

East Bay Intergroup Minutes
November 16, 2016

The meeting began at 8:00 p.m.

Opened with the Serenity Prayer
The 12 Traditions were read.

Intergroup welcomed the following new representatives: None

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

1. Reports

Central Office Report

Steve recited written report: October yielded a virtual break-even result by recording a minor loss of (\$.2) for the month and \$10.2k for the year. This compares favorably to a minor loss of (\$.5k) last year for the month and YTD loss of (\$7.5k). Two key factors which account for the year to year change: 7th tradition is up +\$15.2k, payroll is down (\$6.9k) with SE income off (3.2k).

Our month-end cash position ended at the same \$95.5k, which includes \$71.4k in reserves and \$24.1k in operating accounts. Total inventory value ended grew slightly to \$20.7k.

Service Committee Reports

Beginner's Meeting

Evan reported difficulty filling female secretary commitment. Meetings going well. Intergroup reps encouraged to announce to their groups the need for a secretary. Beginner's meets Mondays at 6 p.m. at Central Office (8-week commitment).

Special Events (SE)

Sean F., Special Events Chair, announced Gratitude Night, Tuesday, November 22, at the Humanist Hall 390-27th St., Oakland. Double Speaker AA meeting (open) at 8 p.m., dessert potluck and bake-off competition. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Two speakers. Sobriety countdown.

Founders Day picnic, Saturday, June 10th. No event planned for New Year's Eve.

Hotline

Dena M. reported that the Hotline is running well. Always looking for volunteers. More info, contact phonechair@eastbayaa.org or Central Office.

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

Tommy F. reported that Library Drive to get literature in local libraries currently have \$1,400 for Alameda County and Oakland libraries. We have requests for meeting schedules and especially

audio books. Public Information Committee meets on the 3rd Wednesday at Central Office at 6 p.m. The next speaker training to be held on the 3rd Wednesday of December at 6 p.m. Members interested in making presentations to DUI classes, health fairs, schools, etc. please attend. Still looking for help to get the word out for public service announcements (radio, tv).

Ad Hoc Committee/Liaison Reports

District 70

Nick T. reported that just had election assembly. Those interested in General Service please attend the General Service meeting on the 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Castro Valley (20080 Redwood Road).

Announcement

Steve read the following re: *Group Insurance*

“Due to increased need from member groups for this benefit and effective immediately, the Service Board has approved the extension of our General Liability Policy to include coverage of meetings in our Intergroup area that need proof of insurance for their respective meeting spaces by the landlord. At this time, this offer will not include fellowships or Alano Clubs who may have broader insurance requirements than this policy contemplates.

Coverage is for a maximum liability of \$2,000,000.

Meetings or Groups wishing to apply for certification of coverage will be charged \$40 per year for the first weekly meeting at a specific location and \$25 per year any additional meetings.”

Marathon Meetings

Susan, Triangle Fellowship hosting marathon meetings from midnight Wednesday through to Friday Midnight

Gil, Rockridge Fellowship, hosting marathon meeting starting at 6:15 a.m. through Thanksgiving Day. Potluck 1-4 pm.

Michelle, In-Between Fellowship hosting marathon meetings starting at 8pm Wednesday through to 10 p.m. Thanksgiving Day. Potluck at 4 p.m.

Jared, El Sobrante Fellowship hosting Marathon meetings 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Day to Midnight. Friday 11/15 to 1 a.m.

Island Fellowship, Alameda, Potluck 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Regular meeting schedule.

John, El Cerrito Fellowship, extra meetings between meetings starting at 5:30 am on Thanksgiving Day. Potluck at 2 p.m.

NFAC – Norman H. reported that the Halloween Party-The Afterlife Party, had 120 attendees. Nothing planned for New Year’s Eve. Would be interested in planning an event in conjunction with EBI.

Cheryl P. handed out Special Events survey results to IGRs. Special Events Survey online at www.eastbayaa.org to get feedback.

Last month’s meeting minutes approved

7th Tradition

- I. Old Business: none
- II. New Business: None

Discussion Topic: Use of cell phones in meetings, what can be done?

Discussion

- At every meeting phones are asked to be turn off
- Doesn’t bother me.
- Up to the individual meeting if they have a group conscience about it.
- In our groups format asked not to use the phone during meeting.
- Sets bad example for the newcomer.
- I use my phone as a reference device. I don’t think it’s a bad idea.
- I often use my phone to sound smart at meetings.
- Needed something to distract when I was new.
- It bothers me—especially during a candlelight meeting.
- Nowadays, phone are more than just phones.
- It bugs me because I feel it’s disrespectful.
- How is the newcomer going to feel like the most important person in the room if everyone is on their phone. We are here for a primary purpose for one hour. Facebook during a meeting is disrespectful.
- We are not the “thought police”. I try to be tolerant. Our groups might lose members if we are too rigid.
- I remember a guy who would read a book during the meeting. He was court-ordered. We have members who knit or read. I don’t think the phone is distracting.

Discussion Topic: “A groups has difficulty paying its rent through 7th tradition collections but receives substantial amounts through H&I cans. It is considering combining both sources of contribution and disbursing a pre-set percentage to H&I. Can these funds be combined? Can it be combined while H&I is running a large surplus? Can money received from the Pink Can be reassigned by a group conscience to do so, or are monies donated for a specific purpose committed to that purpose?”

Discussion

- With info about H&I surplus each group should let their membership know within their own group. Make announcement at group level.
- Primary purpose is to hold a meeting space. Rent paid first. If not, send basket around again. When I put money in a certain can, I expect it to go to where that can says it's to go.
- In-Between Fellowship has H&I info posted. Money belongs to the Pink Can.
- BFAA had group conscience about the H&I can. Door needs to be open first. We itemize everything we do when 7th Tradition is passed so everyone knows where the 7th Tradition goes. Pink can is not circulated.
- There has been an increase to the 7th Tradition with out the Pink Can circulated.
- H&I is a huge in this area esp. Alameda County. In the rest of the country they don't have H&I.
- H&I is not part of the groups. We are not mandated to contribute to H&I.
- Check aa.org.

Reports and agenda items for next month's meeting need to be submitted by Wednesday, December 14, 2016 to centraloffice@eastbayaa.org.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m. with the Responsibility Statement
respectfully submitted by Sonya C., recording secretary