

Intergroup Minutes
June 6, 2008

Members Present: See attached list.

The meetings was called to order by Steve S. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer.

The Traditions were read by Janice.

May Intergroup minutes were reviewed, a motion made to accept, seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Robert S. made the Treasurer's report. Robert reported that sales were up and that donations were down for the month of May. He said we have received reimbursement from Area Assembly for the literature. He stated that at this time, we have no accounts that are in arrears. Steve S. asked if the Area Assembly sales could be reported separately on the financial report.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made, seconded and passed.

Central Office Report

Paxton P. made the Central Office Report. Paxton thanked Steve S. and the Primary Purpose group for the new printer at the central office.

Paxton reported the GSO asked that local events not be scheduled too close to the international meeting.

Paxton asked what type and quantity of materials he should order for the Old Timer's Roundup. He said that the large print material always sells well. A question was raised about Al-Anon literature at the Old Timer's Roundup. It was stated that we could get materials from Deb's stock if we needed items that the Central Office doesn't stock.

Paxton also stated that we might need to go up on the price of some of our literature. The prices we charge are based on a percentage markup above the best quantity discount. This discount is only for quantities of 200 or more units. Paxton reiterated that the Central Office only has limited storage space but that Sparrow Rental has offered us additional office space for \$125/month.

Paxton talked to the contact at Area Assembly about the Federal Prison request for meetings.

Paxton reported that office volunteer Mike R.'s health was not better and that he might not be coming

back to work. Paxton asked for prayer for Mike.

Paxton reported that the Men's 12th Step page was lost and that he had to order a new one. Paxton then recounted a 12th step story of helping a prisoner released because of cancer get to California for experimental treatment. Paxton was asked to submit the story for inclusion in the Sobriety Gazette.

A motion to accept the Central Office report was made, seconded and approved.

Prison Report:

The Prisons Committee report was made by Hugh T. Hugh reminded us that applications for volunteers working at the prisons needed to be turned in soon because the next orientation session is scheduled for mid July and background checks will need to be completed before then. Hugh said that two applications have been turned down because of past offenses. Hugh stated that you could not have any offenses in the past seven years. Hugh also stated that the prison is considering allowing his scooter in the prison which would allow him to return to the meetings there. The mens group has a new GSR.

A motion was made to accept the report, seconded and approved.

Treatment Center Committee:

Randy reported that Whitfield personnel reported that groups were not showing up on a regular basis. He also reported that the one lady who went to Whitfield to hold a meeting was not allowed in. She was told that there must be at least two volunteers to be let in to hold a meeting. Randy said that he would contact Whitfield for clarification concerning this.

Paxton asked Randy to get information about Country Oaks Sunday Meeting.

A motion to accept the Treatment Center report was made, seconded and approved.

12 Step Pager Committee:

Brian H made the 12 Step Pager report. He said that he had received 33 volunteer cards. He asked that the intergroup representatives proof read the cards before turning them in. He would prefer that the person filling out the card provide specific time/hours rather than generalities such as nights or evenings. He just wants to be sure that the lists provided to the 12 step pager volunteers be complete and clear on the times others are available.

Brian said that additional cards would be available from Paxton at the Central Office if needed.

A motion was made to accept the 12 Step committee report, seconded and approved.

Group Liaison Report:

The Group Liaison report was made by Eddie H. Eddie said that he would try to verify the information about the new group in Brandon. He also said that he had not been able to work on the maps with the meeting listed on them, but that he would do so. He also said that he would check with GSO to see if they had available information about new meetings as they filed the paperwork to get established.

A motion was made to accept the Group Liaison report, seconded and approved.

Web Page Report:

The Web Page report was made by Richard. Richard reported that the web page counter had been disabled because of the very large number of hits. The counter was a widget supplied by Microsoft. Richard said that he would see that we had our own web page hit counter. Richard also said that the latest minutes and financial reports from the Intergroup are now on the web site. He also reported that some groups still need updated information and pictures on the web site. There was also a question concerning the website and passwords. It was stated that passwords are only required for those areas of the web site that are accessed by the site maintainers.

Richard reported that the cost to upgrade to a T1 line was cost prohibited. During his cost investigation, he discovered that the Intergroup is paying for three 1-800 numbers that are not being published. He suggested that we drop the three 1-800 numbers and double our band-width. By doing this, he said that we could save \$72/month over our current monthly rate.

Robert S. asked if the proposed cost could be broken out.

A motion was made to accept the Web Page report, seconded, and approved.

Old Business:

Steve said that he would work on the maps with the meeting identified on them.

Steve also said that the the Grape Leaf and the Sobriety Gazette have been merged and the Sobriety Gazette name retained.

New Business:

Robert S. stated that the Sobriety Gazette was mailed out last week. More than seventy were mailed. He said that we need more subscriptions to the Gazette. He also asked for any information about group functions, stories or articles.

A motion was made by the treasurer to obtain a debit card for the Central Office Manager to purchase

literature and supplies. GSO charges shipping and handling on purchased made by check, but does not if the purchase is made by debit or credit card. Robert said that a debit card could be limited to \$2500 or \$5000. Brian stated that he was uncomfortable with the large dollar amount limit and wanted a lower limit. Steve S. asked if the dollar amount limits were daily or monthly. Rusty W. stated that on a debit card, the risk was limited to the amount in the associated account. There was then a discussion about the monthly amounts spent on literature. Discussion continued about the various publisher's payment requirements and practices. Points also discussed included the risk run if the card was lost and unauthorized charges were made, clarification on whether the Intergroup's prudent reserve is kept in an account separate from the account that would be accessed by the card, and fees for disputed charges. It was brought up that the discussion seemed to have switched from a debit card to a credit card. Rusty W. asked that the motion be tabled for further discussion.

Alice D. stated that over a year ago the Intergroup had discussed sponsoring a roundup that would feature booths for each of the standing committees so that A.A. members could find out about each committee and be able to volunteer for service work. Steve asked Alice to chair a committee and bring back a report next month.

On June 21, Billy T will host a CPC workshop at Primary Purpose. Hugh T asked if the Professional community was invited. Steve said that Rankin county judges were asked. Hugh T. stated that in the past, doctors were also invited.

Brian asked about the possible expansion space at the Central Office. Steve S. stated the request would go before the Central Office steering committee.

Paxton introduced Randy B. as a new Central Office volunteer.

Motion to adjourn made, seconded, and accepted.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.