

OTTAWA AREA INTERGROUP General Meeting Minutes for May 14, 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: 31 **Non-voting Members:** 18

Cleanup: Frank V., Harry B., Luc S-J., Rick R.

Coffee for June: John G.

Agenda: Items added: Mark C. to speak on the subject of Gratitude Day.

Point of Order:

Ernie O. representing the Beacon Hill group raised a point of order to the Chairperson. He felt that a change in the Intergroup By-Laws was required for Intergroup to intercede financially with the Archives Committee after which a waiting period of thirty days was required. Heather H. advised him that a point of order can only be brought forward to the Chairperson immediately after a motion has been seconded and before discussion on the motion and that this would have to have been done on April 9th. She did, however, restate what is reflected in the April 9, 2008 minutes concerning the vote and, since Harry B, who is tasked with reviewing the By-laws, was present to present his first report, she asked that he speak to the question of whether a change in By-laws is required as a result of the issue. Harry B. clarified to the meeting that the decision taken on April 9, 2008 by Intergroup Reps concerning does not contravene the Intergroup By-Laws as they are currently written. The objection by the Beacon Hill group was noted however.

Motion: Beth S., Seconded: Heather M.

That the Agenda be amended to include Gratitude Day announcement.

Carried: Unanimous

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Motion: Frank V., Seconded: Nicole F.

That the minutes be adopted as written

Carried. Unanimous

Executive Committee Reports:

Chair: Heather H

Harry B is present to report on his review of the current By-Laws and it will fall under Old Business

Vice-Chair: Brian L. No report

Acting Secretary: Mary W.

Distributed Fall Conference Flyers. **Note:** If you were not present at the meeting, please obtain your flyers at the Intergroup office so that you can offer registration to members of your home group.

Treasurer: Pat B.

The accounting system is up and running and the figures are accurate. In April there was a surplus of \$12.02. A Bank of Montreal GIC in the amount of \$12,000 is being held as a prudent reserve to cover six month of operating costs.

Newsletter:

The Chairperson announced that the editor of The Primary Purpose has resigned and that the May newsletter is not available at this time. See New Business

TAS: Peter G.

98% of the monthly schedule is accurate; there are presently 25 open slots.

The commitment is three hours per month.

Peter is cleaning up the list and removing the names of volunteers who are not showing up.

There is a desperate need for volunteers on weekends; and still a few openings for during the week.

Please take this request to your group and announce it at other groups you attend.

Sobriety requirements: TAS: 1 year of continuous sobriety; Twelve Step Calls: 2 years of continuous sobriety; After Hours: 2 years of continuous sobriety.

TAS covers the phones between 4 pm and 10 pm Monday to Friday; and 10 am to 10 pm on the weekend.

After 10 pm the calls go to a call service and they 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.

Motion: Danny M., Seconded George S.

That the TAS schedule be put on the web site and that no identifying information be connected to any TAS volunteer. (It will only show a volunteer's first name, and surname initial).

Carried: For 30, Against 1 (on behalf of his group, a member voiced concerns about anonymity; Chairperson called for any change of votes as a result of this concern, and none were received)

Chairperson advised those present as a point of information that costs for covering the call service in April were \$566+

Springathon: Derek R (2008 Chair)

- o 700 people attended the event over 448 dinners were sold
- o The report and financial statement are attached
- o Derek returned the seed money to the Intergroup Treasurer (\$2500) and asked that it be noted that a further amount of plus/minus \$1000 is expected to be provided within the next few weeks

Webmaster: Jeff L. Absent No report .

Fall Conference: Doug L.

- o The conference will be a whole weekend affair
- o Friday night there will be no dance, instead a variety show will be presented by members
- o More coffee will be required due to the early starts on Saturday and Sunday: please ask your groups for donations

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- o The aim of the conference is to bring the fellowship together and develop that fellowship.

Literature: John G.

- o John drew our attention to the AA Service Manual that is available at the price of \$3.00. It is useful to those new to service.
- o There are still no international telephone books; please refer your members to the web site for international travel info. John will let us know when they are available.
- o A reminder that literature is available on Saturdays at the Intergroup Office from 11 am – 3 pm.

Old Business:

By-Law Reform: Harry B.

- o There is a copy of the Intergroup By-Laws of 2003 available on the website.
- o Any changes that have been adopted since then **NEED TO BE** incorporated into the **updated** version.
- o By-Laws can be changed at any Intergroup meeting according to procedure
- o Harry **will** ask for five people to make up the ad-hoc committee to address reforms to the By-Laws. Committee members need two years of sobriety, preferably with Intergroup **executive** experience.
- o Specific references will be made to Archives, the Alkathon and the web site need to be formalized
- o The structure of the current Intergroup Board **and** Executive Committee needs to be looked at. For example, should the Springathon and Fall Conference Chairs be on this committee?
- o Staggered terms of officers would provide more continuity year after year
- o Indemnity of officers needs to be addressed and their duties.
- o Should the five Ottawa DCMs be a chamber of sober second thought? Should the relationship between the Intergroup Chair and the DCMs be formalized **into a Board of Advisors**?
- o Once the struck committee has reviewed and updated a draft copy of the By Laws, they will be presented to the Executive Committee for review and then presented to the Intergroup Reps.
- o A legal review would also be prudent to ensure that the By Laws comply with Ontario Corporations Law.
- o Harry **can be reached at shale286@hotmail.com.**

McNabb Meeting:

McNabb Meetings 2008:

The wording about Self-Support (7th tradition – green card) will be included in the format of the McNabb Sunday morning meeting, as approved by the Executive committee, effectively immediately.

The following is the list of group McNabb meeting commitments for the rest of the year.

Month	Group	Status
May	Barrhaven Tuesday Night	Confirmed
June	Lunch with Bill	Confirmed
July	Lunch Bunch	Confirmed
August	B-United	Tentative
September	Parkwood Hills	Tentative
October	Friday Night By the Book	Confirmed
November	Saturday Morning Westboro	Confirmed
December	-	-

New Business:

Newsletter:

The Chairperson read a resignation email message from Paul P., the Primary Purpose Newsletter Editor; accepted with regret. She advised that the electronic version of this month's Primary Purpose will be online when available. Danny M. put his name forward as a nominee for newsletter editor. An election will be held at the June 11 Intergroup meeting and further nominations can be submitted up to that date and at the time of the meeting. Please send the Chair and Acting Secretary notice of any nominations for this position.

Motion: Beth S., Seconded: Ernie N.

That Danny M.'s offer to take care of Newsletter business pending the election on June 11th of a new Editor be accepted and that Danny contact Paul to find out the status of this month's newsletter and get things in order.

Carried: Unanimous

Gratitude Day: Mark C.

Mark C. announced that Gratitude Day will be held on June 14m 2008, at the Hintonburg Community Centre. Tickets are \$4 and include lunch. Dot D. our Area 83 Delegate to New York will be presenting the results of the General Service Conference held in April in New York and how she represented our input to the meeting. Mark distributed tickets and will attend next month's Intergroup Meeting to collect the money.

Pockets of Enthusiasm: Sharon C.

This is a day organized by "By the Book" on June 21. There will be three speakers who will talk about sponsorship and service. Lunch is included. It runs from 10 am to 2 pm and the cost is \$2.00. There are only 200 spots so encourage your groups to get tickets early. Further information is available from Sharon and her contact info is on the main page of our web site.

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, June 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bronson Centre

Heather Hay, Intergroup Chair

Mary Wimbush, Acting Intergroup Secretary