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## VANCOUVER AREA INTERGROUP

# Primary Purpose

## Tradition Four

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Tradition Four is a specific application of general principles already outlined in Traditions One and Two. Tradition One states: "Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. AA must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward." Tradition Two states: "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience."



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### Monthly Business Mtgs.

- ◆ Steering Comm. Mtg. –  
04/12@6:00 PM
- ◆ Intergroup Rep Mtg. –  
04/19@6:30 PM
- ◆ District 37 GSR Mtg. –04/27  
@7:00 PM
- ◆ District 7 GSR Mtg. - 04/22  
@7:00 PM
- ◆ District 27 Committees Mtg.-  
04/17@10am
- ◆ District 27 Business Mtg. -  
04/17@12 PM

(All monthly business mtgs. are held currently on Zoom).

## Tradition Four Continued...

With these concepts in mind, let us look more closely at Tradition Four. The first sentence guarantees each AA group local autonomy. With respect to its own affairs, the group may make any decisions, adopt any attitudes that it likes. No overall or intergroup authority should challenge this primary privilege. We feel this ought to be so, even though the group might sometimes act with complete indifference to our Tradition. For example, an AA group could, if it wished, hire a paid preacher and support him out of the proceeds of a group nightclub. Though such an absurd procedure would be miles outside our Tradition, the group's "right to be wrong" would be held inviolate. We are sure that each group can be granted, and safely granted, these most extreme privileges. We know that our familiar process of trial and error would summarily eliminate both the preacher and the nightclub. These severe growing pains which invariably follow any radical departure from AA Tradition can be absolutely relied upon to bring an erring group back into line. An AA group need not be coerced by any human government over and above its own members. Their own experience, plus AA opinion in surrounding groups, plus God's prompting in their group conscience would be sufficient. Much travail has already taught us this. Hence we may confidently say to each group, "You should be responsible to no other authority than your own conscience.

Yet please note one important qualification. It will be seen that such extreme liberty of thought and action applies only to the group's own affairs. Rightly enough, this Tradition goes on to say, "But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, these groups ought to be consulted." Obviously, if any individual, group, or regional committee could take an action that might seriously affect the welfare of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole or seriously disturb surrounding groups, that would not be liberty at all. It would be sheer license; it would be anarchy, not democracy.

Therefore, we AAs have universally adopted the principle of consultation. This means that if a single AA group wishes to take an action that might affect surrounding groups, it consults them. Or, it confers with the intergroup committee for the area, if there be one. Likewise, if a group or regional committee wishes to take any action that might affect AA as a whole, it consults the trustees of the Alcoholic Foundation, who are, in effect, our overall general service committee. For instance, no group or inter group could feel free to initiate, without consultation, any publicity that might affect AA as a whole. Nor could it assume to represent the whole of Alcoholics Anonymous by printing and distributing anything purporting to be AA standard literature. This same principle would naturally apply to all similar situations. Though there is no formal compulsion to do so, all undertakings of this general character are customarily checked with our AA general Headquarters.

This idea is clearly summarized in the last sentence of Tradition Four, which observes, "On such issues our common welfare is paramount."

# Financial Statements

	January	February	Total	Ytd Forecast	Variance
<b>Income</b>					
Sales	\$ 2,860	\$ 2,004	\$ 4,863	\$ 5,000	\$ (137)
Group Contributions	\$ 1,702	\$ 1,955	\$ 3,657	\$ 5,000	\$ (1,343)
Individual Contributions	\$ 397	\$ 113	\$ 510	\$ 1,000	\$ (490)
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 61	\$ 20	\$ 81	\$ 100	\$ (19)
Fundraising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 5,020</b>	<b>\$ 4,092</b>	<b>\$ 9,112</b>	<b>\$ 11,100</b>	<b>\$ (1,988)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
COGS	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,025	\$ 2,725	\$ 3,000	\$ (275)
Fundraising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CC &Paypal Fees	\$ -	\$ 65	\$ 65	\$ 210	\$ (145)
Office Supplies	\$ 190	\$ 254	\$ 444	\$ 100	\$ 344
Insurance	\$ 48	\$ 48	\$ 96	\$ 50	\$ 46
Licenses & Fees	\$ 216	\$ 90	\$ 306	\$ 50	\$ 256
Contract Services	\$ 620	\$ 720	\$ 1,340	\$ 1,350	\$ (10)
Wages	\$ 2,035	\$ 1,372	\$ 3,407	\$ 3,750	\$ (343)
Taxes	\$ 919	\$ 370	\$ 1,289	\$ 1,300	\$ (11)
Copy Machine	\$ 337	\$ 260	\$ 597	\$ 500	\$ 97
Rent	\$ 962	\$ 962	\$ 1,925	\$ 2,000	\$ (75)
Utilities	\$ 361	\$ 778	\$ 1,139	\$ 600	\$ 539
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 7,388</b>	<b>\$ 5,945</b>	<b>\$ 13,333</b>	<b>\$ 12,910</b>	<b>\$ 423</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ (2,368)</b>	<b>\$ (1,853)</b>	<b>\$ (4,221)</b>	<b>\$ (1,810)</b>	<b>\$ (2,411)</b>

February 28, 2021 Cash Balances	
Main Checking	\$ 3,487
Event Account	\$ 9,258
Prudent Reserve	\$ 12,875
Till Cash	\$ 100
<b>Total Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$ 25,720</b>

Grant Fund Distributionn		
	Amount	Balance
Beginning	\$ 12,204	\$ 12,204
December	\$ (2,000)	\$ 10,204
January	\$ (2,286)	\$ 7,918

# Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

## Vancouver Area Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous Steering Committee meeting of February 8, 2021

Attendance: Dusty, Bruce, Laurie, Phil, Dee, LeeAnn, Marc, Patrick, Jennifer, Cindy (District 7 Archives)

Opening: The meeting was opened at 6:00pm with the Serenity Prayer. Minutes from the 1/11/21 Steering Committee meeting were accepted. Minutes from the 1/18/21 Intergroup meeting were reviewed.

Hotline: No report on the committee's current status. A written report for the committee's quarterly meeting was provided, however there were questions that need to be answered.

Treasury: Laurie reported group donations were down and that payroll costs due to additional training is up. See attached financial report for further information. Due to constant changes in restrictions, the forecast will be updated quarterly.

Office: Marc reported that BLH Accounting has been sold. The previous owner, Brenda Lou, provided accounting services for free as a service commitment. The new owners will provide payroll services for \$65 per month. It is unknown at this time what their fee will be for tax services.

Activities: Jennifer reported there is no new information and at this time it is not possible to make commitments due to constant changes in Covid-19 restrictions.

Old Business/Customer Count: Since the beginning of the year there have only been five office visits after 5:00pm. All five were on a Wednesday. The question will be put to the Intergroup Representatives if they want to modify the office hours.

New Business/Archives: Cindy discussed organizing the archives and purchasing a scanner to digitize material. A motion was made and passed to allow the Archives Committee use of the office equipment to scan material under the condition that there would be no added cost to Intergroup.

Closing: The meeting was closed at 6:43pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Yours in Service,

Phil B.

# Intergroup Rep Meeting Minutes

## Vancouver Area Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous Intergroup Representatives meeting of February 15, 2021

Attendance: Dusty, chair & Cornerstone ... Leana, East County Women's ... Todd, 1<sup>st</sup> Shot ... Michelle, Ladies by the Lavender ... Dee, Steering Committee ... Patrick, McGillivray Study Group ... Jennifer, Doing Right ... Bruce, B&P ... Jenni, Hotline Vice Chair ... Emily, Hotline Chair ... Phil, R360very ... Carey, Hockinson ... Robin, Fireside ... Kerry, New Morning ... Cassia, off-site office ... Marc, Miracles at Noon ... Tony, Men's Fireside ... Michael, Welcome Home ... Holly, Keep Coming Back ... Julie, Women in Action ... Lori, Women's Daily Supplement ... Heidi, Minneha-ha ... Lauri, Sobber Uppers ... Leanne, office

Opening: The meeting was opened at 6:31pm with the Serenity Prayer. Attendees introduced themselves. Roll call found 19 of the attendees have voting rights. A quorum exists. Dusty gave a presentation of motion and voting procedures.

Hotline: Emily reported that all position are covered however there are volunteer opportunities as several are overdue to rotate out. Marc will electronically distribute minutes from the Hotline Committee's quarterly report.

Treasury: Please see attached financial report

Office: Cassia reported there are no issues and training with Leanne continues.

Activities: Jennifer has no new information.

Webmaster: Marc reported that Scott continues to support Intergroup. A new webmaster has not yet been appointed.

Old Business/Substantial Unanimity Motion: There was further discussion of the motion which would require motions be passed by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority to pass. A vote was taken. Yea: 7, Nay: 14. Motion defeated. It should be noted that there are two more voting than those identified as having voting rights however if the vote was changed to 7/12 it would not change the results. CLOSED

# Intergroup Rep Meeting Minutes

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Old Business/Hotline Qualification Motion: There was further discussion of the motion which is to change the hotline volunteer requirement from one year continuous sobriety to six months continuous sobriety. It should be noted this motion was for the hotline only and does not affect the 12-Step Volunteer requirement. A vote was taken> Yea: 15, Nay: 3, Abstain: 1. Motion passed. CLOSED

New Business/Office Hours: It was noted that since the beginning of the year there have been five office visits, all on Wednesdays, from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. It was also noted that Leanne often finds visitors waiting for her to open the office. The current office hours are Monday-Thursday 12:00pm-6pm and Friday 12:00-5:30pm. No motion was made at this time however the Intergroup Representatives were asked to discuss with their groups if the office hours should be modified.

Group News: Dusty reported that Cornerstone will be relocating on March 1<sup>st</sup> at which time the schedule will be updated. Meetings are reminded that as their information changes they should notify the office for a schedule update: [vancaa@vanintgrp.com](mailto:vancaa@vanintgrp.com)

District News: No report

Closing: The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:01pm.

Yours in Service,  
Phillip B.

*For a full description of upcoming events including locations or zoom information, visit the events page on our website at:*

*[www.vancouveraa.org](http://www.vancouveraa.org)*

*To add any events to future calendars, please email us your flier at [vancaa@vanintgrp.com](mailto:vancaa@vanintgrp.com) (even if it's a zoom event)!*

*All Newsletter submissions are due on the 1st of the month for which you want them published.*

# Upcoming Events

## April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10  Wayfarer's Speaker Mtg. on Zoom: 7:00 pm
11	12  Steering Committee Mtg.: 6:00 pm	13	14	15	16	17  District 27 Com- mittees Mtg.: 10am- 12 pm District 27 Business Mtg.: 12 pm-3 pm
18	19  Intergroup Rep. Mtg.:6:30 pm	20	21	22  District 7 GSR Mtg.: 7 pm	23	24
25	26	27 District 37 Mtg.: 7:00 pm	28	29	30	

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.

We are going to know  
a new freedom and a  
new happiness.

Big Book

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