

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERGROUP AGENDA

6:00 P.M. TUESDAY

JULY 23, 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 (Renee P) and the Statement of Purpose (Claudia H.).

INTRODUCTIONS: The following members in attendance introduced themselves: Jim S., Nancy C., Michele G., Carmel M., Chris M., Claudia H., Tom O., Greg G. Sam D., Renee P., Jude H., Kathy A., Heather L., P.J. V., Jenn S.

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

REPORTS FROM BOARD:

CHAIRPERSON: Michele G. – Michele went to the bank and made changes to the signature cards.

SECRETARY: Jenn S. – The contact list was passed for updating.

TREASURER: Carmel M. provided a report. She was able to obtain the bank card in her name. She purchased banker boxes for filing. She is considering scanning the older files or exploring other storage options. Carmel M. also purchased some computer supplies. She obtained a file cabinet by donation. She discussed the idea of moving away from checks, possibly using Zelle and setting up automatic bill pay with the bank. She also provided a review of the financial report (passed around as well and provided in email). There is a loss. She is going to work on a method to separate out Venmo/Paypal donations. She discussed getting more intergroup donations from the various groups. One way is to suggest splits (like 50% to intergroup). She shared a "pie chart" representation of splits donation that we might be able to share with groups to encourage donations. We also discussed paying the Alano club with Venmo. Final suggestion was possibly using Quick Books or outsourcing payroll duties.

Carmel M. then provided an overview of financials for June. July income was \$4114.25 up from May by \$2065.01, due to an increase in individual donations, literature sales and Founder's Day Picnic income. Group donations were \$684, down \$593.25. PayPal/Venmo/Individual donations/sales totaled \$1051. Literature, Coin and Literature donations totaled \$1377.25 up #1117.50 from May. Total expenses were \$4308.24, up \$2877.81 from May due to literature purchases, office supplies and worker's compensation costs. June's ending balance was \$16,266, down \$193.99 from May. The prudent reserve to date is \$6883.81. The ending balance for June was \$23,149.81, down \$99.99 from May.

She finished by presenting Founders' Day Picnic Financials with corrections made. A net loss of around \$200 dollars was reported.

OFFICE MANAGER: Lisa S. not present. Written report of sales passed around.

OFFICE VOLUNTEER CHAIR: Nancy C. is still looking for help on the phones, encourages everyone to bring the request to our groups, a good idea for service position for sponsees.

TWELVE STEP CHAIR: Jen S. – Everything is going well and running smoothly.

WEBMASTER: Heather L. is having surgery and will be out for 2 months. However, she can make flyers and update website. There was a request to edit the RedyPAA meeting location online, it is not upstairs at the Alano Club. She will handle the correction.

NEWSLETTER: Jude H. reported the August newsletter is ready and she asked us to pass them out, bring to meetings, etc.

BIRTHDAY/SPEAKER MEETING: Julio F. was absent. The next meeting is going to be hosted by “Free At Last,” at 7 pm. And Heather is the speaker.

FOUNDER’S DAY PICNIC CHAIR: Nichole M. was absent. Chris provided a report. We have reserved a new area at Anderson River Park at the Gazebo. It was only \$85. There is a BBQ, lots of benches and tables, bocce ball, lots of grassy areas.

HOLIDAY CHAIR: Rob T. is absent. The planning will start in August and a sign up sheet was passed around for help planning the holiday party.

REDYPAA: This chair position is vacant. Michele W. provided a report. The Redypaa campout was a success with approximately 60 people in attendance. The next event is 8/17, a speaker meeting at 8 pm. And a glow in the dark/foam dance party. In September, RedyPaa will be participating in the Stick with the Winners softball tournament in Durham.

PI/CPC: Vacant position, no report.

OUTREACH CHAIR: Vacant position, no report.

ARCHIVES CHAIR: Bob L. was not in town but sent in a report. He is planning another meeting in August.

WORKSHOP CHAIR: Chris M. provided a report. He is planning to do a session on September 21, regarding the origin of the 12 steps.

H&I: Renee P. provided a report. Things are running smoothly. Visits to the jail are still behind the glass. There is a new program to “sponsor” an inmate in jail electronically (zoom, text, email). It is a wonderful program and she encourages the group to look into it and share the opportunity.

DISTRICT 11: Gayle S. Absent, no report.

DISTRICT 9: Debbie D. sent a report in via email:

“Continuing the update of intergroup records: There were 5 “rogue” meetings, now there are 4. I am penciling in visits to all the meetings that do not have GSRs to continue getting current information for intergroup records. Some groups are changing positions to accommodate the sobriety time requirements to get positions filled. “They are being a good example of how a group conscious can create/provide a solution.” There are two who will become temporary treasurers. I am slowly but surely getting out to all 27 meetings, also being sure the group is registered with area 07.”

*Per Gayle's report, District 09 & District 11 are co-hosting Pre-assembly conference April 2025. I have nothing more to add
H&I am attending district 09 as a guest. As a member of the H&I, I will act as liaison to keep our district informed of their progress and work. I have referred this committee to join communication with Renee and Jude. They are interested in Unity Day. We do not have this position in our by-laws, so it is a nice addition. H&I wants to extend sponsoring in our county jail, like in prison, but it will take a project coordinator with the facility to create it. PI/CPC is going well. The committee's efforts address Health Care Professionals. Next meeting at my home, 11:30am, July 29th.
Unity Day will be co-hosted by 3 groups: Tuesday High Rails, Thursday Men's Stag and Sunday Way Out Group on Sept 7th at Carrick Park in Weed. Bob L has been invited for an archive panel. We have voted in Al-anon participation and Otto, 65 years sober old-timer, to share. More to follow. 10th Sobriety in the Siskiyou on September 21, in Yreka. Flier available today. I have provided the history of Sobriety in the Siskiyou to Bob L for archives and a hard copy today for Renee as requested. I am interviewing old-timers before we die so that our history can be recorded."*

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. The theft policy is tabled for now.
- b. Microphone for Founders Day – no new news to report, but we need a better sound system for the event.
- c. Founder's Day location – Gazebo is decided and reserved.
- d. BBQ Registration – Chris M. reported the BBQ is registered.
- e. BBQ Use – Chris M. mentioned a policy or need to figure out how to have users pay for refilling the propane and cleaning the bbq.
 - i. Re Insurance for the bbq, the group discussed various liability issues and methods to obtain a policy for intergroup.
 - ii. Sam D. thinks they shouldn't have to have the bbq registered in their name, but it could be registered to intergroup.
 - iii. The group discussed the possibility of having users sign a liability waiver to use it.
 - iv. Sam D. makes a motion that we/Intergroup not lend the bbq out or let others use it. Seconded by Greg G. and passed. Chris M. will be the one to provide the bbq if he is present to use it for an event for Intergroup.
 - v. Re the history, Mike Z. donated the bbq to Intergroup and Intergroup wrote a receipt for his taxes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jude H. presented the Unity Day event, at Happy Valley Community Center on October 12. At 11:00 a.m. They held a meeting on June 27 and it was well attended. The budget is \$350 and each service entity participating is asking for a donation. They are hoping to attract 100 people and be able to provide lunch to attendees. Jude H. described this event occurs in Sonoma County. The next Unity Day meeting is

August 8, 2024 and zoom is available for attendance. Lisa S. is the intergroup chair participating for Unity Day on behalf of Intergroup.

- a. Jude H. asked for a \$200 donation to the event from Intergroup.
 - b. Carmel M. made a motion to donate \$200, Chris M. seconded the motion, and it passed.
2. Open Positions – Newsletter co-chair, Webmaster co-chair, RedyPaa, PI/PC, Outreach.
- a. Sam D. agreed to accept the Speaker meeting co-chair position.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND: Nothing new.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 and was closed with the Responsibility Prayer. The next meeting will be held on August 27, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at All Saints Church.