total income from book, coin and book cover sales for April was \$750. A total of 62 encounters occurred in May including 12 Step Calls, AI-Anon/NA calls, general and meeting information (staff and answering service), and visitors.

**OFFICE VOLUNTEER CHAIR:** Nancy reported that she is still looking for Volunteers to work 2-hour shifts in the open slots. The volunteer calendar was passed around to the group. Nancy trains new

volunteers on Tuesdays. Nancy also reminded all group reps to make Intergroup announcements to their respective groups on a regular basis.

**12 STEP CHAIR:** Jenn S. reported that the 12 Step Call List is up and running smoothly.

**WEBMASTER:** Heather L. continues to update events and meeting list. She will add the REDYPAA Softball tournament scheduled for July 7. She recommended that the group visit the website to view all events and content and encourage others to do so.

**NEWSLETTER CHAIR:** Jude H. brought copies of the July Newsletter for the group to distribute in meetings. It is now 6 pages and includes a section on Experience, Strength and Hope stories and some jokes.

**BIRTHDAY/SPEAKER MEETING:** Julio F.-absent, sent report. Anderson AM Saturday morning (the Grange) will host the next meeting on July 6 at 7pm at All Saints Church. The speaker will be Russ H. Renee P. submitted the Intergroup Speaker Meeting Guidelines for all to review and pass on to their meeting groups in preparation for hosting a Speaker Meeting.

**FOUNDER'S DAY PICNIC CHAIR:** Nichole M. announced that she would be willing to take on FDP Chair position for next year. Nichole reported that FDP income was \$1185.50 from donations, raffle and 7<sup>th</sup> tradition. Expenses for food, supplies and venue were \$1453.91 with a net loss of \$268.41. She noted some calculation errors and will correct them to submit at the June meeting.

Nichole reported that the committee will look at alternative venues to cut costs. A deposit of \$500 for Anderson River Park needs to be paid soon. Lisa S. made a motion to pay the deposit if it's refundable. Chris M. seconded and the motion passed. The committee also needs to look for a PA system that adequately meets the needs of the event.

**HOLIDAY CHAIR-**Robt T. reported that the committee will start meeting in July. Chair positions are filled. He will attend Intergroup meetings every other month until September or October. Currently, the committee is looking for the decorations by contacting last year's chairperson.

**REDYPAA:** Position vacant. Michele G. reported that the "Stick with the Winners" Softball Tournament is scheduled on September 7, 9am. A speaker meeting will follow at 8pm at the Alano Club. The REDYPAA Campout is scheduled July 19-21 at Camp Tehama in Mill Creek. REDYPAA is looking for people to fill service positions.

**PI/CPC:** Position Vacant

**OUTREACH CHAIR:** Larry T.-absent, no report. Larry sent an announcement that he will be stepping down from this position.

**ARCHIVES CHAIR-** Bob L. reported that the Archive committee has produced an AA Group History form. It was used in the 7 in 7's post as an example. The committee would like more information on who was involved in the early meetings. There are 12 members serving on the Archives Committee and they have collected 7 groups' histories. They are planning an interview with Mike Bliss on AA beginnings in Shasta County. Bob shared several books of interest with the group: Marianne Williamson's "A Return to Love", Nell Wing's, "Grateful to Have Been There," and Dr. Paul's, "Acceptance is Not the Answer."

**WORKSHOP CHAIR:** Chris M. reported that he will be working with Bob L. to plan “Origin of the 12 Steps” workshop. The workshop will take place in September at the Alano Club. Date TBA.

**H&I-**Renee P. reported that H & I programs are running smoothly, and rosters are full. Jail meetings are still conducted behind the glass. Restpadd is looking for alternate volunteers. H & I is planning Unity Day on October 12, at Happy Valley Community Center. Renee circulated flyers. Reps from Districts 9 & 11, REDYPAA, Bob L with the Archives, and GSRs will be present. H & I is looking for Intergroup support on this event. Renee reminded the group that AA members can sponsor prison inmates in Northern California via text, Zoom or email. She circulated a flyer with the information.

**DISTRICT 11:** Gayle S reported:

“Recap of Conference: no changes to the Founders’ writing, plain language book passed and is being processed for distribution. Still pending date for delegate to come and give his report. We have our second meeting, for the Pre-conference assembly in 2025, on June 29, upstairs at the Alano club 6:00 pm. We will have a lot of service positions available. Please come. District 11 is hosting the Intergroup birthday meeting Sept 7. As a district, we are thinking about putting in an agenda item to split our districts differently, to make it easier for GSR to attend assembly. The Area 07 is currently working on making assemblies available online. Not sure if this will help with assembly attendance, but maybe. As a district, we are going to put on a service event, more coming next month with date and time.”

**DISTRICT 9:** Debbie D. Intergroup Liaison from Siskiyou County submitted a written report as follows:

- “Update on our 24 meetings in our district: I have met with Lisa and updated gso#, treasury and group information for each meeting. There were 8 “rogue” meetings, now there are 5. I am visiting all the meetings that do not have GSRs to get current information for intergroup records. I was able to provide treasurer packet to a GSR, who delivered and spoke to the problem at that group’s business meeting. Using trusted servants in attendance, and the group’s proposed by-laws for that group, the problem of one person with 3 treasurer positions was resolved. I am slowly but surely getting out to all 27 meetings.
- District 09 & District 11 are working together in monthly planning meetings to prepare for co-hosting Pre-assembly conference April 2025. A location was secured, and planning continues to go well.
- H&I has a new coordinator, and we are carrying the meetings into the jail. The subcommittee meetings are well attended with a lot of enthusiasm.
- PI/CPC is going well. The committee’s intention was to provide AA information packets to all churches where we are holding our AA meetings. Following that precedent, we completed the task of informing faith leaders for now. We received a comment back from a “faith leader”: “... Thanks for the info on AA, I shared it to the church congregation on Sunday. I could tell that they were happy to hear that we can indirectly help people by opening the hall to the groups.” The committee will address Health Care Professionals in the next PI/CPC efforts.
- Unity Day will be co-hosted by 3 groups: Tuesday High Rails, Thursday Men’s Stag and Sunday Way Out Group on Sept 3rd at Carrick Park in Weed. Details and flier to follow next intergroup meeting
- 10th Sobriety in the Siskiyou on September 21st. Yreka. Flier to follow

- Our new recording secretary and new treasurer are simply amazing: YEAH!

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Review/adopt Theft Policy**-Lisa S circulated the “Northern California Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous Financial Abuse Policy/Agreement” draft. The purpose of this document is to create accountability for Intergroup staff, chairpersons and board members, to maintain a system of checks and balances, and to provide transparency with bank statements. This would involve: Lisa S, Holiday Party chair, FDP chair, Speaker Meeting chair, treasurer, and any position that handles money. The group made a few suggestions on the language and content of the document. Lisa will update the form and bring it to the June meeting for approval.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Open Positions:** Newsletter Co-Chair, Speaker Meeting Co-Chair, Webmaster Co-Chair, REDYPAA Rep, PI/PCP Chair, Day Picnic Co-Chair, Outreach Chair and Co-Chair.
- **Positions Filled:**
  - Debbie D. nominated Nichole M. for Founders’ Day Picnic Chair. Gayle S seconded and the motion passed.
  - Heather L. nominated Sam M. for Speaker Meeting Co-Chair. Tom O. seconded and the motion passed.
- **Treasurer Packet Information**-Heather L. will post the Treasurer Packet on the website.

### **What’s on Your Mind?**

- **Intergroup BBQ Pit**-The issue of who is liable for the BBQ pit and who can use it was discussed at great length. The BBQ pit and trailer are owned by Intergroup, housed at Chris M’s house and used by various groups. Chris M. pays for registration on the trailer. Should Intergroup be paying for registration? Chris M. will check on having registration transferred to Intergroup. The item was tabled for the July meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm and was closed with the Responsibility Prayer. The next meeting will be held on July 23rd, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at All Saints Church.