

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERGROUP**

**MEETING MINUTES,**

**January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**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 Renee P. and the Statement of Purpose was read by Mitch.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** By all in attendance: Mikki O, Michele G, Greg G, Jenn S, Nancy C, Jude H, Debbie D, Rob T, Janice G, Renee P, Gayle S, Rich H, Kathy, Cody, Jeff, Kristi C, Duke S, Cona E, Christa G, Mitch G, Renee P, Rob L, Heather L, Nichole M, Chris M, Chris K.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH'S MEETING:** Renee P. moved to accept the November Minutes as amended. Lisa S. seconded and the motion passed.

**REPORTS FROM BOARD:**

**CHAIRPERSON:** Michele G. Michele thanked the group for their service and support this past year as her term has ended. She announced that Debbie D. is the incoming Chairperson, starting in February 2025.

**SECRETARY-** Jenn S. filled in as secretary as PJ was absent. She passed the Intergroup Contact List for updating. She asked the group to bring their own copies of the agenda and financials to save on printing costs.

**TREASURER:** Nichole, interim Treasurer provided an overview of financials for November/December. Income was \$3626.84 for November and \$6239.89 for December. Group donations were \$1417.32 and \$806 respectively. Literature, Coin sales and Literature/donations totaled \$1085.30. Total expenses for November were \$6486 and \$2316.61 for December. November expenses were up due to an increase in book and Holiday Party supply purchases. Year-end income for 2024 was \$38,341.34. Year-end expenses were \$36,857.34 for a net gain of \$1483.97. The year-end balance was \$17,806.39. The Prudent Reserve balance was \$7201.76. The ending balance for 2024 was 25,007.76. Nichole reported that she did not

contribute to the prudent reserve because there will be additional expenses in January for quarterly taxes and accounting fees.

**OFFICE MANAGER:** Lisa S.-absent, sent report: Literature and coin sales totaled \$1106.40. A total of 92 encounters occurred in December including 12 Step and Al-Anon/NA calls, general and meeting information, and Literature/coin sales.

**OFFICE VOLUNTEER CHAIR:** Nancy reported that she is still looking for Volunteers to work 2-hour shifts in the open slots. Nancy trains new volunteers on Tuesdays. Nancy also reminded all group reps to make Intergroup announcements to their respective groups on a regular basis. She reported that Winterfest weekend book/coin sales were very good.

**12 STEP CHAIR:** Jenn S. reported she is in the process of updating and expanding the 12 Step Call List. All volunteers on the list have received phone calls and approximately 60% have responded with a continued desire to serve. Jenn will follow up in a few weeks by contacting those who have not yet responded. Debbie D. volunteered to recruit people from Siskiyou County. Jenn reported that the updated 12 Step Call list should be completed by the next meeting in February.

**WEBMASTER:** Heather L. reported:

- She continues to update the events page and post flyers.
- The group meeting list has been updated.
- Group donations, financials and agenda are posted
- Updated contact information for representatives of Chair positions in AA service entities.

**NEWSLETTER CHAIR:** Jude H. brought copies of the January Newsletter for the group to distribute in meetings. She announced that on the front page of each newsletter, a QR Code is available to access the newsletter online. Jude announced the Unity Day planning meeting may be scheduled on March 6<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>. She will be reaching out to the DCMs, Intergroup Chairs, Reddypaa, and H&I. District 11 will host this year 's event and Jude will attend their District meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss plans for Unity Day.

**BIRTHDAY/SPEAKER MEETING:** Julio F.-absent, no report.

**FOUNDER'S DAY PICNIC CHAIR:** Nichole M. announced that plans are underway for the Founders' Day Picnic scheduled Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, at Anderson Riverpark Gazebo area. The waterpark will be available for our use. Planning meetings will start in March.

**HOLIDAY CHAIR-**Robt T. reported the Holiday Party was a huge success in many ways, however, many people had to be turned away due to lack of seating. Next year the Holiday Party Committee will look at Shasta Hall, a larger building at Anderson Fairgrounds to accommodate more people. Part of the problem is that most tables were reserved for private parties so, people who came without a reservation had nowhere to sit. Rob discussed the possibility of having no table reservations as an option next year but, rather first come first serve. Also, Rob recommended that the committee stick to the budget next year as an unexpected \$450 receipt for raffle baskets was submitted at the last minute. Rob paid for these baskets himself. Discussion ensued regarding Intergroup reimbursing Rob. Heather L. made a motion for Intergroup to reimburse Rob T \$450 for the cost of Raffle baskets. Renee P. seconded and the motion passed. This year's planning committee will meet on Tuesday, February 4 at 6pm at All Saints Church. Rob L raised the issue of securing a storage facility for Holiday Party supplies. Michele recommended that the item be moved to New Business for further discussion.

**REDYPAA:** Position vacant. Michele G, Interim Rep, reported that the Reddypaa Speaker meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 15, 8pm at the Alano Club. The "Broken Hearts and Sweet Tarts" event will include open mic nite and a candy share following the meeting. Reddypaa will be sending 8 members to Santa Cruz to the ACYPAA Event. 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 service positions.

**PI/CPC:** Position Vacant

**OUTREACH CHAIR:** Position Vacant

**ARCHIVES CHAIR-** Bob L.- absent, sent report

"Notes from January 13, 2024 Archives Committee Zoom Meeting:

Those present: Bob L, Fran C., Mark Mc., Alex P., Kathy A. Heather L.

- Bob L. reported that he hosted a zoom meeting on October, November, and December. He has updated the committee list and developed a digital mailing list. He also updated the file system committee information. He stated that he will be presenting a session on archives and history at Winterfest this year. He also mentioned that the Reading Group has been reading the book Marty Mann.

- Discussion followed on what the group would like from the meetings. It was stated that most everyone was interested in talks about different aspects of A.A. history both on the national well as the local level.
- The committee liked Fran C.'s request to have local meetings representatives share their groups history at the meetings.
- There was a request for information on the history of the Empire Recovery Center. Bob will see if he can acquire that information.
- The next meeting is schedules for February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6PM on Zoom.”

**WORKSHOP CHAIR:** Chris M. reported that his work schedule has prevented him from planning workshops. His schedule has now changed, and he will have time to work on planning events.

**H&I-**Renee P. reported that H & I programs are running smoothly and that there have been a few changes. The Juvenile Hall meeting has been suspended due to the unacceptable behavior of inmates. Also, the “No Boundaries” program has closed its doors. Jail meetings are still conducted behind the glass. She also reported that H&I is down \$20,000 from pre-Covid funds and that inmates and patients are in need of AA materials. There are now 7 prisons participating in the Inside Visiting Sponsorship Service, an AA member sponsorship program with inmates in Northern California. They are looking for sponsors. Contact information is on the website.

**DISTRICT 11-** Gayle S, no report. Gayle announced that she will be stepping down as Chair and Angie will take her position.

**DISTRICT 9:** Debbie D. reported as follows:

- “Our meetings are going well. Our DCM has returned to the area. She and I have picked up visiting groups that do not have gsr’s, and delivering treasurer packets to get current names & #s of trusted servants. Three of these were formed during COVID, and all 3 have now registered with a gso#
- Our local tinyurl in combination with the chair app is current and up to date
- Our district H&I liaison, Penny keeps our district informed of their works.

We are face to face at County jail. We are face-to-face at the Intermountain fire camp. We are seeking more volunteers to cover Deadwood, our other fire camp. They have changed the location of the monthly H&I business meeting. Next meeting, first Friday of February at the Hi-Lo Café at 6pm.

- PI/CPC is active, doing monthly meeting on zoom: ID# 733 826 1415 Password: 530530. A document has been created on google sheets so that we can now reference the record of all places and when we have given information out. It's an interactive document, and is working well for us. Focus this quarter is organizing volunteers to give rides to behavioral health clients, revisit community centers, visitors centers, chamber of commerces, and bridging the gap. Next meeting Feb 9th @ 11:30am

- 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.

- Our district meeting is held hybrid (live & zoom) on the 1st Sunday of the month, although there will be discussion of changing the time and day of the district 09 meeting. For now, next meeting, Sunday, February 2nd @ 10am."

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Contract with Number Crunchers**-Nichole recommended that Intergroup consider contracting with Number Crunchers, an accounting firm, to do year-end and quarterly financials. The cost is \$160 to do reports and \$60/month or \$30/pay period for contract. Heather L. made a motion to hire Number Crunchers for Intergroup financial needs. Jude H. seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Sober Sisters Donation:** on behalf of Sober Sisters, a former women's conference, Cathy R. donated \$1840.46. The group thanked her for the generous gift.
- **Storage Facility for Holiday Party Supplies**-Rob L, visitor, reported that he and Rob T. made plans to rent a storage space for the Holiday Party supplies because the existing storage space at the Alano Club is small, disorganized and mixed with various Alano Club items. Holiday Party items were moved to new storage facility, Rob L.'s employer, after the event. Rob L. paid the December rental fee of \$10. There was some miscommunication between Rob L, the Office

Manager, Lisa and Intergroup. Lisa was asked to sign a contract but declined because she was unable to see the storage unit and the transaction needed to be approved by Intergroup first. Rob L reported that he was charged a \$10 late fee for January as he did not pay it pending Intergroup meeting discussion. The group decided to pay rent through February. Janice G. made a motion to pay late fee, January and February rental fees for a total of \$30. Mitch G. seconded and the motion passed. This item will be tabled for the next meeting in February.

- **Chairperson and Co-Chair positions:** Michele G. has completed her term as Chair and Debbie D. will take her place starting in February.
- **PI/CPC-**Gayle S. announced she would like to serve as PI/CPC Chair. She shared her experience with District 11 DCM and other service commitments. She is interested in working with the medical community and its treatment of alcoholism. Michele made a motion to nominate Gayle S. for PI/CPC Chair. Chris M. seconded and the motion passed.
- **Open Positions:** Co-Chair, Newsletter Co-Chair, Webmaster Co-Chair, REDYPAA Rep, Founders' Day Picnic Co-Chair, Treasurer Chair and 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 7:10 pm and was closed with the Responsibility Prayer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 6pm at All Saints Church.

Submitted by Jenn Schmit

Intergroup Secretary

February 16, 2025