

Eastbay Intergroup Meeting Minutes- January 20th, 2016

Reports:

New Intergroup Representatives:

Terry R., Practice These Principles; **Alvin C.**, Safe Haven; **Jon B.**, Dr. Bob's Nightmare; **Lena N.**, College Bay; **Carl M.**, The Morning After; **Tina S.**, LGBTQI; **Dana T.**, Women's Heart to Heart; **Jen A.**, Satin Dolls; **Eric C.**, North Oakland Double Speaker; **Aminta S.**, Berkeley Fellowship; **Rabin N.**, Men's Single Topic; **Harry M.**, Pinole Candlelight; **John T.**, El Cerrito Fellowship; **Julie S.**, Island Fellowship; **Michael H.**, Park Street Center; **Susan R.**, Triangle Fellowship

Financial:

~~December loss of \$13,000 (something), \$2.2 k profit~~ **December reversed a losing trend for 2015 by adding a profit of \$2.2k for the month primarily the result of stronger 7th tradition income and increased literature sales. 2015 overall losses produced a significant shortfall of (\$9.3k).** While January has been jump-started by a highly successful and well-attended New Years Eve Party which netted \$4.2k, Intergroup reps are still asked to continue make their groups aware of our shortfall for the previous year.

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- Losses continue from 7th Tradition and literature sales
- Intergroup reps make aware of this shortfall to your groups

PICPC:

- Meeting held every 3rd Wednesday at 6pm
- Paul-last month as chair, looking to fill position
- Go to high schools, health fairs, court systems to present what aa is and isn't
- Will hold elections next month-2 yr sobriety requirement

Beginner's mtg:

- Every Monday @ 6pm, made of 4 classes, going really well
- Go over steps, traditions, and other different things to newcomers, and can ask questions
- Looking to fill secretary positions for 2nd portion of 4 weeks, male and female starting feb. 1st
- 6 mo. sobriety requirement

Teleservice: Dena M.

- Open 24hrs a day 7 days a week

- Open position Fridays 2am-6am

Special events chair: Norman H.

- NYE event was great success, made \$4,260.00
- Valentine's day event Sat. Feb 13th @ 1st Congregational Church Oakland
- Please come out and support this event

Ad Hoc Committee/Liaison Reports:

District 7: Alameda County North

- Hold mtg every 4th Wednesday of month @ 730pm 1st Congregational Church
- Pre-Conference Assembly April 9-10th

District 70: Alameda County South

- PRAASA- Pacific Region AA Service Assembly March 3-6 in Spokane, Washington
- If your group doesn't have a GSR rep, should get one

Spanish liaison: Jose S. District 20

- Couldn't attend last meeting due to flu
- 41st annual Spanish speaking conference in Chino, CA May 27-29th
- Spanish district in need of Spanish speaking hotline
- Temporary hotline Pedro L. # (925) 565-3080

H & I: Dave F.

- Holds meeting every 1st Wednesday of month, beginner's mtg at 7 pm regular meeting at 730pm
- Will have panel discussion and H & I table @ NCCAA March 18-20th
- Need volunteers to work table
- 44th annual H & I conference April 29-May 1st in Santa Rosa
- H & I rep should pick up updated list of H & I meetings every month to bring to group, can print online if can't make it to meeting.

NCCAA: Dan/Chair

- March 18-20th San Ramon
- Need people to help out with getting others to pre-register, save \$5, cut-off date Mar. 1st
- Anyone who wants to participate with conference, please see Dan
- With Spanish speaking community and Al-Anon participation

Announcements:

- Steve F. – will have special meeting on how to deal w/ disruptive people at meetings, March 5th @ 2pm central office
 - All is welcome, please announce to your groups
 - Anyone who's interested or has experience with this topic is encouraged to attend
- Dave F. from H & I- 1st potluck movie night @ 5 Cities fellowship
 - Saturday Jan. 30th 6-8pm, Bill W. movie
 - Regular meeting at 830pm
- Steven from EBYPAA: Ice Cream social
 - Saturday Jan. 23rd At Finish Hall 1950 Chestnut st. in Berkeley
 - Meeting at 730pm, ice cream and games to follow

Old Business:

- Nominations for Special Events chair: Norman nominates Steven, motion was 2nd
 - Steven S. has experience on EBYPAA committee, has knowledge of steps and traditions and somewhat on 12 concepts
 - Vote taken for Steven S. as new Special events chair. Steven S. newly-elected Special Events Chair.
- Community News:
 - Meeting held last month with editorial board and contributors
 - Talked about difficulty generating material, sizable job to produce, took one week to produce on front end
 - Will discontinue printed version
 - Will experiment blog on website-post intergroup minutes, articles, poems, etc
 - Any info that was on the community news will be available online
 - All ears for anyone who has any enterprise to keep printed version

Discussion:

- Sad to see this go, what will happen to the funds and the time used to produce magazine?
- People who still want printed version can maybe print a PDF form online
- Search committee for PICPC:

- 15 month term, 2 yrs. Sobriety requirement
- Consists of 3 people, Paul is one and need 2 more to help find candidates
- Evan has volunteered, need one more person

New Business:

- For next business meeting, legal obligation to have open annual board meeting
 - Regular mtg occurs @ 8-830pm, then 830-9pm have annual reports of standing committees of AA
 - Any members invited to come and ask any questions on finances, special events, etc.
 - Also, PICPC elections will be held

Discussion Topics: Counterfeit bills at meetings

- At several different times, central office has come across counterfeit bills- 3 \$20's and 1 \$50 bill. What to do if you find one?
- Special events NYE got one, was given to someone to buy ice and couldn't, also someone stole some money from basket
- Are people putting \$20 in basket and taking \$19 back?
- Some don't even know they had it
- Meetings can use counterfeit pens
- It's a federal crime, call the police on them
- Can't figure out who put the bill in the basket if it's a huge meeting
- At big meetings, Teresa's home group in LA, people would stand in isle to pass basket and if someone needed change, they raised their hand and someone else would get it instead of the person taking the change from basket themselves
- At candlelight meetings, would be awkward to hold the bill up to check if it's fake
- There's no real solution, can't have a basket monitor at every meeting, but to be aware of the issue and spread this to our groups
- The person who does this is not working steps, if we see person putting in a \$50 bill we can talk to him/her and/or keep an eye out for others doing this
- People are sick, depends on how each group wants to handle it
- People making amends later for stealing money from basket, we can pray for them and hope they make amends
- Stay by the rule, no exceptions
- Easy way to tell on \$20 bill, take fingernail down jacket, can feel it's slightly raised or embossed on real bill, jacket feels smooth on fake bill

Respectfully submitted by: Katrina M.