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## MONTHLY BUSINESS

### MEETINGS

Finance Comm. Mtg	04/09 5:30 pm
Steering Comm. Mtg	04/09 6:00 pm
Intergroup Mtg	04/16 6:30pm
District 37 GSR Mtg	04/24 7:00 pm
District 7 GSR Mtg	04/26 7:00 pm

All business meetings are held at the Intergroup office

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## HOW DOES SPONSORSHIP HELP THE NEWCOMER?

It assures the newcomer there is at least one person who understands the situation fully and cares—one person to turn to without embarrassment when, doubts, questions or problems linked to alcoholism arise. Sponsorship gives the newcomer an understanding, sympathetic friend when one is needed most. Sponsorship also provides the bridge enabling the new person to meet other alcoholics—in a home group and in and in other groups visited.

## HOW SHOULD A SPONSOR BE CHOSEN?

The process of matching newcomer and sponsor is as informal as everything in A.A. Often, the new person simply approaches a more experienced member who seems compatible, and asks that member to be a sponsor. Most A.A.'s are happy and grateful to receive such a request.

An old A.A. saying suggests, “stick with the winners.” It's only reasonable to seek a sharing of experience with a member who seems to be using the A.A. program successfully in everyday life. There are no specific rules, but a good sponsor probably should be a year or more away from the last drink—and should seem to be enjoying sobriety.

## SHOULD SPONSOR AND NEWCOMER BE AS MUCH ALIKE AS POSSIBLE?

Often, a newcomer feels most at ease with a sponsor of similar background and interests. However, many A.A.s say they are greatly helped by a sponsor totally unlike themselves. Maybe that's because their attention was then focused on the most important things that any sponsor and newcomer have in common; alcoholism and recovery in A.A.

## MAY A NEWCOMER CHANGE SPONSORS?

We are always free to select another sponsor with whom we feel more comfortable, particularly if we believe this member will be more helpful to our growth in A.A.

***This was taken from the A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature. “Questions & Answers on Sponsorship pamphlet P-15.***

# Happy Birthday

VANCOUVER AREA INTERGROUP

WOULD LIKE TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU!

For this month we didn't have any birthdays submitted for celebration. If you wish to allow us to help you celebrate your birthday, please email your name and date to

[vancaa@vanintgrp.com](mailto:vancaa@vanintgrp.com)

## Resumes are now being accepted for the position of Intergroup Part Time Office Assistant

Vancouver Area Intergroup is looking to hire an Office Assistant to work **2 days a week** and fill in as needed. We are looking for a multi-tasker with excellent communication skills and an upbeat attitude.

Must be available during office hours: Monday thru Friday, noon – 6:00 pm.

### **Assisting Office Manager with the following:**

- Handling general office operations and tasks
- Answering phones
- Meets and greets office guests and maintains a clean and orderly office
- Accounts payable/receivable
- Banking & other general bookkeeping
- Purchasing office supplies, as well as retail products, and maintaining proper stock levels
- Write, format, edit, print and email monthly newsletter
- Compile, prepare, format, duplicate and distribute meeting schedule
- Keeps the website current
- Prepares and presents monthly financial reports at committee meetings
- Works effectively with the Steering Committee, District Committee's, Groups & Meetings along with any outside entities
- Event planning

### **Job Requirements:**

- Prior administrative experience as well as good public relations skills
- Computer skills including, but not limited to, knowledge of QuickBooks, Word, Excel, Outlook and Publisher
- A desire to work with others proactively and create a positive experience for others

Please send resumes to [Vancaa@vanintgrp.com](mailto:Vancaa@vanintgrp.com)

If you have any questions please email or call (360) 694-3870

# Financial Statements

March	Donations	Year to Date
	11th Step Prayer & Meditation	
	12 X 12	
	159th Street Women's Group	
<b>334.38</b>	A New Morning	838.76
	As Bill See's It	
	As We Recovered	
	B & P	1424.00
	Birds of a Feather	
	Battleground AA	
	By the Book Study Group	
<b>8.56</b>	Camas Group	8.56
	Came to Believe	
	Carson AA Spirit of the Gorge	
<b>150.00</b>	Cascade Group	150.00
	Chapter Nine	62.66
<b>17.27</b>	Cornerstone	17.27
	District 7	689.60
	Dry Tribe	
	Early Birds	
	Early Light	125.00
	Easier Softer Way	
<b>180.00</b>	Eastside Brown Baggers	180.00
<b>50.00</b>	Eastside Women's Meeting	150.00
	Fireside	
<b>215.84</b>	First Shot	215.84
<b>1236.75</b>	Fresh Start	327.79
	Gorge Gals	
	Ground Zero	
	Hockinson	
	La Center Group	
	Ladies by the Lavender	50.00
	Lewis River	
<b>30.00</b>	Lighthouse	90.00
<b>85.00</b>	McGillvary Study Group	85.00
	Men's Fireside	80.00
	Men's Thursday Night	250.00
	Minnehaha	
<b>299.98</b>	Miracles at Noon	949.98
	OB's Speaker's Meeting	40.00
	Over 55	
	Ready and Willing	22.86
	Reconciled	
	Renegades	35.00
	Round Table	
	Saturday Night Big Book Study	167.00
	Sober Uppers	42.06
	Step It Up - 12 & 12	
	She Who Remembers	40.00
	Step Sisters	
	Stevenson AA	200.00
	Sunday Night Alternatives	
<b>407.00</b>	Sunday Solutions	407.00
	There Is A Solution	62.00
	Wayfarer's	108.67
	Wednesday Night Recovery	33.00
	Wednesday Night Women's Mtg	
	Welcome Home	
	West Vancouver Group	6.89
	Women's Emotional Sobriety	
	Women's Fireside	
<b>2014.78</b>	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>6858.94</b>
97.38	Miscellaneous	257.03
<b>2112.16</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7115.97</b>

	March	YTD
Revenue		
Sales	\$ 4,389	\$ 13,044
Contributions	\$ 2,111	\$ 7,584
Picnic	\$	\$
Gratitude Dinner	\$	\$
Misc. Income	\$ 138	\$ 415
	<b>\$ 6,639</b>	<b>\$ 21,043</b>
Expenses		
Cost of goods sold	\$ 2,728	\$ 7650
Merchant Services	\$	\$ 361
Office supplies	\$ 327	\$ 561
Office equipment rent	\$ 138	\$ 618
Building rent	\$ 875	\$ 2,625
Utilities	\$ 743	\$ 1,778
Net Wages	\$ 2,292	\$ 6,104
Payroll taxes	\$ 539	\$ 1,994
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 75	\$ 75
Insurance	\$ 500	\$ 500
Misc. Licenses & fees	\$	\$ 10
	<b>\$ 8,217</b>	<b>\$ 22,377</b>
Net Income	<b>\$ -1,577</b>	<b>\$ -1,334</b>

## End of Month Balances

Main Checking Account:	\$ 7,107
Prudent Reserve Account:	\$ 16,890
Payroll Tax Account:	\$ 808
Sales Tax Account:	\$ 1,167
Event Account:	\$ 1,400

## STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR March 12, 2018

The meeting opened at 6:03 pm.

### ATTENDANCE

<b>Chairperson</b>	Ronnie C.	<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Deb T.
<b>Position #1</b>	Phil B	<b>Position #2</b>	Absent
<b>Position #3.</b>	Glen	<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Marc T
		<b>Alternate</b>	Kris S.
		<b>Office Staff</b>	Lani W
<b>Visitors</b>	Clayre T.		

Introductions of everyone attending

The Steering Committee minutes for February 12, 2018 were read and approved.

The Intergroup Rep meeting minutes for February 19, 2018 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:** Marc gave the Treasurer's Report, we are running a little bit above forecast.

**INTERGROUP REPORT:** Carpet has been cleaned and yearly insurance has been paid. We are still dealing with periodic heat issues.

**WEBSITE REPORT:** Scott, our website designer, has been at the office to maintain and improve the site. Thank you, Scott.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Intergroup Guidelines – Review Committee

The committee met and reviewed the current bylaws

Other volunteers are welcome

### COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: 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:**

Remote desktop software: Marc reviewed the need and options for remote desktop software for the office. Deb made a motion to have the software installed, Glen second; motion passed.

Number of bank accounts: Lani asked about the number accounts are need. After discussion there may be reasons for the various account for out bookkeeper. Marc and Lani will meet up with Brenda Lou to discuss the needs.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Minutes Submitted By:

Marc T.

Recording Secretary

## INTERGROUP REP MINUTES FOR March 19, 2018

The meeting opened at 6:31 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	Absent
Position #3	Glenn H	Alternative	
Recording Secretary	Marc T	Office Manager	Lani W.
Representatives:			
Cornerstone	Dusty G	Miracles	Marc T.
B&P	Todd C	Fireside	Robin M
Central Group	Phil B	A New Morning	Gayla S.
East Side Brown Baggers	Sandy Q	Rock Bottom	Candy
Early Birds	Glenn H.	Reconciled	Marc O
Brian N.	First Shot	Camas Group	Dave
Visitors:			
Welcome Home	Jeff P		

**TRADITION REVIEW:** Phil B. reviewed tradition three from the 12x12. Laurie will do next months' review of tradition four.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** 12 voting Intergroup Representatives in attendance.

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

### MEETING MINUTES:

Steering Committee minutes and Intergroup Representative Committee minutes were read for January by: Ronnie.; Deb T. moved to approve the Rep minutes; Marc O. second; motion passed

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

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: (Marc)** Overview of the financial summary for February 2018 was presented by Marc T. Candy moved, Sandy Q. se-

**INTERGROUP REPORT: (Lani)** We have had to place quite a few orders for books and coins. Carpets have been cleaned and informal discussion with friend of the building owner and there are no immediate plans for changing the status quo.

**WEBSITE REPORT: (Lani)** Things are going smoothly. If there are changes please contact the office.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Guidelines: A subcommittee has been formed to review the current guidelines and propose changes to the reps. Reach out to the office if you wish to join the committee.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Intergroup Picnic: We will have Lani reach out and reserve the location in for one of the month of July.

**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 7:26 pm.

Yours in Service,

Marc T.

Recording Secretary



### Friday Night Happy Hour

May 4, 2018

7:30pm

Speaker Meeting

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

*Meeting is always the first  
Friday of the month*

### OB's Speaker Meeting

May 5, 2018

Eastridge Church  
14100 SE Sunnyside Road  
Clackamas, OR 97015

*Meeting is always the first  
Saturday of the month*

### Hockinson Potluck

Sunday, April 27th  
Potluck at: 6:00 pm

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

### Kleen Street Speaker Meeting

Friday, May 11th

7:00 pm

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

### Wayfarer's Speaker Meeting

April 14th, 2018

May 12, 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.**

### RULE 62

#### Speaker's Meeting

Saturday, April 21st.  
May 19th.  
7:00 pm

Central Bible Church  
8815 NE Glisan Street, Portland

### Carson AA Spirit of the Gorge Potluck

Sunday , April 27th.

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

### Spiritual Brunch

May 12, 2018  
11:00 a.m.

Make sure to check

**vancouveraa.org**  
**or call 694-3870**

# April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 Friday Night Happy Hour Speaker Meeting 7:30 pm	7 OB's Speaker Meeting 7:00 PM
8	9 Finance Mtg 5:30pm  Steering Committee	10	11	12	13 KS Speaker Meeting 7:30 pm	14 Wayfarer's Speaker Meeting 7 pm
15	16 Intergroup Rep. Meeting 6:30 pm	17	18	19	20	21  Rule 62 7 pm
22	23	24 District 37 Rep 7:00 pm	25	26 District 7 GSR Meeting 7 pm	27 Central Group's Birthday Meeting 8 pm	28
29 Carson Potluck 6:30pm  Hockinson Potluck 6pm	30					

# May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Friday Night Happy Hour Speaker Meeting 7:30 pm	5 OB's Speaker Meeting 7:00 PM
6	7	8	9	10	11 KS Speaker Meeting 7:30 pm	12 Wayfarer's Speaker Meeting 7 pm
13	14 Finance Mtg.—5:30 pm  Steering Committee Mtgr—6:00 pm	15	16	17	18	19  Rule 62 7 pm
20	21 Intergroup Rep. Meeting 6:30 pm	22 District 37 GSR Meeting—7 pm	23	24 District 7 GSR Meeting 7 pm	25 Central Group's Birthday Meeting 8 pm	26
27 Carson Potluck 6:30pm  Hockinson Potluck 6pm	28	29	30	31		

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