

**OTTAWA AREA INTERGROUP
General Meeting Minutes for August 13, 2008**

The meeting opened with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer followed by the twelve traditions read by Chuck M., Venture Group

Welcome: The Chair welcomed all members in attendance.

Voting Members: 35 **Non-voting Members:** 3

Meeting set up: Boots.

Coffee: Allan.

Set up for September Meeting: Florence K. and Frank K.

Coffee for September Meeting: Phil S.

Agenda: Motion: Mike G., Seconded: Frank K.

That the agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried: Unanimous

July 9, 2008 Minutes:

Motion: Phil S., Seconded: Nick R.

That the minutes be adopted as written.

Carried. Unanimous

Burning Issue: None

McNab Meeting: No group has signed up to chair the December meetings. Please let Intergroup know next month (or sooner) if your group would like to sign up for this service opportunity.

Executive Committee Reports:

Chair: Heather H

Nothing to report

Vice-Chair: Brian L.

Nothing to report.

Acting Secretary: Mary W.

Happily the 'real' Secretary is well enough to resume his responsibilities next month.

Motion: Frank K., Seconded: Phil S.

To thank Mary for her service contribution as secretary over the past five months.

Treasurer: Pat B.

- July **Revenues:** \$9,099.68 (with an outstanding sum of \$3,276.26 received from group and individual contributions)
Expenses: \$1,815.51 Purchases: \$1,965.30 **Net Income:** \$5,318.87.
- This month's revenues put Intergroup in the black for the year (Net income YTD \$2,094.68)

Newsletter: Danny M.

- This month's Primary Purpose newsletter is available and was distributed at the meeting.
- It contains the agenda for the Fall Conference.

TAS: Peter G.

- No report
- This month's bill for the call centre to cover the phones while volunteers weren't available: \$585

Webmaster: Jeff L. (absent)

- No report

Fall Conference: Doug L.

- 240 registered for the banquet; we have to pay for 300 dinners.
- Cut off to purchase banquet tickets is August 23.
- Tickets for meetings and the dance can be purchased at the door.
- See the Primary Purpose for the weekend's agenda.

Literature: John G.

- Big books are in short supply; there will be more in seven days. John will let the secretary know when they are available and an email will be sent to the Intergroup reps with email addresses.

Old Business:

By-Law Reform:

Report in September meeting.

Archives Move:

Construction to start on the evening of Monday, August 18.

McNabb Meetings 2008:

The following is the list of McNabb meeting Group commitments.

Month	Group	Status
July	Lunch Bunch	Confirmed
August	B-United	Confirmed
September	Parkwood Hills	Confirmed
October	Friday Night By the Book	Confirmed
November	Saturday Morning Westboro	Confirmed
December	-	-

New Business:

Telephone System

- New equipment has been installed replacing the 12 year old hardware that was obsolete
- A net savings of \$3.00 per month will be realized as a result of the update.
- An ad-hoc committee is being set up to address the Telephone Answering System.
- The object is to have a live member's voice for each caller
- The committee will determine whether this is a feasible objective and base their research on how other areas are addressing their telephone services.
- Currently the call-forward feature to personal phone numbers is unavailable.
- If anyone has any suggestions please send them to TAS08@ottawaaa.org
- There will be a report and update available at the September meeting on the progress of the committee.

Insurance Costs:

- Intergroup member, Ernie N., requested an item on next month's agenda to deal with the issue of the increased insurance costs to local institutions that rent to AA group.
- This is causing groups to have to relocate.
- Is there a possibility of umbrella insurance for all AA groups to resolve this issue?

October Meeting:

The October meetings are being moved to the third Wednesday of the month: October 15.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m. closing with the Responsibility Pledge and Lord's Prayer.

Next Intergroup Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bronson Centre

Heather Hay, Intergroup Chair

Mary Wimbush, Acting Intergroup Secretary