

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERGROUP  
MEETING MINUTES,  
November 26, 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 Janice G. and the Statement of Purpose was read by Ken W.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** By all in attendance: Mikki O, Larry T, Michele G, Greg G, Lisa S, Jenn S, Nancy C, Jude H, Debbie D, Rob T, Carmel M, Janice G, Julio F, PJ V, Renee P, Ken W, Gayle S, Rich H.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH'S MEETING:** Renee P. moved to accept the September Minutes as amended. Lisa S. 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. She announced that a rent increase will occur Jan 1, 2025 to \$50/month. Currently, the rent is \$45/month. All meeting rooms at All Saints Church will have and \$5 rent increase.

**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 October. Income was \$5229.81 up from September by \$3797.84 due to an increase in Group Donations and an anonymous gift of \$2500. Group donations were up \$1176.62 from September. Literature, Coin sales and Literature/donations totaled \$1000 up \$70.50 from September. Total expenses were \$3112.70, up by \$1001,73 from September. Increased expenses Holiday Party venue deposit and supplies and quarterly taxes. October's ending balance was \$16,322.42 up \$2117.11 from September. The prudent reserve to date is \$6883.81 and Carmel will contribute to Prudent Reserve due to increase in revenue. The ending balance for October was \$23,206.23, up \$2117.11 from September. An error was noted on the Group Donations under Shasta Newcomers Group. The reported "To Date" amount of \$16,351.23 is inaccurate. Carmel will review her records and make the correction.

**OFFICE MANAGER:** Lisa S. reported that Spectrum phone service is still not allowing forwarding to answering service to occur. For the time being, staff and volunteers will be forwarding calls manually. Also, Lisa announced the Plain Language Big Books arrived and have sold out. The books are undergoing some edits and then she will place another order. Literature and coin sales totaled \$1067.75. A total of 103 encounters occurred in October including 12 Step and Al-Anon/NA calls, general and meeting information, and Literature/coin sales. Intergroup office is still looking for a few

office volunteers. Lisa announced the Grapevine is no longer offering a 20% discount on purchases. She recently placed a large order.

**OFFICE VOLUNTEER CHAIR:** Nancy reported that she is still looking for Volunteers to work 2-hour shifts in the open slots. Three volunteers have dropped out. 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. She and Lisa will be selling books and coins at the Holiday Party. 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. She will begin the process of updating and expanding the list in January 2025.

**WEBMASTER:** Heather L. absent and sent report as follows:

- "Change GSR/PICPC meeting to third Tuesday of the month at 5:00 at the club, upstairs
- Included the GSR flyer on the District 11 and nearby events page
- updated Archives Events page: added reading group people of history, Mrs. Marty Mann, 1st lady in AA, beginning 10-6-24; added Group History Form (added to Meetings/Resources & Archives page) which are Guidelines from GSO for writing an A.A. group history & Archives movie
- added a new page to the website for archives forms and included the group history form.
- updated District 9 Siskiyou County Monthly meeting, their zoom meeting ID & password.
- Uploaded the October reports (financial, minutes and group donations) & moved September to Archives.
- posted a lot of Thanksgiving & Christmas flyers to the events page."

**NEWSLETTER CHAIR:** Jude H. brought copies of the December Newsletter for the group to distribute in meetings. She announced that she added information about Marathon Meetings being held on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. She announced that she is looking for information on Redypaa, H & I, and GSRs regarding what's going on and what is needed in addition to what is on the calendar.

**BIRTHDAY/SPEAKER MEETING:** Julio F. announced that rent is paid for next 3 months, a prudent reserve has been established, and he will be contributing \$216 to Intergroup. The next Birthday/Speaker meeting is scheduled on Saturday, January 4, 2025, at 7pm at All Saints Church. Spiritual Progress from Red Bluff will host the meeting. Julio has booked hosts for Speaker meeting through May 3, 2025.

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

**HOLIDAY CHAIR-**Robt T. passed around the Holiday Party flyers and asked the group to distribute them in meetings. Group reps can also ask meeting participants for cash and/or gift basket donations for raffle. Next planning meetings are scheduled for Monday, December 2, and Tuesday, December 10. 6pm at All Saints Church. Plans for the event are running smoothly as committee chair and volunteer positions are being filled. Contracts are signed and Raffle Basket donations from meeting groups are forthcoming. There will be 4 categories for Table Decoration Contest: Most Original, Most Whimsical, Most Nostalgic and Best of Show. Food donations need to be dropped off at the venue

between 2-3 pm on the day of the event. Table decorating is scheduled from 9am-3pm on the day of the event. The Holiday Party Committee is currently operating under budget.

**REDYPAA:** Position vacant. Michele G., Interim Rep reported that the Reddypaa Speaker meeting is scheduled on Saturday, December 21, 8pm at the Alano Club. Activities include: a White Elephant Gift Exchange, Ugly Sweater Contest and a Hot Chocolate Social. 8 members will be sent to Santa Cruz to the Acupaa Event in Santa Cruz. Their travel and food expenses will be paid by Reddypaa. They have a new website: [www.reddypaa.org](http://www.reddypaa.org). Reddypaa still has open positions.

**PI/CPC:** Position Vacant

**OUTREACH CHAIR:** Position Vacant

**ARCHIVES CHAIR-** Bob L. absent and sent the following report:

"I have been asked to speak at the Free At Last group on the 26th. I won't be there for the meeting. My report is simple. The Archives committee met on zoom with 12 present on Monday November 4th. I have set up another zoom meeting for Friday December 6th at 6pm. Heather has the flyer. I'm also working on an A.A. Presentation at Winterfest this year. There will be another History/Archives zoom meeting on Friday December 6 at 6pm. Details are on our 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. She announced that that two changes have occurred with H & I programs. The Juvenile Hall meeting has been suspended due to unacceptable behavior of inmates. Also, the "No Boundaries" program has closed its doors.

**DISTRICT 11-** Gayle S, no report.

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

- "Our meetings are going well. AA is alive and well in District 09
- H&I liaison keeps our district informed of their progress and works. Robert reports H&I is going face to face at County jail, 3 out of 4 weeks are covered. Ted is the chair of fire camps, and he reports the committee is now going face to face into the Intermountain fire camp on Saturdays. Next meeting, first Friday of each month a WCC at 6pm
- PI/CPC is active, doing monthly meetings on zoom: **ID#** 733 826 1415 **Password:** 530530. We have 5 on committee and decided to do quarterly focus instead of monthly. We are creating google sheets document to keep record of all places we have given information to, and the date so we can also do regular follow up. This will provide a way to see what has been done, what we have yet to do, and be accountable. Each member can post activity We have many remote communities in need of hearing the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. Next meeting Jan 12th @ 11:30am
- Repeat from last month is that Christine T, DCM D09 wants us to know that at the assemblies there is a spot on the agenda for intergroup representatives to provide a report. We can attend

on zoom too to give a report. No one is taking advantage of it. And encourages us to be a part of

- District 09 is 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. Mini fliers in the back
- District 09 will be hosting two tables at the Holiday party with 20 people signed up to attend. We are all bringing desserts. The Tuesday High Rails group and the Friday Vision For You group are donating to the event to create a centerpiece on each table, and then donate to the raffle.
- DCM brought Claudia to our last district mtg to do a program on accessibility. She has asked me to bring this up, and it is on the agenda later
- • Our district meeting is held hybrid on the 1st Sunday of the month. Next meeting, Sunday December 1st @ 10am.”

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Increasing number of board members**-Lisa S. and Renee P. have discontinued doing research by contacting Central Offices in CA re who and how many members serve on the Intergroup Boards. Much discussion ensued on the current guidelines and increasing the number of Board members to include Tehama, and Siskiyou Counties and Members at Large. Currently, our By Laws require the Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and their Co-Chairs to serve on the Board. Is this enough people to represent the group, particularly if there are no Co-Chair positions filled? A recommendation to find a persons(s) to fill Outreach Chair position, have them to visit meeting groups and reach out to recruit more Intergroup Representatives before making changes to By Laws. The group agreed to take this approach. Item has been tabled for now.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Turnover of Secretary and Co positions:** Jenn S. has completed her term as Secretary. She will write up the November minutes and PJ V. will take over January 24, 2025. Debbie D made a motion to nominate PJ V, Co-Secretary, for Secretary. Lisa S. seconded and the motion passed.
- **Chairperson and Co-Chair positions:** These positions will turn over in February, 2025 meeting.
- **Fill Interim Treasurer position**-Carmel M. will be stepping down as Treasurer as she is leaving the area. Nichole M, former Treasurer, has offered to serve as Interim Treasurer until that position is filled. Renee P. made a motion to have Nichole M. serve as Interim Treasurer. Lisa S. seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Open Positions:** Newsletter Co-Chair, Webmaster Co-Chair, REDYPAA Rep, PI/PCP Chair, Founders' Day Picnic Co-Chair, Treasurer Co-Chair, Outreach Chair and Co-Chair. Michele G. asked that all Intergroup members make announcements at their group meetings about the need for service positions to be filled. PJ V. suggested that a sign-up sheet for service positions and information on Intergroup be provided at Winterfest.

### **What's on Your Mind?**

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm and was closed with the Responsibility Prayer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 6pm at All Saints Church.