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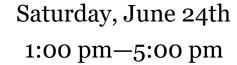
VANCOUVER AREA INTERGROUP

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May 2017

PRIMARY PURPOSE

2017 Intergroup Picnic





Marshall Center Park Pavilion

If you would like to be of service or make a donation Contact Jennifer D. (360) 607-3387 or the

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MONTHLY BUSINESS AFFTINGS

<u>MEETINGS</u>	
Finance Comm. Mtg 5:15 pm	5/8
Steering Comm. Mtg 5:30 pm	5/8
Intergroup Mtg 6:30 pm	5/15
District 37 GSR Mtg 7:00 pm	5/23
District 7 GSR Mtg 7:00 pm	5/25

All business meetings are held at the Intergroup office 2203 Fairmount Avenue, Vancouver WA

Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs

This is perhaps difficult, especially discussing our defects with another person. We think we have done well enough in admitting these things to ourselves. There is doubt about that. In actual practice, we usually find a solitary self -appraisal insufficient. Many of us thought it necessary to go much further. We will be more reconciled to discussing ourselves with another person when we see good reasons why we should do so. The best reason first: If we skip this vital step, we may not overcome drinking. Time after time newcomers have tried to keep to themselves certain facts about their lives. Trying to avoid this humbling experience, they have turned to easier methods. Almost invariably they got drunk. Having persevered with the rest of the program, they wondered why they fell. We think the reason is that they never completed their housecleaning. They took inventory all right, but hung on to some of the worst items in stock. They only thought they had lost their egoism and fear; they only thought they had humbled themselves. But they had not learned enough of humility, fearlessness and honesty, in the sense we find it necessary, until they told someone else all their life story.

A.A. Big Book, p. 72-73

Did You Know...

Significant events which occurred in May

5/1/1941—First meeting in Wisconsin was held at a Milwaukee hotel

5/3/1941—First group in New Orleans, Louisiana was formed

5/5/1940—Washington, DC, Sunday Star reported formation of first AA group in the district

5/6/1956—The long form of the "Twelve Traditions" was published in the AA Grapevine

5/11/1939—First group to officially call itself Alcoholics Anonymous met at Abby G's house in Cleveland

5/12/1935—Bill Wilson and Dr. Bob Smith met for the first time in Akron, Ohio at the home of Henrietta Seiberling

5/19/2000—Dr. Paul Ohliger dies at age 83. His story "Doctor, Alcoholic, Addict", was retitled "Acceptance Was The Answer", in the 4th edition

5/28/1974—The first World Service meeting of AA outside of America was held in London

5/29/1980—"Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers", was published

Other events in May for which we have no specific date

1938—Bill and other AA's begin writing the Big Book

1939—Lois W Home Replacement Fund started at Alcoholic Foundation

1951—Al-Anon was founded by Lois Wilson and Anne B.

Dr. Bob

From the Mayflower Hotel, Bill Wilson called Walter Tunks who referred him to Henerietta Seiberling who, on a Mother's Day afternoon in her home, introduced Bill to Dr. Bob



Vancouver Area Intergroup Would like to celebrate with you!



May Birthdays



If you would like to acknowledge someone celebrating a monthly or annual birthday. Please contact our office and we will get them added to the newsletter.

Your donations help support your Area Intergroup.

Treasurer's Workshop

Dear Treasurers.

Welcome to the AA community of finance - thanks for being the key Trusted Servants who keep us mindful that the AA Basket is where 'spirituality and the real world' mix. AA Service Structures, and the InterGroup Office, could not function without your active participation.

The Workshop topics are: AA Service Structure Finance, Group Treasurer practice, Intergroup Treasurer, banking activity, and accounting activity. This is a participative workshop for those with treasurer experience in the program to share their practical experience. Participants are encouraged to bring samples of their treasurer records to show other participants. Members of the program who are interested in serving as Group Treasurer, Intergroup participants, or other AA activity treasurers are also very welcome to attend.

The InterGroup facilitator will first share past experience in the group treasurer position and ask others in the workshop to do the same. Second, any experience as intergroup treasurer and ask others to do the same. Third, experiences with banking at those two levels. Fourth, experiences with accounting and reporting at those two levels. The idea is, get discussion and sharing going on each topic by sharing personal experience with specific treasurer tasks and activities, then throw it open to sharing and discussion from all treasurer-experienced participants.

Coffee provided, pot-luck lunch encouraged!

* Make sure to check back for date and time *

The Fifth Tradition

Each group has but one primary purpose
...to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers





When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there.

And for that: I am responsible.

No matter how different our own personal concerns,

we are all bound together by one common responsibility....

...to carry the message to the suffering alcoholic





Financial Statements Year to



April	Donations	Date
	11th Step Prayer & Meditation	5.00
	159th Street Women's Group	125.00
	A New Morning	940.44
	As Bill See's It	219.00
	B & P	11.00
	Battleground AA	50.00
	By the Book Study Group	100.00
12.65	Camas Group	45.34
62.58	Chapter Nine	145.72
200.00	Early Birds	200.00
	Easier Softer Way	47.00
320.00	Eastside Brown Baggers	920.00
	Eastside Women's Meeting	100.00
50.03	First Shot	208.80
	Fresh Start	402.20
	LaCenter Group	7.00
30.00	Lighthouse	150.00
	McGuilivray Study Group	409.28
	Men's Eastside	200.00
	Men's Fireside	42.00
250.00	Miracles at Noon	1,200.00
	OB's Speaker's Meeting	112.00
125.00	Over 55	125.00
	Ready and Willing	19.27
	Renegades	35.00
	Saturday Night Big Book Study	200.00
	She Who Remembers	40.00
	Step Sisters	120.00
	Stevenson AA	200.00
	Sunday Solutions	387.00
15.00	There Is A Solution	15.00
	Wayfarer's	176.00
165.84	Wednesday Night Recovery	364.67
	Welcome Home	102.89
	West Vancouver Group	7.24
	Women's Emotional Sobriety	83.00
_	Women's Fireside	125.00
1,231.10	SUBTOTAL	7,639.85
15.00	Miscellaneous	137.81
\$ 1,246.10	TOTAL	\$ 7,777.66

240.10 TOTAL	φ 1,11
Payroll	
Gross Wages	1,667.57
Taxes	
Social Security	103.39
Medicare	24.18
Federal Unemployment	10.01
WA - Unemployment	2.33
WA - Employment Admin Fund	0.50
Total Liability	140.41

April			YTD
Revenue			
Sales	\$ 3,243.23	\$:	16,035.48
Contributions	\$ 1,246.10	\$	7,777.66
Misc. Income	\$ 190.02	\$	614.95
	\$ 4,679.35	\$2	24,428.09
Expenses			
Cost of goods sold	\$ 1,880.40	\$	9,378.43
Merchant Services	\$ 112.14	\$	347.85
Office supplies	\$ 142.37	\$	489.72
Office equipment rent	\$ 194.36	\$	764.33
Building rent	\$ 875.00	\$	3,500.00
Utilities	\$ 169.14	\$	1,431.53
Net Wages	\$ 1,399.01	\$	6,102.44
Payroll taxes	\$ 436.57	\$	1,900.40
Sales Tax	\$ -	\$	1,008.76
Insurance	\$ -	\$	500.00
Misc. Licenses, taxes, fees	\$ -	\$	10.10
Fundraising - Picnic	\$ -	\$	50.00
-	\$ 5,208.99	\$2	25,483.56
Net Income	\$ (529.64)	\$	(1,055.47)

Cash Flow Statements					
April					
Checkir	ng		Prudent Reserve		
Beg Balance		6,485.25	Beg Balance		12,610.03
Deposits		4,862.42	Transfer In		608.05
Expenses		(5,942.38)	Interest		0.64
Transfer to Sales Tax		(516.39)	End Balance	\$	13,218.72
Transfer to Prudent		(608.05)			
End Balance	\$	4,280.85	Event Account		
			Beg Balance		1,250.00
Employee Payr	oll .	Taxes	Balance \$ 1,250.		
Beg Balance		797.98			
Transfer In		120.00	Sales Tax Account		
Interest		0.02	Beg Balance		656.02
End Balance	\$	918.00	Transfer In		516.39
			End Balance	\$	1,172.41



STEERING COMITTEE MINUTES FOR APRIL 10, 2017

The meeting opened at 5:30 pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson	Jeff H.	Vice-Chair	Rebecca(Beci) S
Position #1	David C.	Position #2	Robert L
Position #3: Greg H	Excused	Recording Secretary	Virginia E
		Alternate	John B.
		Treasurer	Marcy B
Visitors:			
Richard R.			
Laurie H			
Darcy S.			

The Steering Committee minutes for March 13, 2017 were read. Motion by Robert; seconded by David. Approved.

The Intergroup Rep meeting minutes for March 20, 2017 were read.

HOTLINE REPORT: Please continue to announce in Home Groups our continued need for 12 step volunteers. Volunteers may call our Intergroup Office to sign up.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's Report reviewed by Steering Committee. Questions asked and answered as follows: \$500 was transferred from the checking account to prudent reserve. Actual checking account balance is approximately \$5,900 after said transfer. The transfer will be reflected in April's Treasurer's Report. Marcy explained since checking account balance is currently higher than usual, no transfer made into payroll tax account. (Transfers are typically made every 2 weeks into the payroll tax account.)

"Event Account" indicates a balance of \$1,250 Breakdown: \$1,400 less \$50 for 2017 reservation deposit and \$100 non-refundable deposit for 2016 picnic reservation. The non-refundable deposit was forfeited when the picnic location was changed. Virginia moved, David seconded. It was passed to just -0- out the Event Account at the end of 2017 Picnic and leave \$1,400 in the Event Account for the upcoming Gratitude Dinner. Motioned by Beci, seconded by John. Treasurer's Report approved.

INTERGROUP REPORT: Total incoming telephone calls to our Intergroup office for March 101; 50 of which were general/office inquires, 46 requests for meetings, and 5 were 12 step calls. Landlord will be working on possible renovations to our building. Appropriate transfers were made into Sales Tax Account and Prudent Reserve.

WEBSITE REPORT: Calendar of events is now downloadable. In March we had 459 new viewers, of which 2 were from Brazil, 3 from China, and 29 from Canada. Plus 875 return viewers. David of the Lighthouse advised that they were working on a website for their Home Group, and asked if they could include useful links on their website, such as vancouveraa.org. Yes was the answer, as our website also includes useful links for viewers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Income From 2016 Gratitude Dinner: Regarding missing receipts from 2016 Gratitude dinner, John moved, Robert seconded motion to remove "Missing Receipts" of November 2016 Gratitude Dinner be removed from the meeting agenda. Justification is that we presume the money was properly spent and enough time has passed since the event that there is no point continuing to discuss the failure to submit receipts. Passed. Going forward the policy is that receipts are required for reimbursements. Darcy shared that if an AA member does not have the financial flexibility to front the money for a purchase they can go to most stores and essentially do a "layaway". The store will give the person a receipt which can be turned into the event treasure for cash, then they can return to the store with the money and pick up the goods

Of the \$1360.00 netted from the 2016 Gratitude Dinner, the Steering Committee has transferred \$500.00 into the Prudent Reserve thus far.

Laurie and Darcy shared their experience with former Gratitude Dinners. Marcy will do a comparison chart in relation to former years' expenses with the goal of understanding why the net has been declining. John asked if Laurie and Darcy could share their experience so that the Steering Committee can compare former years with the current year.

<u>Review of 2016 Motions</u>: Matter tabled until April's Steering Committee so the Committee may further review Summary of 2016 motions.

COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee:

Budget: Greg of the Finance Committee was absent but provided a graph indicating income comparison reflecting sales and Group contributions. Jeff advised income shown from sales was "net" income in sales (excluding cost of product).

Vancouver Area Intergroup Pamphlet: Will be discussed at another meeting when Greg is present

NEW BUSINESS:

<u>Gratitude Dinner</u>: We're looking for a cook for our dinner. We will check out the capacity of other possible locations for our 2017 Gratitude Dinner. The Wayfarers location was a suggestion.

Job Description

Beci discussed change in salary verbiage to remove "cola" language.

Change will be presented to Reps to take back to their Home Groups. This change is being requested because the Steering Committee believes the job description as written, is confusing and prevents the Steering Committee from doing the job which Intergroup has delegated to them.

Treasurer's Workshop

Jeff reported some Groups have shown an interest. Districts and Intergroup would work together to present the workshop.

Other Central Offices: John handed out examples of the Montgomery Alabama Central Office's meeting schedule and a Central Office (Intergroup) that is run on a volunteer basis with very little expenses.

<u>Average Checking Account Balance</u>: Virginia provided documents indicating \$2,500 is the average monthly checking account balance over the past 12 months.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Yours in Service,

Virginia E.,

Recording Secretary

INTERGROUP REP MINUTES FOR APRIL 17, 2017

The meeting opened at 6:30 pm with the Serenity Prayer

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson	Jeff H	Vice-Chair	Rebecca (Beci) S.
Position #1	David C.	Position #2	Robert L.
Position #3	Greg H.	Alternate	John B.
Recording Secretary	Virginia E excused	Treasurer	Marcy B.
REPRESENTATIVES:			
A New Morning	John B.	Men's Fireside	Tom S.
Bozo's by the Berries	Jeff H.	Over 55	Richard R.
Camas Group	Robert L.	Recover We	Janna
Dry Tribe	Jim P.	Sober Uppers	Darcy S.
Eastside Brown Baggers	Bill C.		
Hockinson	Shirlene H.	Visitors:	
Lighthouse	David C.	Warren	District 37 CPC/PI

11 Reps present

The Intergroup Rep meeting minutes for March 20, 2017 were read and approved.

The Steering Committee minutes for April 10, 2017 were read.

HOTLINE REPORT:

The Sunday morning time slot from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (noon) is going to be opening up.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Groups were informed that the \$100 deposit from the 2016 Intergroup picnic will not be refunded as it was forfeited when we changed locations.

March's Treasurer's report was given. Robert motions to approve, David 2nd. Passed

INTERGROUP REPORT:

Calls into the Intergroup office for March totaled 101; 50 of which were general/office, 46 meeting requests, and 5 were 12 step calls.

The landlord is looking into possible renovations to the building.

Jeff spoke regarding how often the phone lines are down in the office and informed the Reps that the Steering Committee has chosen to switch carriers to Comcast. The office will be saving \$50-\$60 a month for the next 3 years by switching to Comcast. The only concern brought up was the leasing of the modern. It was explained that we might choose to purchase a modern down the road but for now we want to get everything set up and verify there will be no problems with the new carrier.

WEBSITE REPORT:

We had 459 new visitors and 875 returning visitors to the website in March. 29 visitors were from Canada, 3 from China and 2 from Brazil. The calendar of events is downloadable.

COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee:

Budget: Greg presented a graph with first quarter figures and comparison's. He noted that the major expenses are Cost of Goods Sold and Sales Tax. Greg mentioned that we will be begin working on the 2018 budget this summer

Treasurer's Workshop: Workshop to include information on banking, liabilities, contributions etc. Greg is working on getting some Reps from area to participate. Greg suggested June 3rd as a date for the workshop. He will write something up and email to the office information to put in the upcoming Newsletter.

Gratitude Dinner:

The dinner's budget was brought up with the issue that the costs to provide what Intergroup is trying to provide has increasingly gone up while the budget amount has not. Currently the budget is \$1,400 and for several years we have spent more to cover all the costs. Darcy mentioned that the \$1,400 does not include the cost of the facility. There was discussion on what previous chairs have spent in the past, both through the Intergroup and out of their personal pockets. Robert motions to table discussion to gather more information. David 2nd. Passed

Marcy will prepare a cost comparison spreadsheet of the expenses incurred to put on the dinner throughout the last 5 years. Darcy will email her figures to the office for review/comparison as well. Will have a report for next month's meeting to discuss further.

OLD BUSINESS:

Warren, District 37 CPC/PI chair, visited and spoke further to the possibility of a Billboard inside a C-Tran bus. Still unsure if there will be a cost or not. There was discussion on whether the hotline number would be used or not and what exactly the sign should say. The Districts are looking for suggestions so the Reps were asked to consult with their groups and bring back their thoughts/opinions. We will continue to be informed on the projects progress.

NEW BUSINESS:

Reps were presented with a change to the office manager job description, which removes conflicting verbiage. The job description dictates performance reviews and performance raises then limits any increase to SSA COLA. It was noted that last year COLA was ø (zero) and this year it is \$0.04. Reps will discuss with their home groups for voting at next month's (May) meeting.

A schedule from Montgomery Alabama was included in the meeting packet. The schedule is oriented to show each group and their meeting times throughout the week in a table format verses our schedules which are oriented around day of week and time of day. There was discussion how this might help strengthen groups by making them more visible. There was also discussion about aligning the schedule to be more geographic specific. Darcy stated this was a common format on the East Coast. Two general opinions emerged. 1) If it ain't broke don't fix it. 2) Orientation around groups is easier to read and use. It was suggested changing the schedule might make it less expensive to print. Jeff requested all reps take this back to their groups for discussion and Marcy prepare a sample for review at May's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm with the Lord's Prayer

Yours in service, Marcy B.



OB's Speaker Meeting

May 6th, 2017 June 3rd, 2017

7:00 pm

Eastridge Church

14100 SE Sunnyside Road

Clackamas, OR 97015

Speaker: TBA

Meeting is always the first

Saturday of the month

Kleen Street Speaker Meeting

Friday, May 12th

7:00 pm

5317 NE St. John's Road

Vancouver, WA 98661

RULE 62 Speaker's Meeting

Saturday, May 20th, 2017 7:00 pm

Central Bible Church 8815 NE Glisan Street, Portland

Carson AA Spirit of the Gorge Potluck

Sunday May 28th, 2017

6:30 pm

952 Wind River Road Carson, WA

The last Sunday of every month is our potluck at 6:30 pm,

followed by a guest speaker at 7 pm

April Phone Calls

Office/general: 34

Meetings: 35

12 Step: 2

Total Calls: 71

Friday Night Happy Hour

May 5th, 2017

June 2nd, 2017

7:30pm

Speaker Meeting

Camas Friends Church

NE 4th and Ione St.

Camas, WA. 98607

Speakers: TBA

Meeting is always the first Friday of the month

Rogue Roundup

May 5th-7th

Josephine County Fairgrounds

Grants Pass, Oregon

www.RogueRoundup.com

For info contact:

Phillip M. (541) 292-4235

Central Group's Birthday Meeting

Friday, May 26th

8:00 pm

1501 Columbia Street

Basement

Vancouver, WA 98660

Hockinson Potluck

Sunday May 28th

Potluck at: 6:00 pm Meeting follows at: 7:00 pm

Elim Lutheran Church 15815 NE 182nd Ave Brush Prairie, WA 98606

Wayfarer's Speaker Meeting

May 13th, 2017 7:00 pm

St. John's Lutheran Church, 11005 NE Hwy 99 Vancouver, WA. 98686

Speaker: Debbie D. From: Concorde, CA

Meeting is always the 2nd Saturday of the month

Celilo AA Spring Gathering

May 11-14, 2017

Celilo Campground

AA Meetings at 7:30 am every morning and at 8:00 pm every evening

Need info?

Kathy K (503) 890-6270 or

Nancy C. (360) 600-4003.

Vancouver Intergroup Picnic

Saturday , June 24th, 2017 1:00 pm—5:00 pm

Marshall Center Pavilion 1069 E McLoughlin Blvd Vancouver, WA 98663

\$10—Polish Dog or Cheeseburger Includes chips, drink & 2 raffle tickets

POTLUCK!

A-H appetizer/salad I-P side dish Q-Z dessert

Lots of Family Fun! Bring a chair or Blanket

Contact Jennifer D (360) 607-3387 or Intergroup (360) 694-3870 To be of service or make a donation

MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Friday Night Happy Hour Speaker Meeting 7:30 pm	6 OB's Speaker Meeting 7 pm
					Rogue Roundup	5th-7th
7	8 Finance Mtg 5:15pm Steering Committee	9	10	11	12 KS Speaker Meeting 7:30 pm	13 Wayfarer's Speaker Meeting 7 pm
	Meeting 5:30 pm				Celilo AA Spring	Gathering 11th-14th
14 Mother's Day	15 Intergroup Rep. Meeting 6:30 pm	16	17	18	19	20 Rule 62 7 pm
21	22	23 District 37 GSR Meeting 7 pm	24	25 District 7 GSR Meeting 7 pm	26 Central Group's Birthday Meeting 8 pm	27
28 Carson Potluck 6:30 pm Hockinson Potluck 6 pm	29 Memorial Day Intergroup Office Closed	30	31			

JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Happy Hour Speaker Meeting 7:30 pm	3 OB's Speaker Meeting
4	5	6	7	8	9 KS Speaker Meeting 7:30 pm	10 Wayfarer's Speaker Meeting 7 pm
11	Finance Mtg 5:15pm Steering Committee Meeting 5:30 pm	13	14	15	16	17 Rule 62 7 pm
18 #i pap Father's Day	19 Intergroup Rep. Meeting 6:30 pm	20	21	22 District 7 GSR Meeting 7 pm	23	24 2017 Picnic 1 pm—5 pm Marshal Center
25 Carson Potluck 6:30 pm Hockinson Potluck 6 pm	26	27 District 37 GSR Meeting 7 pm	28	29	30 Central Group's Birthday Meeting 8 pm	# INE

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