

OTTAWA AREA INTERGROUP General Meeting Minutes for April 9, 2008

The meeting opened with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer followed by the twelve traditions.

Welcome: The Chair welcomed all members in attendance.

Voting Members: 37 **Non-voting Members:** 4

Cleanup: Ernie O., Cliff, Frank V., Luc S-J

Coffee for May: John G.

Agenda: Reviewed and accepted.

March 12, 08 Minutes:

Motion: Mike G.; Seconded: Frank V.

That the minutes be adopted as written

Carried. Unanimous

Executive Committee Reports:

Chair: Heather H

- o Heather presented a 40-minute workshop on the History of Intergroup in Ottawa at the recent Kingston Area Assembly. More than 35 people attended.
- o Learned that Toronto has similar concerns to our Intergroup and Heather has been authorized to discuss our By Law concerns with the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) Intergroup representatives. Any information learned through these discussions will be incorporated into the amending of the Ottawa By Laws.
- o By Law Reform has been delayed until the input from the discussions with the GTA is complete.

Vice-Chair: Brian L. No report

Treasurer: Pat B. No report

Note that PST/GST will be reported on next month.

Springathon: Derek R.

- o It seems that there will be a sell out for meals. 339 of a possible 448 tickets are sold.
- o Hotel rates stay at the offered rate until the Springathon block is sold.
- o The March/April Newsletter contains the program and a registration form as well as primes to phone to volunteer your time; volunteers are needed.
- o Coffee costs have escalated due to the numbers that are registering so further contributions from groups would be appreciated.
- o The tables for the meal seat 8; anyone registering now will be a room with a large screen for viewing the speaker.
- o Note that members who present NSF or post-dated cheques are not considered registered until the funds are cleared into the Springathon account.

Newsletter: Danny M.

- o The March and April Newsletters have been combined due to technical problems and are available.
- o The Newsletter contains the Springathon Information.
- o Danny is converting old Newsletters to Web format and editing them to ensure member anonymity; there are three currently on line.
- o Danny was sincerely thanked for pinch hitting and ensuring that the Newsletter was ready for the meeting.

Motion: Cliff, Seconded: Nicole F.

That Jeff create a Newsletter page on the Ottawa AA website.

Carried. Unanimous

TAS: Peter G.

- o 98% of the monthly schedule is accurate; there are presently 25 open slots.
- o The commitment is three hours per month.
- o Peter is cleaning up the list and removing the names of volunteers who are not showing up.
- o There is a desperate need for volunteers on weekends; and still a few openings for during the week.
- o Please take this request to your group and announce it at other groups you attend.
- o Sobriety requirements: TAS: 1 year of continuous sobriety; Twelve Step Calls: 2 years of continuous sobriety; After Hours: 2 years of continuous sobriety.
- o TAS covers the phones between 9 am and 10 pm Monday to Friday; and 10 am to 10 pm on the weekend.
- o After 10 pm the calls go to a call service and the contact the list of volunteers on the "After Hours" list. There are only seven names on this list and when nobody is available the call service leaves a message at the Intergroup phone number.
- o Costs for covering the call service are \$500-\$600 per month

Webmaster: Jeff L.

- o Jeff thanked George S., Jacques V., Danny M., and Derek R for sending him meeting and Springathon information for the website.
- o The Newsletter is now on line and the archived Newsletter list is growing as they are updated for the web.
- o Jeff was thanked for making the Ottawa AA website so useful.

Literature: John G.

- o F59 (?) and Travel Directory for Overseas still not available from New York due to publishing issues.
- o Canadian and US Travel Directories are updated and available
- o Please ask members to use the Internet to locate meetings overseas, as what is in the books that we have now is out of date.
- o The Newcomer's Package has been updated. The Sponsorship Pamphlet has been added at no extra charge.
- o From Saturday, April 12, 2008 the Intergroup Office will be open for the sale of literature from 11 am to 3 pm.
- o Jeff will look into putting a link to the overseas directory information, as well as the hours for purchasing literature, up on the Ottawa AA website

Secretary: Mary W.

Please ensure that your email application is set up to accept the secretary's minutes.

Fall Conference: No report

New Business:

Archive Committee: Nick C.

- o The Intergroup Executive has agreed in principle to allow Ottawa AA Archives to co-locate with Intergroup in the existing Intergroup office space as in other AA Areas. This will involve the erection of a \$700 wall (materials only; labour by volunteers).
- o The space would be available to other Ottawa AA groups to use as a meeting.
- o This will relief the Archive Committee of funding the existing premises to a total of \$4,075 per year. It will also allow members more access to the material
- o The Archives Committee will be relieved of the need to continually raise funds, however the Longtimers' Luncheon every fall will be retained as a fundraiser.

Motion: Danny M.; Seconded Phil S.

That Intergroup accept the Archives into their rented space.

Discussion: It is understood that nothing will be done without the approval of Intergroup.

Carried. Unanimous

- o There is a short fall in the Archives' finances. They currently only have fund to pay rent for April.

Motion: Danny M.; Seconded: Nathan W.

That Intergroup provide the Archives with an amount equal to six month's rent.

Discussion: This was thought to be appropriate so that Nick does not have to keep coming back for more funds during the transition period.

Carried. For: 34. Opposed: 3. Abstention: None

McNabb Meetings 2008:

Month	Group	Confirmed
February	Early Birds	
March	West End group	
April	Step by Step	Yes
May	Barrhaven Tuesday Night	Yes
June	B-United	Tentative
July	Lunch Bunch	Confirmed
August	-	-
September	Parkwood Hills	Tentative
October	Friday Night By the Book	Yes
November	Saturday Morning Westboro	Yes
December	-	-

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m. closing with the Responsibility Pledge and Lord's Prayer.

Next Intergroup Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bronson Centre