

East Bay Intergroup Minutes
March 15, 2017

The meeting began at 8:00 p.m.

Opened with the Serenity Prayer
The 12 Traditions were read.

Intergroup welcomed the following new representatives: **Jerry A.**, El Sobrante; **Billy W.**, Friday Night Candlelight; **Steve R.**, El Cerrito Fellowship; **Molly G.**, Chips & Cake; **David K.** Fremont Fellowship; **Christopher J.**, Tuesday Night Gay Men's Stag; **Lois**, Joy of Living

Cheryl P. read the East Bay Intergroup Mission Statement.
Service sponsor announcement for new Intergroup Representatives

1. Reports

Central Office Report

Steve F. recited the following report: February erased much of January's gains posting a loss of (\$4.5k) thereby moving the YTD result to a slim gain of \$1.2k. While positive, this YTD number trails our seasonal average for the first two months and projects as a moderate-to-large loss for the total year.

On the positive side, our current resources remain strong, showing a month end cash position of \$111.0k, which includes \$71.4k in reserves and \$39.7k in operating accounts. Total inventory value eased to \$23.2k.

Service Committee Reports

Office Coordinator:

Cheryl P. attended PRAASA (Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) in Sacramento, CA Intergroup offices in the region operating well. Southern California meeting having some difficulties. The *meeting-app guide* is an excellent way to find meetings in the area.

Beginner's Meeting

Evan's term expires tonight. He thanked the IGR's for their support and the opportunity to be of service. Beginner's Meeting takes place every Monday at 6 p.m. at Central Office.

Special Events (SE)

Sean F. plan is to host an All Groups/Founder's Day outdoor (picnic) event. Planning to confirm the venue (i.e., Joaquin Miller Park, etc.) Planning meeting take place every Saturday at 3 p.m. at Central Office.

Hotline

Dena M. rotates out of term as Chair. There is one vacancy on the hotline Saturday 6am-9am. Great opportunity to be of service.

PI/CPC (Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community)

Tommy F., PI/CPC to conduct a speaker training and Public Information panel at ACYPAA on Friday, March 31st at 4 p.m. speakers are trained to speak at non-AA meeting and to the general public. Looking for groups to attend our committee meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Looking for volunteer to hand out directories to police station.

A's Game

Baseball game versus Chicago White Sox, July 3, fireworks night. Tickets on sale for \$42 includes tailgate. Tickets on sale at Central Office now.

Ad Hoc Committee/Liaison Reports

ACYPAA (All California Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous)

Jen announced the upcoming ACYPAA roundup on March 30-April 2 at the Alameda Fairgrounds for the main meetings all other events take place at the San Ramon Marriott.

H&I (Hospital and Institutions)

Dave F. encouraged reps to look for the upcoming conference at handinorcal.org. The regular H&I business meeting take place at 7:00 (orientation) the regular business meeting at 7:30 p.m. 111 Fairmount, in Oakland.

The \$50k surplus being dispersed to Central Office is \$2100. H&I suggest putting coins in the pink can; not folding money. Don't stop passing around the pink can.

District 07

Jenny reported on the new Bridging the Gap (BTG) Chair, *Morgan Mc. She can be reached at 415-797-8665 or email morganmcgehee@gmail.com*. Reps encouraged to send members to the 4th Wednesday General Service committee meeting at the First Congregational Church at 7:00 p.m. for orientation and 7:30 p.m. for the regular business meeting.

District 70

Nick T. announced the Pre-Conference Assembly, April 8 and 9, 8:30 a.m. to 5pm. at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Lots of service opportunities available.

Minutes approved

Last month's meeting minutes approved

7th Tradition

I. Old Business:

- i. Hotline Chair nominee – Kenny P., sober since 6/1/2011, active in AA, was Hotline Chair twice, has held hotline shift for 15 years – KENNY P. NEW HOTLINE CHAIR

ii. Beginner's Chair nominees –

- a. Walter, sober since 2/12/2015, home group 6:15 a.m. Rockridge Fellowship; H&I Coordinator, would love to be involved in service whether elected or not
- b. Donna S., Rockridge Fellowship, sober since 3/15/1997

WRITTEN BALLOT TAKEN: Walter elected as new Beginner's Chair

II. New Business: None

Discussion topic: Evan M., outgoing Beginner's Chair, asked at the Beginner' meeting what is AA's stance on medical marijuana? What advice would you give her?

- Had an open-ended prescription for Vicodin. Pain management is an important thing per the doctor. If I am following a legitimate doctor's prescription, I don't see the difficulty.
- There is marijuana that doesn't get me high. If it triggers me, I won't take it.
- I see it as an outside issue per our 10th Tradition.
- Discuss it with your sponsor, God, and your doctor. Discuss it outside the group.
- Can you take medical marijuana without getting high?
- Yes.
- Medical marijuana is no different than medical Xanax or any other prescribed medication.
- In theory it's an outside issue. Friend can't leave the house without marijuana.
- It was a personal decision to stop taking the medication.
- The group conscience dictates the opinion of the group.
- Accessibility of prescribed marijuana is questionable. A member's niece got a marijuana prescription for his brother without even being seen by a doctor.

Announcements:

- El Cerrito Fellowship celebrates 50-year anniversary on Saturday, March 25. Flyer in packet.
- A's baseball tickets for A's versus Chicago White Sox, Monday July 3 w/tailgate & fireworks on sale now at Central Office.

Reports and agenda items for next month's meeting need to be submitted by Wednesday, April 12, 2017 to centraloffice@eastbayaa.org.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with the Responsibility Statement

respectfully submitted by Sonya C., recording secretary