

OTTAWA AREA INTERGROUP
General Meeting Minutes for June 11, 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: 36 **Non-voting Members:** 6

Cleanup: Scott and Rick

Coffee for July 9 Meeting: There will be none as there were no volunteers

Set up for July 9 Meeting: Ernie O. (Beacon Hill) and friends

Agenda: Motion: Frank V., Seconded: Doug

That the agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried: Unanimous

May 14, 2008 Minutes:

Motion: Jean-Marc., Seconded: Mike G.

That the minutes be adopted as written

Carried. Unanimous

Burning Issue:

Editor for Primary Purpose. As there were no nominations from the floor Danny M was acclaimed the 'new' editor. It was noted that Danny produced the May/June Primary Purpose that was distributed to the representatives at the meeting.

Motion: Jean-Marc, Seconded: Frank V.

To accept Danny as the editor for the Primary Purpose

Carried: Unanimous

Executive Committee Reports:

Chair: Heather H

- Heather met with the three urban DCMs to exchange information about service issues and determine how best cooperation can result vis a vis activities. The meeting was very successful and was the second of many this year.
- Heather has been invited by District 48 to give the same talk on Intergroup that she presented at the Area Assembly Service Day in Kingston in the spring. The date for her presentation is July 8.

Vice-Chair: Brian L.

Along with the Public Information Committee, Brian has been key in setting up a new meeting at the Carleton (Caldwell Avenue) Community Chaplaincy at the invitation of the pastoral office. This will be a joint Intergroup/PIC/District 62 venture. Intergroup has paid for a start up literature kit and the PIC is also providing funds for literature under its remote community mandate. David T and Beth S have also been working with Brian and any members who would like to join the meetings are welcome. At the initial administrative meeting fifteen volunteers from the community attended and it appears that the whole idea was well accepted. The meetings will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon, starting June 17th. Please take back this information to your groups. The Intergroup Secretary will send out an email to confirm the date for the first meeting. We recommended that you travel in this area with a buddy.

Acting Secretary: Mary W.

Thanks to representatives who have been very cooperative in keeping their information up to date. All representatives are encouraged to get an email address so that they can receive the latest information and any updates that come up between meetings. It is not necessary to own a computer to have an email address and access to email.

Treasurer: Pat B.

- The accounting system has been up and running for five months. The negative amount of \$3,000 showing on the financial statement is misleading; there are GST rebates outstanding for the fall 2007 and spring 2008 conferences. New accounting software has been installed and Pat has been on training. In August the income will show as positive. There is still a prudent reserve of \$12,000 in a GIC.
- Archives has received the equivalent of two months' rent and it is not anticipated that they will require further funding as they are moving out of their offices at the end of this month (see Old Business). Some of the additional 4 months' rent equivalent retained by Intergroup will be used for minor space renovation in Rm. 108.

Newsletter: Danny M.

Brian L. will be acting as newsletter liaison for the newsletter editorial committee and is the person to whom to direct any issues with regards to the Primary Purpose. All newsletter input is to go to Danny.

TAS: Peter G.

- TAS schedule is now on the website. There has been no feedback so it will continue to be posted there.
- There are 25 open spots on the master schedule which leaves 62-68% coverage on the phones which is a drop.
- People are not calling to cancel if they can't make their commitment; please let Peter know if you can't make it so he can help you find a substitute.
- Volunteers are urgently needed. Sobriety requirements are: 1 year for TAS during business hours; 2 years for 12 step calls and after hour phone answering.
- This month's bill for the call centre to cover the phones while volunteers weren't available: \$508.

Springathon

The final financial report is expected for next month's Intergroup Meeting at which time we expect to report the amount of the residual funds paid back to Intergroup. There is an outstanding bill for equipment repair.

Webmaster: Jeff L.

- The web site is running well;
- Jeff is a little behind on new meetings.
- An email address will be posted for the fall conference
- The Primary Purpose will be up on the site in one day
- Please send Jeff your events as it helps him keep a fresh look to the home page with current information.

Fall Conference: Doug L.

- Nearly 100 are registered for the full weekend already
- One keynote speaker has had to be replaced due to an illness in the family. The replacement has 23 years of sobriety and has been putting on Joe and Charlie workshops with her husband in California for 16 years.
- Please ask your groups for coffee money as the meetings are starting earlier this year. Coffee is priced at \$2.80 per cup. Remember that the hotel doesn't make a lot of money from us as they don't benefit from providing open bars!!!
- Rita H needs all budding comedy writers and wannabe comedians from your groups. Please have them contact her directly.
- **Literature:** John G.
- John would like an assistant to help him with literature for the rest of his tenure. This would be a good opportunity for a member wishing to get into service next year.
- Business cards are in.
- Meeting lists will be available in the next two weeks.
- International Directories are now available at a cost of \$4.00
- Pamphlets with International Intergroup/Business Office phone numbers are available.

Old Business:

By-Law Reform:

Harry will have his committee formed by next month. He is approaching two final members this week.

Archives Move:

- The Archives Committee are moving the material out of the current space by the end of the month.
- They have been provided swing space as to facilitate the updates required to the existing Intergroup Office.
- Plans for the update to the Intergroup Office will be available prior to the start of construction.

McNabb Meetings 2008:

The Green Card will be available for this Sunday's meeting.

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

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

New Business:

Caldwell Meeting

Intergroup provided funds for the start up literature kit. No motion was required at the amount was \$76 which is well below the \$100 limit for discretion to pay out funds without a vote.

Pockets of Enthusiasm: Terry for 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 7:45 p.m. closing with the Responsibility Pledge and Lord's Prayer.

Next Intergroup Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bronson Centre

Heather Hay, Intergroup Chair

Mary Wimbush, Acting Intergroup Secretary