

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERGROUP MINUTES

6:00 P.M. TUESDAY

August 27, 2024

OPENING MEETING: The meeting was called to order by Michele G, Intergroup chair, at 6:00 p.m. The Serenity Prayer started the meeting, followed by the reading of the 12 Traditions (Larry T.) and the Statement of Purpose (Tom O.).

INTRODUCTIONS: The following members in attendance introduced themselves: Michele G., Bob L., Debbe D., Angie T. (covering for Rob), Julio F., Jude H. Sam D., Greg G., Larry T., Lisa S., Nancy C., Kathy A., Jim S., Lauralynn D., P.J. V., Carmel M., Tom O.

REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH'S MEETING: Bob L. moved to accept the July Minutes. Debbie D. seconded and the motion passed.

REPORTS FROM BOARD:

CHAIRPERSON: Michele G. – Sent agenda early, if you aren't going to be here let her know early on.

SECRETARY: P.J. V. – The contact list was passed for updating.

TREASURER: Carmel M. provided a report.

For July group donations of \$1,277.75. Sales from Venmo for literature and coins reached \$193.00.

Total income for the month was \$2,483.25.

Expenses included wages, literature and coin purchases, fees for venmo/paypal, and the answering service. Rent was \$300. Office supplies were higher this month at \$510, but the Microsoft fee expense should be refunded. She also paid quarterly federal taxes.

Negative \$348.45 on the month, however ending balance remains \$15,917.55.

She figured out an easier way to pay rent, with using a debit card at the counter at the Alano.

Still looking at whether a payroll company (Number Crunchers) might be too expensive.

Excel is getting easier, group donations are organized alphabetically and she is attempting to delete duplicates, working on getting it more organized.

OFFICE MANAGER: Lisa S. Written report was passed around. There was a recurring fee they had to contest and it was refunded. They purchased 200 red books/75th edition anniversary books, replica of the original books from 1939 with cardstock and original stories. They've been selling books fast and running out so they ordered a lot of books.

OFFICE VOLUNTEER CHAIR: Nancy C. provided a report. She has been training new office volunteers. Up to 4 now.

TWELVE STEP CHAIR: Jen S. absent, no report.

WEBMASTER: Heather L. absent, sent in report, she's been updating the newsletter with things that people send her.

NEWSLETTER: Jude H. has the September newsletter, which is also on the website. She is playing around with the black and white printing. She is looking for folks who want to share experience, strength and hope.

BIRTHDAY/SPEAKER MEETING: Julio F. Meetings are going well, good attendance. Rent is paid to Jan 2025. Meetings set up until Jan 2025. He is trying to get some Red Bluff meetings to participate. Donations to that meeting he keeps for rent, chips and coffee. Lisa S. thinks the meeting has a group number and could make a donation/split. It has done so in the past. Could be a split or percentage. Bob L. suggested setting up a prudent reserve to determine how much is needed for the year and then donate after that.

FOUNDER'S DAY PICNIC CHAIR: Nichole M. is absent, no report.

HOLIDAY CHAIR: Angie T co-chair appeared for Rob T. Sept 10 at 6:00 is the first planning meeting. Lauralynn asked about the date. Carmel M. says it is the second Saturday of December, which is December 14 this year. Carmel M. to call/follow up with the fairgrounds to confirm they have our deposit and date secured.

REDYPAA: This chair position is vacant. Michele G. provided a report. On September 7, RedyPaa will be participating in the 3rd annual Stick with the Winners softball tournament in Durham. Still looking for people to play on the teams (\$10). Also looking for umpires. 10 confirmed teams. Speaker meeting and concessions. Fun day to fellowship etc. Sept 21 monthly speaker meeting and event, karaoke with a \$7 suggested donation. Service commitments available, business meetings are 4th Sunday of every month at 3:00 p.m. They are talking about getting a group together to bid for ACYPAA.

PI/CPC: Vacant position, no report.

OUTREACH CHAIR: Vacant position, no report.

ARCHIVES CHAIR: Bob L. provided a report. He will be participating in the Unity day in Shasta County, District 11 and District 9. He didn't have any history of northern CA Siskiyou/Montague. Found out first meeting in Dunsmuir and is still going. Sept 7 Unity Day is in Weed and he is looking forward to interviewing and talking to more people up there. He is now thinking about Tehama County and south county and what were the early meetings down there. He wants to get back to some of the history of the meetings. They didn't have a meeting in August, but he will try to have another meeting. The Recovery Reading group is reading the Akron Genesis of Development. Sundays at 3:00.

WORKSHOP CHAIR: Chris M. absent, no report.

H&I: Renee P. absent but sent in a report. Area 16 Shasta County, Crestwood needs an alternate and a regular volunteer. Empire Recovery could use some alternates. Also had a request for an ASL person to go into the jail, if you know anyone fluent. Northern CA Unity Day is going well, committee chairs are filled. 10/12 at HV Community Center. Planning meeting is 9/19. It will be hybrid with zooms. Need

volunteers. Committee thanks Intergroup for donations. Committee thanks RedyPaa for \$100 donation. Any proceeds will go to next years Unity Day.

DISTRICT 11: Gayle S. Absent, but provided the following report via email:

District 11 Sunday 3:30-5:00 is hosting the Intergroup birthday meeting. We are ready and excited. There will be a GSR school coming up on Sunday the 15th of September at 1:00 p.m. at the Alano club in Redding. Learn about our district 11. A lot of events coming. Come to our September events and get involved in service.

DISTRICT 9: Debbie D. provided a report. She is going to the 27 meetings. Still have 5 unregistered meetings, helping them get registered. An older meeting closed, but a new meeting started. The DCM and Debbie have been delivering treasury records to the GSRs. Trying to submit budgets and get back what was lost in Covid. Submitting budgets in Sept. H&I liaison keeps them up to date. Still face to face in jails, not in fire camps yesterday. It is important to put your area number on your donations. Penny will be at Unity Day. Penny creating an H&I brochure. PI/PC is going well. "We're small, but we do it all." Laminating posters and putting them everywhere. Next meeting at her home 9/23. 9/7 Unity Day in Weed, first annual campout at Juanita Lake, Sept 10th annual sobriety in the Siskiyou.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. The theft policy is tabled again. It will be discussed at the board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Open Positions – Newsletter co-chair, Webmaster co-chair, Founder's Day co-chair, RedyPaa, PI/PC. Group reps need to bring it back to the groups and try to get a volunteer.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND:

Bob L. wants old meeting lists, pre-covid.

Debbie has a QR Code with the meeting app.

Jude H. asked who is on the board. Michele G. reported the history of the board of intergroup.

Lisa S. looked in the Intergroup computer and found the bylaws. The Board used to have a lot more people in it and Lisa S. wondered why that changed. Michele G. didn't have an answer, she is doing what is based on the bylaws. Chair/Co-chair/Treasure/Secretary/Co-Secretary and office manager is invited. She is more inclusive and more people could be involved. Michele G. asks Lisa S. to bring it to the Board meeting. Discussion regarding trustees and AA meetings and who was on the boards, in early 40s/late 40s and that was because AA wanted to make sure the public knew a bunch of alcoholics weren't maintaining funds.

Bob L. remembers there were 4 of us, not a lot of people want to go. Bob L. believes Renee P. was involved in updating the bylaws.

Carmel M. thinks it is odd that the board meetings are held at the house. And also it needs to have an odd number of people for voting decisions.

Lauralynn is asking that plain language book be available on 11/1. Carmel asks Lisa S. to do some research.

Lisa S. says in order to get free shipping must pay \$401. The books are \$11. Michele G says we can table it for the next month. This would be an "extra" order so we will need to take a vote. On the next agenda. Nancy says there have been some delays for various books, including 12x12 hardback. So there may be a delay for delivery anyway. They could add the plain language book to an existing order. There are several pamphlets that are being discontinued, etc.

Debbie D. asks if Unity Day is an intergroup event. Jude H. says no, but it may be in the future. Carmel M. has some concerns about commingling funds. Jude H. says each year one service entity sponsors the event.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 and was closed with the Responsibility Prayer. The next meeting will be held on September 24, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at All Saints Church.