

OTTAWA AREA INTERGROUP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
General Meeting Minutes for January 11, 2005

The meeting opened with a moment of silence, the Serenity Prayer and the Twelve Traditions, read by Albert D.

Welcome: The Chair welcomed all members in attendance.

Voting Members: 26

Non-voting Members: 9

Board Members: Rick C., Jo Anne D., Paul B., John W., John S., Michael C., George S.

Agenda and Minutes:

On motion by Des P., seconded by Johanne B., the agenda was accepted as tabled. On motion by Jack E., seconded by Earl M., the General Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2005 were approved.

Reports:

Outgoing Chair: Rick C.

1. The auditor's report has been received although it is yet to be signed. Rick C. will make himself available to sign it off, once all questions and issues are resolved.
2. Rick C. expressed his thanks to Walter for a wonderfully successful Alkathon. He also took the opportunity at this, his final Intergroup meeting, to thank the Fall Conference Committee, the Springathon Committee and all members for their support throughout the year.

Incoming Chair: Michael C.

1. Michael C. called for a motion to thank Rick C. for all of his hard work and his successful term as Chair of Intergroup; The motion, made by Guy G. and seconded by John M., passed unanimously.
2. Auditor's Report: confirmed that he is working with Diane (Office Assistant) and the Treasurer to resolve remaining questions

Incoming Vice-Chair: John S.

1. No report.

Treasurer: (John S. in the absence of a Treasurer)

1. Tabled a written statement of receipts over disbursements (copy attached), noting the surplus of \$1,243.57 as of December 31st. On motion by Guy B., seconded by Jim T., the statement was accepted.
2. With respect to the audit: The issues that he and the Chair will resolve are: (a) the auditor estimates accounts receivables of roughly \$204.00 while Intergroup's records indicate they stand at about \$2,500; (b) the auditor calculates that bad debts total \$1,700 while our records indicate they total around \$200. The Treasurer awaits a detailed list of receivables and bad debts.

Literature Coordinator: George S.

1. The inventory taken on January 1st, and spot-checked by the Chair, will be used for the 2005 audit.
2. Based on that inventory, he placed an order for literature.
3. The new meeting list has been proofread and changes given to the printer. New lists may be delivered within two weeks, i.e., January 25, 2006.

Newsletter: John W.

1. The "birds, bees and booze" edition of the *Primary Purpose* was distributed. Reminded members that he is eager for contributions on this subject or any other relevant to AA and recovery.
2. Hopes to expand content and circulation to groups in outlying areas in the Ottawa Valley.

TAS:

1. On Claude L.'s behalf, Michael C. mentioned that there is an ongoing need for members with two years of sobriety to volunteer as "12-steppers" as well as for members with at least one year of sobriety to answer telephones. Interested members should contact him.

Webmaster: Paul B.

1. Three new Home Group pages will soon be added to the website.
2. E-mails sent to him in December may have bounced back; please re-send your e-mail if you have not had a response (there was a SPAM problem, which has been resolved).
3. Asked that any new Intergroup members wanting to receive Minutes electronically should provide him with an e-mail address.

Secretary:

1. No report.

Archives Committee: Dan McD.

1. See the article in the *Primary Purpose* on the upcoming of the play, Reflections by Lois W.
2. Archives asked for a \$240 contribution from Intergroup toward its annual budget, a lower amount than that requested last year (i.e., \$700). On motion by Ian P., seconded by Nadia S., and unanimously passed, Intergroup will contribute \$240 to the Archives Committee 2006 budget.

Fall Conference: Brian M.-C.

1. The dates for 2006 are September 29, 30, October 1 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.
2. Four speakers have been secured: a sponsee of Clancy I.; Angie P. who spoke at the International Conference; a general manager of AA International; Big Book speaker, Jim B.
3. On motion by Earl M., seconded by Jean H., and unanimously passed, Intergroup will advance \$2,000 in seed money to the Fall Conference Committee.

Springathon: Mickey R., Vice-Chair

1. The dates for 2006 are May 12 and 13.
2. Committee meets next on February 5, at 1:00, Bronson Centre.
3. Members are asked to solicit volunteers and to make financial contributions. Cheques should be payable to Springathon 2006. Volunteers may contact Mickey R. at 836-2510 or by e-mail: mickey.robinson@sympatico. Also, the Committee needs a secretary.
4. On motion made by Jim T., seconded by Steve C., and unanimously passed, Intergroup will advance \$1,500 to Springathon Committee.

Old Business:

1. Covered in reports above.

New Business:

1. Elections: Dan McD., acting as scrutineer, called for nominations for Treasurer and Secretary. Chris M. was acclaimed as Treasurer. Secretary position remains unfilled.
2. McNabb Meetings: Dan McD. reported that the average weekly surplus for McNabb meetings is \$13.00.

McNabb Meetings:

January: Oasis

March: Parkwood Hills

May: West End Group

February: Westboro Saturday Morning

April:

Coffee and Set-up next month: Fabio

Clean Up tonight: all.

Adjournment:

On motion by Des, seconded by Cindy M., the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m. closing with the Responsibility Pledge and Lord's Prayer.

Next Intergroup Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bronson Centre