

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERGROUP
MEETING MINUTES,
September 24, 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 Larry T. and the Statement of Purpose was read by Heather L.

INTRODUCTIONS: By all in attendance: Mikki M, Claudia H, Jim S, Larry T, Lauralyn D, Tina H, PJ V, Michele G, Gayle S, Bob L, Sam M, Renee P, Greg G, Lisa S, Jenn S, Nancy C, Jude H, Debbie D, Heather L, Kathy A, Rob T, Ken W, Carmel M.

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

REPORTS FROM BOARD:

CHAIRPERSON: Michele G.- Michele requested that any additional agenda items be submitted one week prior to the meeting.

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: Carmel provided an overview of financials for August. August income was \$2525.51 up from July by \$43.26 due to an increase in Literature sales and refund of \$278.32. Group donations were \$735 down \$542.75 from July. PayPal/Venmo/Individual donations/sales totaled \$149.04 down \$43.96. Literature, Coin sales and Literature/donations totaled \$1333.75, up \$346.50 from July. Total expenses were \$3358.75, up by \$527.05 from July. August's ending balance was \$14,884.31, down \$1036 from July. The prudent reserve to date is \$6883.81. The ending balance for August was \$21,768.12, down \$1033.24 from July. Carmel is working to reconcile a few dollars of discrepancy between bank statements and intergroup accounting.

OFFICE MANAGER: Lisa S.- no written report with book and coin sales and number of office encounters. She reported that she had flyers for Bob L's archive meeting. Intergroup office is still looking for a few office volunteers. Lisa will send written report to Jenn S for minutes.

OFFICE VOLUNTEER CHAIR: Nancy reported that she is still looking for Volunteers to work 2-hour shifts in the open slots. The office phones are not turning over to the answering service and Lisa and Nancy are working with phone service and volunteers to correct the problem. 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 announced that she is posting group donations on the website. District 4 is hosting a "Safety in AA " forum on October 19 in Campbell, CA in person or on Zoom. Anyone who is interested can register on the website. Heather is also posting group histories with group information. She recommended that Intergroup members routinely visit the website to view all events and content and encourage others to do so.

NEWSLETTER CHAIR: Jude H. brought copies of the October Newsletter for the group to distribute in meetings. She asked to spread the word that she would like AA members to submit personal stories of their experience, strength and hope for the newsletter. 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. Rob T. and Redding Beginners Group will host the next meeting on October 5, at 7pm at All Saints Church. There was some concern about the fact that the Intergroup Birthday/Speaker meeting does not and will not have a group meeting number. Renee clarified the way it works. The Speaker/Birthday meeting is a part of Intergroup. Intergroup is a 9th Tradition Service Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous and does not make splits. It requires no group number. The Chair tries to establish a 3 month prudent reserve to pay for its rent and coffee supplies. Any money after expenses are met is contributed to Intergroup.

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

HOLIDAY CHAIR-Robt T. reported that Jude H. made a flyer for event and it is posted on the website. The speakers will be Russ H. and Lydia J. They will be able to cut \$1000 from last year's expenses as the speakers will not be paid nor will there be travel expenses. The committee Chair positions are filled, and they are looking for volunteers to work the event. The planning meetings are scheduled on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and the next one is on October 15, 6pm at All Saints Church.

REDYPAA: Position vacant. Michele G. reported that the September Karaoke meeting was a great success. Plans for the October 19th Costume Contest/event/meeting are underway.

PI/CPC: Position Vacant

OUTREACH CHAIR: Position Vacant

ARCHIVES CHAIR- Bob L. Absent sent report that he attended District 9's Unity Day. The next Archives Committee meeting is scheduled on Monday, November 4th at 6pm via Zoom. Details are in the flyer on the website.

WORKSHOP CHAIR: Chris M. Absent, no report.

H&I-Renee P. reported that H & I programs are running smoothly, and rosters are full. Jail meetings are still conducted behind the glass. H & I is planning Unity Day on October 12, at Happy Valley Community Center Next planning meeting is Tuesday, October 8, 6pm at All Saints Church. Renee circulated flyers. Reps from Districts 9 & 11, REDYPAA, Bob L with the Archives, and GSRs and

DCMs will be present. H & I is looking for Intergroup support for this event. Renee reminded the group that AA members can sponsor prison inmates in Northern California via text, Zoom or email.

DISTRICT 11: Gayle S reported:

“Our District 11 is growing. We have attendees from all three counties, Shasta, Tehama, and Trinity. We had a GSR school on September 15th, big shout out to Emily and Claudio. Not quite the turnout we were hoping for, but it was fun and very informative. Thank you very much! We are going to do a group inventory, Area gave me a good idea, so that we can grow our group stronger, bigger and more informed. We are also trying to see if we can find a different time and day to hold our meeting. But it's controversial with a bunch of other meetings in the area. So right now we're staying at the third Sunday of the month at 3:30, so "Let's go team!" Looking forward to this coming year!.”

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

- Still slowly but surely getting out to our new count of 25 meetings. We have 11 GSR's. I have learned I can easily register a group, or gather updated group information and send to area 07 by email & pic of form at the time of my visit to a group. Our DCM, Christine Lamp and I are still delivering treasurer packets to groups without GSRs. Soon, I will be reaching out to area 07 registrar to get the cnia.org records for district 09 up to date.
- We will review our separate proposed 2025 budgets at our next district meeting, so that we may continue our financial recovery from the impact of Covid. We are looking at financial policies included in our by-laws and our financial impact. District will vote on in November
- Our treasurer is creating a district 09 response for our DCM to report on the CNIA 07 proposed spending plan to address their 2025 deficit. D09 has expressed the importance of the assembly which is where GSR's have a vote and a voice. Focusing on the point that participation is a must to be heard and to have the GSR voice count
- H&I liaison keeps our district informed of their progress and works. Going face to face at County jail. Still working on clearance for fire camps. Penny will take part at H&I table at October Unity day. Penny has created an H&I brochure for Siskiyou County and is available today.
- Marga M, Randi and I plan to help man GSO table at October Multi-district Unity Day too
- PI/CPC is going strong. We are small but we do it all. We are now doing our monthly meeting on zoom: ID# 733 826 1415 Password: 530530. As a result, we have added a member to our committee. We are still distributing the flier throughout the district with the qr code for the meeting app in various locations. We are combining efforts with H&I to cover institutions they can provide lit for. Next meeting – my home Oct 21st @ 11:30am
- Tuesday Lake Shastina group hosted their 1st Tues potluck/speaker meeting and was very well attended. This was a post COVID relaunch of this event.
- District 09 Unity Day was a great gathering of Food, Fellowship & Fun 1st
- Annual Siskiyou AA Campout at Juanita Lake – SUCCESSFUL! TBA: 2nd

□ 10th Annual Sobriety in the Siskiyou was a joy with a circus theme and lots and lots of love, sobriety and unity

□ Christine T, DCM D09 reports: I encourage members to review Safety in AA. I have learned much about safety in AA this month. It is important that every member feels safe in Alcoholics Anonymous. If anyone would like to know more here is the link <https://www.aa.org/search?search=safety+card>. We are encouraging anyone with questions to reach out to district and we can assist.

□ She further reports - We are co-hosting an Area Assembly in Gazelle April 12-13, 2025 with D11. If you or your group would like to volunteer and be of service, please reach out to a district committee member.

□ In her closing she wants us to know: We always welcome all members at large to attend district and hope you will join us for our district meetings on the 1st Sunday of the month Next meeting, Sunday October 6 th @ 10am. In person at Weed Community Center or on Zoom ID: 733 826 1415 Password: 530530.”

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Theft Policy**-tabled for next month after Board Meeting review.
- **Holiday Party venue**-venue at Anderson Fairgrounds has been reserved and deposit has been received.
- **Plain Language Big Book**-They are coming and will be available on November 4th. PJ made a motion for Intergroup to purchase 40 books. Jim S. seconded and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Open Positions:** Newsletter Co-Chair, Webmaster Co-Chair, REDYPAA Rep, PI/PCP Chair, Day Picnic Co-Chair, Treasurer Co-Chair, Outreach Chair and Co-Chair.
- **Birthday/Speaker meeting chip exchange**-Lisa and Birthday speaker chair, Julio, need to plan how to track the exchange/inventory of chips from Intergroup office to meeting. The item was tabled for next month when Julio can participate in the conversation.

What's on Your Mind?

- Greg G. made a “Save the Date” announcement for Recovery Round-Up, on June 22, 2025. He invited Intergroup and REDYPAA to participate.

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm and was closed with the Responsibility Prayer. The next meeting will be held on November 28, 2024. **Meeting place and time TBD** as the church will be holding an annual event and the meeting room is not available.