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# MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETINGS

 Finance Comm. Mtg
 03/12 5:30 pm

 Steering Comm. Mtg
 03/12 6:00 pm

 Intergroup Mtg
 03/19 6:30 pm

 District 7 GSR Mtg
 03/22 7:00 pm

 District 37 GSR Mtg
 03/27 7:00 pm

All business meetings are held at the Intergroup office 2203 Fairmount Avenue, Vancouver WA 98661

# A.A.'S LEGACY OF SERVICE By Bill W.

"Our Twelfth Step—carrying the message—is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives: this our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of principles: it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die.

Hence, an A.A. service is anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow suffers—ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself to a ten-cent phone call and a cup of coffee, and to A.A.'s General Service Office for national and international action. The sum total of all these services is our Third Legacy of Service.

Services include meeting places, hospital cooperation, and intergroup offices, they mean pamphlets, books, and good publicity of almost every description. They call for committees, delegates, trustees, and conferences. And not to be forgotten, they need voluntary money contributions from within the Fellowship."

This was taken from the A.A. General Service Conference—approved literature. Bill W. certainly nailed it on how important the Twelfth Step is and the components needed to have it work. There are an amazing number of areas that service work can be done!





# Happy Birthday

# VANCOUVER AREA INTERGROUP WOULD LIKE TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU!



Laura J -5 yrs Churck -35 yrs Kim M -6 yrs Jim J -6 yrs Grayson -6 yrs Bob T -25 yrs Jana S -1 yr Earlyn -43 yrs Adam C -29 yrs Jade -4 yrs Paul -4 yrs Scott S -11 yrs Jim T -25 yrs Mike -6 yrs John O -23 yrs Rob S -4 yrs Tracy -18 yrs Ken M -2yrs Jane W -32 yrs Paul F- 43 yrs Ellen -17 yrs

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

Your donations help support your Area Intergroup.

11th Step Prayer & Meditation   12 X 12   15th Street Women's Group   A New Morning   504.38   As Bill See's It   As We Recovered   1424.00   B & P   1424.00   Birds of a Feather   Battleground AA   By the Book Study Group   Camas Group   Camas Group   Came to Believe   Carson AA Spirit of the Gorge   Cascade Group   Chapter Nine   62.66   Cornerstone   District 7   Dry Tribe   Early Birds   Early Light   Easier Softer Way   Eastside Brown Baggers   Eastside Women's Meeting   Firest Shot   Fresh Start   Gorge Gals   Ground Zero   Hockinson   La Center Group   Ladies by the Lavender   Lewis River   60.00   Lighthouse   McGillvary Study Group   Men's Thursday Night   250.00   Miracles at Noon   650.00   OB's Speaker's Meeting   40.00   Over 55   22.86   Ready and Willing   Reconciled   Renegades   35.00   Round Table   Saturday Night Big Book Study   167.00   42.06   Sober Uppers   Step It Up - 12 & 12   She Who Remembers   40.00   Step Sisters   Stevenson AA   200.00   Mayfarer's   11.00   Wednesday Night Recovery   46.89   Women's Erneside   45.00	February	Donations	Year to Date
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# Financial Statements

	February	YTD
Revenue	•	
Sales	\$ 3866.04	\$ 7,810.99
Contributions	\$ 2,369.15	\$ 4,707.21
Picnic	\$ -	\$
Gratitude Dinner	\$ -	\$
Misc. Income	\$ 131.07	\$ 1,939.82
	\$ 6,366.26	\$ 14,458.02
Expenses		
Cost of goods sold	\$ 2,173.19	\$ 4,611.91
Merchant Services	\$ 89.79	\$ 165.88
Office supplies	\$ 170.70	\$ 398.28
Office equipment rent	\$ 296.59	\$ 478.49
Building rent	\$ 92500	\$ 1,850.00
Utilities	\$ 1 5.53	\$ 218.83
Net Wages	\$ 1,190.94	\$ 1,994.27
Payroll taxes	\$ 332.02	\$ 702.80
Fundraising Expenses	\$ -	\$
Insurance	\$ -	\$
Misc. Licenses & fees	\$	\$ 10.00
	\$ 5193.76	\$ 6,377.64
Net Income	\$ 1,172.50	\$ 4,952.56

End of Month Balances					
Main Checking Account:	\$5633.03				
Prudent Reserve Account: Payroll Tax Account: Sales Tax Account:	\$16,720.53 \$808.48 \$436.69				
Event Account:	\$1,454.95				

#### STEERING COMITTEE MINUTES FOR February 12, 2018

The meeting opened at 6:03 pm.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Chairperson	Ronnie C.	Vice-Chair	Deb T.
Position #1	Phil B	Position #2	Laurie H
Position #3.	Absent	Recording Secretary	
		Alternate	Kris S.
		Office Staff	Lani W
Visitors	Scott (Website)		

Introductions of everyone attending

The Steering Committee minutes for January 8, 2017 were read and approved.

The Intergroup Rep meeting minutes for January 15, 2017 were reviewed.

HOTLINE REPORT: All Hotline slots are currently filled. Please continue to announce that AA volunteers are needed for the Hotline.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Laurie gave the Treasurer's Report, which will be more accurate and have additional information for the Intergroup Meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

**INTERGROUP REPORT:** We have begun paying the new owner. No additional information or changes at this time. Heat (lack of) has been an issue. Lani has reported the issue and brought in a space heater to help for now.

**WEBSITE REPORT:** Scott, our website designer, attended the meeting. He is going to spend time at the office to maintain and improve the website, assist the office manager and provide overall technological help and improvements. Thank you, Scott.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

No updates regarding the new owner or building location

Intergroup Guidelines - Review Committee

Deb, Laurie, Marc and Kris have volunteered

The initial meeting date, place and time TBA

Other volunteers are welcome

#### **COMMITTEES:**

<u>Finance Committee</u>: The Finance Committee continues to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 5:30, immediately prior to the Steering Committee Meeting. All are welcome.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

<u>Discretionary Spending:</u> A motion was made by Phil to provide Lani with a discretionary limit of \$500 for the office. Laurie seconded, discussed followed. It was unanimously passed.

#### **Distribution Date of Newsletter**

The publishing date of the Primary Purpose was discussed. Dates were discussed that would provide the most accurate information and quality newsletter. It was motioned that the Primary Purpose be published on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

This was seconded and passed.

#### Payroll Schedule

Lani offered to change paydays to twice a month to even out the cash flow from month to month and to help in forecasting. This was motioned, discussed, seconded and passed.

#### **Amount of Inventory**

Scott brought up that office keeps a high dollar amount of inventory on hand. Lani added that there is a significant amount of older inventory. Ronnie asked for a history of inventory levels. The topic was tabled.

#### INTERGROUP REP MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2018

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

#### PURPOSE OF THE VANCOUVER AREA INTERGROUP

The Vancouver Area Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous exists to serve local groups of Alcoholics Anonymous within the vicinity of Vancouver, Washington. The organization serves as a clearing house to distribute literature to local Alcoholics Anonymous groups, to provide contact among these groups and to maintain an answering service.

#### ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson	Ronnie C.	Vice-Chair.	Deb T.
Position #1	Phil B.	Position #2	Laurie H.
Position #3	Glenn H	Alternative	
Recording Secretary	Marc T	Office Manager	Lani W.
Representatives:		Visitors:	
Light House	Steve	Rita C.	Camas
Rock Bottom	Candy	Dave	Camas group
Central Group	Phil B	Maureen	Hotline
East Side Brown Baggers	Sandy Q		
FFA	Karen S		
Miracles	Marc T.		
Sober Uppers	Darcy S		
How It Works	Virginia E		
Men's Fireside	Tom S		
Reconciled	Marc O		

TRADITION REVIEW: Rita C. reviewed tradition two from the 12x12. Laurie will do next months review.

**LITERATURE PRESENTATION:** Dave from the Camas group gave a presentation on literature.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** 10 voting Intergroup Representatives in attendance.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH: Ronnie asked for recent or upcoming birthdays for the month

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Phil B.

**MEETING MINUTES:** 

The Intergroup Rep meeting minutes for January 15, 2018 were read by Mark O. Marc T. moved to approve; Phil B. seconded; Passed.

**HOTLINE REPORT: (Maureen)** All slots are currently filled. Please sign up with our Intergroup Office if you are interested in serving on our 24 hr Hotline. Women are always needed for the 12 step call list.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: (Laurie) Overview of the financial summary for January 2018 was presented by Laurie H. Phil B. moved, Karen seconded; Passed.

INTERGROUP REPORT: (Lani) Lani will be out from Feb 23rd to March 1st for surgery. Sandy Q will be handling the office hours during that time.

WEBSITE REPORT: (Lani) Lani worked with Scott, the website webmaster, to review the website access and updates.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### Interface with the local Districts we serve.

Ronnie attended District meeting and talked with the other DCM about creating more unity and fellowship. Traditions meeting on Saturday March 10th Lani will put on the website calendar.

#### Outreach to groups:

Ronnie did attend a meeting in the last week to talk about what Intergroup does to support the groups.

Marc O asked to have someone speak at his group to discuss more information. Phil B will follow up.

<u>Tracking of hotline calls:</u> (Maureen) They have tried to do this in past but hasn't provide much value for quite a bit of trouble. Motion was made by Deb to not track calls; Mark O seconded; motion passed.

<u>Guidelines:</u> A subcommittee was formed to review the current guidelines and propose changes to the rep. committee. Karen S and Virginia E volunteered to be members.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Intergroup Picnic: The reps to go back and ask the groups for interest in chairing or serving on the committee.

#### **COMMITTIES:**

Finance Committee: Meets 5:30 pm

#### **GROUP NEWS:**

Asked for any group news or updates

Ronnie asked for motion to adjure the meeting: Marc T made the motion, Mark O second; passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Yours in Service,

Marc T.

**Recording Secretary** 

#### Friday Night Happy Hour

April 6, 2018 7:30pm

Speaker Meeting

Camas Friends Church NE 4th and Ione St. Camas, WA. 98607

Meeting is always the first Friday of the month

#### **OB's Speaker Meeting**

Saturday, March 7th

Eastridge Church
14100 SE Sunnyside Road
Clackamas, OR 97015

Meeting is always the first Saturday of the month

#### **Hockinson Potluck**

Sunday, March 25th. Potluck at: 6:00 pm

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

### Kleen Street Speaker Meeting

Friday, March 9th 7:00 pm

5317 NE St. John's Road Vancouver, WA 98661

## Wayfarer's Speaker Meeting

March 10th 2018 7:00 pm

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

AA speaker: Matthew M. From: Gig Harbor, WA. Alanon Speaker: Trish B. Tuslatin, OR.

## RULE 62 Speaker's Meeting

Saturday, March 17th 7:00 pm

Central Bible Church 8815 NE Glisan Street, Portland

## Carson AA Spirit of the Gorge Potluck

Sunday , March25th.

952 Wind River Road Carson, WA

# Central Group's Birthday Meeting

Friday, April 27th 8:00 pm

1501 Columbia Street Basement Vancouver, WA 98660 If you are interested in making yourself available for 12 step calls please let us know.

(360) 694-3870 *or* Vancouveraa.org

The last Sunday of every month is our potluck at 6:30 pm, followed by a guest speaker at 7 pm

Questions? (509) 427-4970 or (503) 701-6574

Make sure to check

vancouveraa.org or call 694-3870

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