

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERGROUP

MEETING MINUTES,

February 25, 2025

6:00 pm

OPENING MEETING: The meeting was called to order by Debbie D, Intergroup Chair, at 6:01 pm. The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions were read by Nancy C. and the Statement of Purpose was read by Brant.

INTRODUCTIONS: By all in attendance: Lisa S., Jonnie C., Tina H., Janice G., Nancy C., Kristi C., Penny C., Renee P., Shannan R., Rob L., Heather L., Sam M., Mikki O., Jude H., Bob L., Kathy A., Scott P., Lisa C., Gayle S., P.J. V., Chris M., Michele G., Jenn S., Cona E., Brant, Debbie D.

REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH'S MEETING: Penny C. moved to accept the January Minutes as amended. Lisa S. seconded and the motion passed.

- Correction requested by Renee P.: The sentence in the H&I report that states inmates and patients are in need of new material is to be removed. That is not accurate. The January minutes will be amended to reflect the above.

REPORTS FROM BOARD:

CHAIRPERSON: Debbie D.'s first meeting, report submitted and read:

"This is my first month, and I am learning. I am thanking each of you in advance for my learning curve. I want to apologize for not knowing how to deal with what happened at the last intergroup meeting, and for the subsequent aftermath that occurred. As a result, 10 days into my new position, I called our first board meeting. Current board members & Lisa S. were present, as well as recording secretary Jenn S. who took the minutes last month. We are aware of inappropriate behavior. We want people to have a voice. However, this body is not for complaints. Our conclusions will be presented at a new business discussion, perhaps forming a subcommittee. I want to add a reminder to our Agenda or just to my report every month that patience, love and tolerance is our code. We always want to do our best at practicing principles before personalities. Our next Intergroup board meeting has been scheduled April 10th.

SECRETARY- P.J. V. present and provides a report. Thanks to Jenn S. for covering minutes in January. The contact list will be passed around, please add your information. We will add emails to the email list. P.J. will bring some copies of various reports and minutes, but if members can print out their own copies that will be helpful.

Financials in PDF form will be included in next month's email.

[Debbie D to pass around 7th tradition]

TREASURER: Nichole M. January 2025 report. We received group donations in the amount of \$2,551.86. One group/women's retreat event folded, so they gave Intergroup \$1800. There were high literature sales b/c of Winterfest. There were a lot of expenses, high literature purchases b/c we sold so much literature. She also paid quarterly taxes, paid Number Crunchers, paid rent for the meeting room, and paid sales tax which is \$848 which is the highest we've ever paid, which means Intergroup is selling lots of books and coins. We ended the month with negative \$4.33.

Last month she moved \$ into the prudent reserve. We hit the cap. We set a \$7500 cap for prudent reserves two years ago and we have hit that cap!

She will sign up for Number Crunchers after tax season and handle our postcard for non-profit filing status.

Nichole reminded us she is temporarily helping as a treasurer, she is not in this position. Intergroup needs a treasurer as Nichole M. is also the Founder's Day chair for the June event.

Question – Renee P. – She did not receive financials prior to the meeting. P.J. confirmed financials, in PDF form will be sent out, but not bank statements. Nichole M. did send the financials in a timely manner. P.J. confirmed for next month, did not do it this month.

OFFICE MANAGER: Lisa S. provided a report on storage centers for holiday party and founder's day items that need to be stored. Lisa S. provided a list with several options for discussion. Goal is to have a 10x10 unit for all Intergroup property to avoid using space at Alano and having Intergroup materials spread out at different people's houses. One option is a mobile unit, but she hasn't spoken to Scott S. re a mobile storage unit at the Alano.

Lisa S. sold almost \$1k of merchandise at Winterfest, b/c set up in the room, at the meetings, got to watch all the meetings and made more \$ than ever before.

Management report was circulated.

Heather L. – Question: Was it decided not to go with Rob. L's storage unit? Discussion moved to Old Business.

Rob. L. – Question re storage centers. Discussion to be continued to old business.

OFFICE VOLUNTEER CHAIR: Nancy C. reports she lost a couple phone line volunteers. Always looking for new phone line volunteers. Lisa S. did an outstanding job at Winterfest.

-Cona E. asks when we announce at meetings that the office is looking for volunteers, where do we send them? Nancy C. says her phone number is on the wall at Alano and to give potential volunteers that number. She also provides training. The requirement is 6 months sobriety, have a sponsor, working 12 steps, and complete one hour in office training. She needs 5-6 phone volunteers. Weekends are open right now. A few prime spots are open during meetings so you can get a meeting in while volunteering for the phone line.

- Heather L. says she can include the available days/times on the website.

There should also be a schedule of available spots on the Intergroup door.

Jude H. wants to know if the available spots could be in the office manager's report. Lisa S. says yes, she will add it.

12 STEP CHAIR: Jenn S. reports the call list is updated and done. She has 18 people that have not responded. We now have 25 people in Siskiyou County thanks to Debbie D. 15 more calls to make to people who have served in the past. They are really slim in Tehama County for men. And very slim in Trinity County, just kind of disconnected from Trinity. If anyone in Intergroup has Trinity County contacts, please connect with Jenn S.

WEBMASTER: Heather L.

- She updated the meeting list as she received it from Lisa S.
- She donated one month to the website for the domain.
- She coordinated w/Nicole M. to pay for the Hatchling Plan of the website (which is support and storage of our domain) for 3 years. Hostgator goes paperless so she sent Nichole M. a text with the annual expenses of the website. We need to update the card information on file in late October to update the domain for \$20.99 for a year. storage for the website. For domain, paid for 3 years.
- Paperless
- She updated the financial reports, group donations, and minutes on the website. She archived the old and pulled in the new, with donations and minutes.

Renee P. Question— How often do we archive the minutes and financials? Heather L. does it monthly. The current one is the January report. The archives is 12 months old financial reports. She stores the reports for 12 months.

NEWSLETTER CHAIR: Jude H. reports the March newsletter is done. She is having trouble printing at the office. She can print at home for approximately \$20-25 a month. She can print until the Intergroup office printer is fixed. She proposes this issue be added to new business.

Michele G. says Carrows can do different settings for our newsletters.

Group asks about the cost for Fed-Ex/Kinko's. Jude H. says it was \$70-\$80 there, and she has paid out of pocket to print. It is cheaper for her to print in color on her machine per month. She doesn't mind doing it.

Jude H. also asks for any Intergroup, at your groups, to submit articles or stories for the newsletter. She is going to business meetings to get minutes and planning a spotlight on RedyPaa. She needs these items/submissions by no later than the 4th Monday to get it to her printer. She prints the newsletter on the same day as our meeting.

Heather L. says she does printing for Al-Anon and has received a better rate.

Debbie D. tables this issue regarding printing the newsletter for the next meeting.

Michele G. reminder, if you have new business to discuss at the meeting, you need to get it to Debbie D. before the agenda goes out, preferably one week prior to our meeting.

Bob L. – How soon will the March newsletter be available online? Heather L. says at the end of the month (February).

BIRTHDAY/SPEAKER MEETING: Julio F. absent. Sam M. co-chair present. No Matter What women's group is hosting, 7:00 p.m., this Saturday March 1 is the next meeting. We are expecting a big turnout.

FOUNDER'S DAY PICNIC CHAIR: Nichole M. reports by the end of March, Jude H. will help with new flyers and it will be ready for distribution. Founder's Day is 6/14/25, Anderson River park, Gazebo area. The date was reserved last year. We will be near the gazebo, horseshoe pits, and bocce ball. A lot like last year, all about kids and families. She is thinking of planning a tournament for bocce and horse shoes. Those items will be provided by the park. By the March meeting, she will have a flyer ready. She will set up a meeting place for a business meeting at the Alano club, but not yet confirmed. If you participated last year, she will send you an email w/times for the first meeting. Next month there will be a sign up sheet to bring back to the groups to get help for the event.

HOLIDAY CHAIR- Angie absent, no report.

REDYPAA: Michele G. Just got back from Acypaa. They sponsored 13 people. 8 new members voted into the committee at the business meeting. REDYPAA is going to bid for ACYPAA for Redding in 2026. Elections are coming up next month. ACYPAA was here in Redding in 2014. It is a weekend long conference with marathon meetings, panels, and speaker meetings. Next monthly event is 3/15 8 p.m. Alano club. Speaker meeting and then playing Mafia, with a popcorn bar. \$7 suggested donation. Annual campout – reserved Gregory Creek at Shasta Lake Aug 1-3.

PI/CPC: Gayle S. Newly elected. Missed her first meeting, 3/5 is the next one. She attended the Bridging the Gap meeting. Got a lot of info where the two programs coincide. She is excited for the next meeting, needs some ideas for the first event or some way to put herself and position out there. She knows General Service has a pi/pc liaison. Not sure what the relationship would be between the two or if there are supposed to be two liaisons? She is wondering where the binder is for PI/PC, from the two gentlemen who had it before.

OUTREACH CHAIR: Position Vacant

ARCHIVES CHAIR- Bob L.- present, also sent in the following report:

Bob presented that he had hosted the Archives table at Winterfest as well as doing a presentation on A.A. History and the archives.

Bob has contacted Margene S. who retired recently as the manager of the Empire Recovery Center as the committee had requested information on the history of the Empire. Bob also contacted the current manager.

Bob has contacted Loren M. who records the Sunday Gratitude Speaker meeting and has received some of the recordings of those meetings. Greg mentioned that he is interested in transposing some of them into a usable format. Bob will go through the files to see if there are any of interest that have long term sobriety.

Bob also mentioned that the Recovery Reading Group has completed reading "Marty Mann" and is just starting "How It Worked, The Story of Clarence H. Snyder And the Early Days of Alcoholics Anonymous in Cleveland, Ohio" on Sundays at 3PM on Zoom.

WORKSHOP CHAIR: Chris M. present, nothing new to report.

H&I- Renee P. Nothing new going on w/facilities. Jail still behind the glass. Everything is up and running smoothly. Crestwood is looking for a new facility coordinator. 3 year sobriety minimum w/1 year h&i work. Flyers available regarding the Inside Visiting Sponsorship Service. It's done anonymously, they serve 7 prisons/facilities in CA. H&I hosted Unity Day last year, and the first planning meeting for this year is 3/11, hybrid at house or zoom. Flyer has an address. We need an Intergroup rep to be at the meeting for planning Unity Day. They have about \$1100 to use as seed money for District 11 for hosting the event.

DISTRICT 11- Vacant, no report

DISTRICT 9: Debbie D. present and provided the following report:

- Our meetings are going well. Our gso# financial records at intergroup are up to date. I will begin updating area 7 records now.
- Our local tinyurl is broken. DCM, alt-DCM & I meet with Lisa to discuss a tech change for us. District 09 has established one point of contact for meeting changes. Took two years and now changes happen within 24-48 hours. We are adding this responsibility to the intergroup liaison position in our by-laws because other members have asked to have an editable version to all.
- District 09 created & provided a 25 person twelve step call list for Jen.
- Our district H&I liaison, Penny keeps our district informed of their work. We are face to face at County jail. We are face-to-face at the Intermountain fire camp. Clearing more volunteers to cover Deadwood, our other fire camp. Next H&I business meeting - first Friday of March at the Hi-Lo Café at 5pm. 88 S. Weed Blvd, Weed, CA

- PI/CPC is active, doing monthly meeting on zoom: **ID#** 733 826 1415 **Password:** 530530. Our interactive document has been created on google sheets. The ability to update & reference the record of all places and when we have given information out is working well for us. We submitted our 12 step call list to behavioral health to help clients seeking recovery. Next meeting is hybrid March 9th @ 11:30am. We are meeting to divide new literature order and laminated chair app fliers to members for distribution.
- District 09 & D11 are co-hosting an Area Assembly in Gazelle April 12-13, 2025
- Our district meeting is held hybrid (live & zoom) on the 1st Sunday of the month. Next meeting, Sunday, March 2nd @ 10am.

In loving service, Debbie D. District 09 Intergroup Liaison

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Holiday Party Storage & Key Discussion –**
- Lisa S. presented her research re storage sheds.
- Rob L. is saying the paragraph at bottom of Lisa S. report is not accurate. Rob L. was on the holiday party committee. The timing of when the club was open, who had a key, getting stuff down was an issue. He managed Alfreda and had good leniency to make deals for nonprofits. He said the holiday party could use a 5x10 for \$10 per month. He'd pay the first month. He said he asked Michele who to talk to about it. Lisa S. asked about the storage unit. Rob L. tried to explain it was for a holiday party, but now the Intergroup wants to be involved.
- Rob L. said that they voted at a holiday party to have the storage. They voted and it passed. Everyone was excited about it being \$10 a month.
- Chris M. says he told them at the holiday party it was an intergroup issue and the vote/decision should happen at an Intergroup meeting.
- Rob L. felt like Lisa S. was attacking him, so he walked away. She didn't ask for any of the documents and asked him to bring the contract to the intergroup office. He said no b/c had to do it at the business.
- Rob L. says now that he knows it is not just the holiday party items, he said he would hold one year at \$10, but then it would be \$50 per month like what he charges Redypaa.
- 5x10 is plenty of space.
- Rob L. says there will be a late fee as of midnight. He will eat the late fee and he will pull all the stuff out and bring it wherever it needs to go.
- Jenn S. – question re pricing. \$10 first month, \$50 after that per Rob L. Invoice for the year.
- Jenn S. – What is in the storage unit? Rob L says chargers and holiday party decorations.
- Janice G. – I thought last month we voted to pay, so why is it going to be late.
- Nichole M. – We asked what the amount would be.

- Rob. L. – He quoted the amounts, but he will waive it.
- Nichole M. – We discussed a bigger storage, we already discussed the amounts last month and getting it current.
- Rob L. – If someone doesn't sign a contract, he has to move it anyway. He wanted to make it so that it wouldn't have to get taken back to Alano club.
- P.J. V. – Motion to use Cobblestone Mini-Storage, seconded by Lisa, third by Michele L.
 - Motion passed.
 - Lisa S. will pick things up and sign the contract for Cobblestone Mini – Storage.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Open Positions**
 - **Jenn S. nominated by Debbie D., Chris M. seconded. Jenn S. accepted it.**
 - 3+ years, sponsor/sponsee, lots of service, she was the secretary. She has attended intergroup consistently. She has run other non-profit committees.
 - All in favor, Jenn S. voted in as new Co-chair.
 - Secretary co-chair open
 - Treasurer co-chair open
 - Founder's Day co-chair open
 - Webmaster and webmaster co-chair open

Other new business is tabled to the next meeting due to meeting running long.

What's on Your Mind?

The meeting adjourned at 7:16pm and was closed with the Responsibility Prayer.

Next meeting March 25, 2025

Submitted by P.J. Van Ert

Intergroup Secretary

March 17, 2025