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MONTHLY BUSINESS

MEETINGS

Finance Comm. Mtg.	08/13 5:30 pm
Steering Comm. Mtg.	08/13 6:00 pm
Intergroup Mtg.	07/16 6:30pm
District 37 GSR Mtg.	07/24 7:00 pm
District 7 GSR Mtg.	07/26 7:00 pm

All business meetings are held at the Intergroup office

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SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCES

It is certain that all recipients of spiritual experiences declare for their reality. The best evidence of that reality is in the subsequent fruits. Those who receive these gifts of grace are very much changed people, almost invariably for the better.

Bill W.

HE HAD BEEN LISTENING!

In my early youth, I was confronted with a choice: what seemed to be a dull, moral life or what appeared to be an exciting, adventurous life—after a few drinks of alcohol. I had been brought up in the tradition of a stern and vengeful God, who was watching every move I made. I could not work up too much love for that type of deity, and I felt guilty about it. But after a drink or two, I could forget my guilt. This, I decided, was the life for me!

It started off pleasantly enough, promoting dreams of glittering fame and fortune. But this life gradually regressed to a constant nightmare of fear and remorse over my condition and resentment and anger at a normal way of life which went on all around me, but apparently I could not enter. The truth was that I drank myself out of society, coming by degrees to live in a mental state that sealed off any social or moral contact with anybody. But at that time I could not see my excessive drinking as the cause. I had become convinced that God and society had frozen me out, denying me the breaks in life. I could see no sense in living. I lacked the courage to kill myself, but I believe that desperation would have broken this barrier of cowardice had it not been for an experience that changed my mental outlook entirely.

This experience came about through the death of my father in Scotland. He had lived a good life in his community and was honored in his passing by all who had known him. I had received newspapers giving accounts of his funeral. That evening, I was seated at a small table in a crowded tavern, drunk and brooding over what I had read. I felt no sorrow at my father's passing. Hate and envy saturated my mind, and I was muttering to myself, "Why should he and other people get all the breaks in life, while good men like me don't get a chance? What a rotten deal I'm getting! People would love and me, too, if I had the chances in life he had."

I did not know where to turn for help. Believing that people thought about me the way I thought about them, I was sure I could not turn to them. This left only God, and if He felt about me as I felt about Him, this was a slim hope indeed. In this manner, I passed through the three blackest months of my life. During that time, it seemed, I drank more than I ever had before, and I prayed to "nothing" for help to get away from alcohol.

In thinking all this over, it finally became obvious to me that the God I thought had judged and damned me had done nothing of the sort. He had been listening, and in His own good time His answer came. His answer was threefold: the opportunity for a life of sobriety; Twelve Steps to practice, in order to attain and maintain that life of sobriety; fellowship within the program, every ready to sustain and help me each twenty-four-hour day.

I hold no illusion that I brought the A.A. Program of recovery into my life. I must always consider it as a gift of opportunity. In the use of this opportunity, the onus is on me.

St. John's, Newfoundland

This is in part from "Came To Believe." I was not able to post it all for lack of room on the page but do hope everyone will read it in its entirety!



Happy Birthday



**VANCOUVER AREA INTERGROUP
WOULD LIKE TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU!**

Steve — 1 month	Natalya — 18 mos.
Sherri — 1 month	Doni — 1 yr.
Mike — 1 month	Steve — 2 yrs.
Shelley — 2 mos.	Pam — 5 yrs.
Wendy — 2 mos.	Lindsey — 7 yrs.
Evan — 3 mos.	Tammy — 9 yrs.
Sarah — 3 mos.	Chris — 14 yrs.
Niki — 6 mos.	Lyle — 14 yrs.
Mark — 6 mos.	Chris — 16 yrs.
Jennifer — 6 mos.	Paul — 29 yrs.
Linda — 6 mos.	Mike — 31 yrs.
Russ — 9 mos.	Ken — 31 yrs.
Jake — 18 mos.	Jan — 36 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.

June	Donations	Year to Date
369.98	A New Morning	2,098.95
	As Bill See's It	200.00
	B & P	1,424.00
14.31	Camas Group	31.19
	Cascade Group	150.00
	Chapter Nine	113.90
20.00	Cornerstone	37.27
	District 7	689.60
	Early Light	125.00
	Eastside Brown Baggers	230.00
	Eastside Women's Book Study	100.00
	East County Women's Group	50.00
	First Shot	265.30
116.39	Fresh Start	530.95
	Gorge Gals	50.00
	Ground Zero	.23
	Hockinson	
	La Center Group	7.75
	Ladies by the Lavender	100.00
	Lewis River	15.00
30.00	Lighthouse	180.00
	McGillvary Study Group	175.00
	Men's Eastside	250.00
	Men's Fireside	160.00
300.00	Miracles at Noon	1,787.28
	OB's Speaker's Meeting	197.96
155.75	Primary Purpose	155.75
	Ready and Willing	47.16
	Reconciled	241.55
	Renegades	70.00
	Round Table	199.88
170.00	Saturday Night Big Book Study	337.00
	Sober Uppers	42.06
	She Who Remembers	80.00
	Step Sisters	81.20
250.00	Stevenson AA	450.00
	Sunday Night Alternatives	
325.00	Sunday Solutions	732.00
99.00	There Is A Solution	161.00
20.34	Wayfarer's	129.01
80.90	Wednesday Night Recovery	258.53
	Welcome Home	55.05
	West Vancouver Group	6.89
1951.67	SUBTOTAL	12,016.46
120.18	Miscellaneous	1,039.66
2071.85	TOTAL	13,056.12

Financial Statements

	June	YTD
Revenue		
Sales	\$ 3731	\$ 26,521
Contributions	\$ 2072	\$ 13,057
Picnic	\$	\$
Gratitude Dinner	\$	\$
Misc. Income	\$ 141	\$ 870
	\$ 5,944	\$ 40,448
Expenses		
Cost of goods sold	\$ 2,648	\$ 16,165
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 616	\$ 741
Merchant Services	\$ 186	\$ 738
Office supplies	\$ 43	\$ 688
Equipment rent	\$ 186	\$ 1,139
Building rent	\$ 875	\$ 5,250
Utilities	\$ 289	\$ 3,070
Net Wages	\$ 1,946	\$ 11,827
Payroll taxes	\$ 586	\$ 3,583
Insurance	\$	\$ 500
Licenses	\$	\$ 111
	\$ 7,374	\$ 43,812
Net Income / Loss	\$ (1,429)	\$ (3,364)

End of Month Balances

Main Checking Account:	\$ 4,263
Prudent Reserve Account:	\$ 17,173
Event Account:	\$ 635

If you don't see your group's contribution please let us know. We receive bank produced checks at times that don't identify the group name.

STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR June 11, 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	Absent
		Alternate	NA
		Office Staff	Lani W
Visitors	None	Office Staff	

The Steering Committee minutes for May 14, 2018 were read. Phil moved to approve; Deb second; motion passed.

The Intergroup Rep meeting minutes for May 21, 2018 were reviewed.

HOTLINE REPORT: There are currently open positions.

The open positions are:

Wednesdays 9pm to midnight

Thursdays 12 am -6am

Saturdays 9 to midnight

Sundays 12 am -6am

Contact the Intergroup Office for more information.

Please continue to announce that AA volunteers are needed for the Hotline.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Laurie gave the Treasurer's Report:

Net Income for the month of May 2018 was a loss of \$978.

YTD through May 2018 was a loss of \$1,935. We had forecasted to have the YTD loss to be \$1,730 at this point in the year. Therefore we are \$205 below where we had planned to be. Even though we are operating at loss at this time, that is expected. We normally do not show a profit until the gratitude dinner in November. Payroll schedule changes were discussed to increase accuracy of financial reporting.

INTERGROUP REPORT: Cassia has started, and training is under way.

WEBSITE REPORT: Lani provided the site stats for last month. There was some confusion regarding links to District Meetings. This was explained and cleared up.

OLD BUSINESS:

Intergroup Guidelines – Review Committee

The Committee's recommended changes will be reviewed at a future IG meeting.

Deb reported that everything is progressing well. Laurie has raffle tickets and will give to Deb.

COMMITTEES:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of office relocation: Kleen Street was discussed as a possibility. Deb has spoken with them. They will design a space for us. More information to follow.

Payroll Check Signing: Employees may sign their own payroll checks with information received from our Brenda Lou at BLH Accounting. This is standard business procedure.

Employee Purchases: Employees may purchase from inventory.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Minutes Submitted By:

Laurie H.

Alternate Recording Secretary

INTERGROUP REP MINUTES FOR JUNE 18, 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	Absent	Vice-Chair.	Deb T
Position #1	Phil B.	Position #2	Absent
Position #3	Glen n	Alternative	Absent
Recording Secretary	Marc T	Office Manager	Lani W.
Voting Representatives:			
Cornerstone	Dusty G.	Miracles	Marc T.
FSBB	Sandy	SNA	Kris S
Central Group	Phil B.	A New Morning	John B.
V.C.	Deb T.	FFA	Karen S.
Camas Big Book	Gordon M	B&P	Todd C.
Sober Uppers	Darcy S.	M.S.G.	Chris H.
Reconciled	Marc O.	First Shot	Brian N.
LBL	Jess		
Visitors:			
Alt DCM / District 7	Jeff C	Intergroup	Cassia
Welcome Home	Michael W.		Lani

TRADITION REVIEW: Skipped, Laurie will do next months' review of tradition seven.

INTRODUCTIONS: 15 voting Intergroup Representatives in attendance.

LITERATURE PRESENTATION: Skipped, Dave is not here this month

MEETING MINUTES:

Intergroup Representative Committee minutes were read from May by: Phil B.; Marc moved to approve the Rep minutes; Darcy S. second; motion passed

HOTLINE REPORT: (Lani) Looking for 4 open slots. Contact the Intergroup office for times. 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.

Guidelines: (Marc T) A subcommittee has been formed to review the current guidelines and propose changes to the reps. The committee will be meeting late June early July. Currently we are looking to have the changes to the reps to take back to the groups in the July or August meeting.

Office Move: The committee has not met at this point. Chris will be working up to get the first committee meeting set. Those that wished to join the committee signed up. A couple topics reviewed in the meeting:

The committee is a fact finding only.

Is there a reason to move at all?

Document the requirements for a location.

Name Change to Southwest Washington Area Intergroup: (Glenn) talked to a couple groups and they really didn't see the need to change. He is working to get an estimated cost. Lani made a motion to table until next month; Phil B seconded. Passed.

Intergroup Picnic: (Deb) Flyer is available, please distribute to your groups. Volunteers are needed, please call or stop by Intergroup to see what you can do. The cost will be Adults \$10, children \$5 hamburgers and hotdogs. It is a potluck so there is no cost to attend.

Gratitude Dinner: (Deb) The date reserved, November 17th, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elections were held for the open positions: Results below from the voting

Chair – Ronnie

Vice Chair – Deb T

Position 1- Phil B

Alternate – Chris H.

COMMITTIES:

Finance Committee: Meets 5:30 pm 2nd Monday of the month at the Intergroup office.

Deb asked for motion to adjure the meeting: Lani made the motion, Darcy second; passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Yours in Service,

Marc T.

Recording Secretary

Friday Night Happy Hour

August 3 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

August 4, 2018

Eastridge Church
14100 SE Sunnyside Road
Clackamas, OR 97015

*Meeting is always the first
Saturday of the month*

Hockinson Potluck

Sunday, July 29th
Potluck at: 6:00 pm

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

Kleen Street Speaker Meeting

Friday, August 10th

7:30 pm

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

Wayfarer's Speaker Meeting

August 11th, 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
July 21st.
7:00 pm

Central Bible Church
8815 NE Glisan Street, Portland

Carson AA Spirit of the Gorge Potluck

Sunday , July 29th
372 St. Martin Springs
Carson, WA 98610

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

Central Group's Birthday Meeting

Friday, July 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 Intergroup Office is looking for
people to do service work helping out
the office staff occasionally. If that is
something you would be interested in,
call Lani or Cassia at
(360) 694-3870

Make sure to check
vancouveraa.org
or call 694-3870

July

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	10	11	12	13 Kleen Street Speaker Meeting 7:30 pm	14 Wayfarer's Speaker Meeting 7 pm
15	16 Finance Mtg 5:30pm Steering Committee	17	18	19	20	21 Rule 62 7 pm
22	23 Intergroup Rep. Meeting 6:30 pm	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					

AUGUST

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

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