

OTTAWA AREA INTERGROUP
General Meeting Minutes for January 14, 2009

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

Welcome: The Chair welcomed all members who in turn identified themselves and their groups.

Agenda: Add 2 items; 1) Archives under Old Business and 2) Committee reports under New Business from Alkathon, Springathon and Fall Conference.

Motion: Frank V., Seconded: Doug That the agenda be accepted as amended.

Carried: Unanimous.

December 10, 2009 Minutes:

Motion: Ann, Seconded: George That the minutes be adopted as written.

Carried. Unanimous.

Executive Committee Reports:

Chair: Heather H (absent)

Webmaster: Jeff L (absent)

Acting Chair: Brian L. No Report.

Vice-Chair: Brian L. No Report

Secretary: Ron K (absent).

Acting Secretary: Mike G. No Report.

Treasurer: Pat B.

- The revenue from literature sales \$35,039.38; the Expenses from sales \$25,492.76 will be much closer in 2009 because of the Canadian dollar value. Expenses will decrease as the TAS Expenses of \$4,606.77 will disappear.
- Cash on hand and in the bank, \$21,352.93 of which \$12,222.00 is in GIC's.
- Fixed assets furniture and office wall construction work by 1 main volunteer and 2 helpers \$9,440.06.
- Group Accounts Receivable as of Dec 31, \$1,944.48 for literature. Group Reps are requested to have these accounts cleared up.
- Inventory of Meeting lists, Literature and Medallions \$7,106.38.

Literature: John G.

- Literature sales are Mon – Fri from 9 am to 4 pm.
- Large Print versions of 'Living Sober', 'Came to Believe' and 'As Bill Sees It' are now available.
- Literature prices will soon be posted on the Web Page.

Newsletter: Danny M.

- January issue is mainly Anniversaries and 'tasteful' jokes
- Assistance needed to pick up Newsletters from the printers before 5:00 pm on Intergroup meeting days and deliver them to the Intergroup office. Ernie N. and Karen L. agreed to co-ordinate.
- Review Committee members are needed to 'Proof Read' items, articles and layout for the Newsletter before being sent to the printers.

TAS: Peter G.

- TAS schedule for January has been updated and the Stats for 2008 are shown on the back.
- The bus strike is causing problems for volunteers covering their commitments.
- Daytime volunteers are needed for Saturday and Sunday to sell literature and show archives.
- Peter G. has tendered his resignation effective immediately. He will continue to support the Nomads and Badge of Courage meetings until a new coordinator is elected and trained.

Burning Issues: None.

Old Business:

TAS coordinator needed immediately with 2 years of sobriety.

Archives direction and support were postponed until February for more information.

Archives Move: Gord H.

- The Archives Committee require an Archivist.
- The members are organizing the material and setting up the room.
- Gord H. recommended that the Archives Committee should come under the Intergroup Office for funding as past Archives fundraisers other than the 'Long-timers Luncheon' have shown they are unable to be self supporting.

- Archives could be treated similar to the Alkathon, Springathon and Fall Conference committees with support from the District tables and Intergroup with whom they share the office space.
- Decisions on Archives be postponed until February when Gord H. can provide a financial and budget report for Intergroup reps.

New Business:

Alkathon: Kevin

- Thanks to all members of AA for supporting the Alkathon.
- The final committee meeting on Jan 18th and a final report should be ready for February meeting.
- Wheelchair accessibility was a safety problem as there was only one route in or out. This is a responsibility of the Bronson Center.

Springathon: Janet A.

- Group packages were distributed to group reps.
- A 1 day conference with over-lapping panels, banquet at 7:00 pm and after banquet speaker followed by a dance. Registration forms on back of flier with up to 10 per table. Panels and Dance \$15.00 or Banquet, panels and dance for \$45.00.
- No cheques after February 28.
- Hospitality suite available.
- Group donations needed for Coffee.
- Banner ready for 2009 Springathon.
- Request \$1500.00 advance money.

Motion: Moved by George and seconded by Francis to advance the Springathon \$1500.00. **Passed.**

Fall Conference: Grant

- This year's budget reflects lower revenues and increased expenses.
- The cost of meals has increased by \$1.00 per plate.
- Request \$3,000 advance money.

Motion: Moved by Phil and seconded by Doug to advance the Fall Conference \$3,000.00. **Passed.**

- McNabb meeting – should we continue or close it?

The host group for December (Pinecrest) advises there is no continuity. Self support is just breaking even. Discussion indicated the meeting is supported by downtown members without cars and is difficult with the bus strike on. The Sunday morning meeting is much needed in this central area of town. Group conscience is needed especially from supporting groups.

- The following is the list of group McNabb meeting commitments.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Status</u>
January	Happy Hour group	Confirmed
February	Vanier Early Birds	Confirmed
March	Parkwood Hills	
April	Tuesday Barhaven	

- Introduction of the new Directors and Officers of Intergroup:
 Chairperson: Brian L.
 Vice Chair: Shaun D.
 Secretary: Jeff L.
 Treasurer: Pat B.
 Webmaster: Mark W.
- Introduction of members will indicate their name and the group they represent only.
- Committee chairs may speak on all topics as well as give their own reports at future meetings.
- Next executive meeting Sunday February 8th at 2:00 pm in the Intergroup office.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. closing with the Responsibility Pledge and Lord's Prayer.

Next Intergroup Meeting: Wednesday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bronson Centre, Rideau Room

Heather Hay, Intergroup Chair

Mike Green, Acting Intergroup Secretary