

East Bay Intergroup Minutes
May 17, 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: **Sheena**, People of Color; **Stephanie**, Rockridge Fellowship; **Greg**, Safe Haven

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: April results posted minor gain of \$.9, which inched our year-to-date to a positive \$1.6k. Both month and yearly comparison trail the prior year's numbers significantly, with YTD last year reaching \$11.5k. Our current resources remain strong, showing a month end cash position of \$97.4k, which includes \$71.4k in reserves and \$26.0k in operating accounts. Total inventory value eased to \$21.2k.

Due to all the construction around us, many questions have arisen concerning how long we will be staying in this location. Our lease is thru March of 2020. No conversations have happened concerning releasing.

Service Committee Reports

Beginner's Meeting

Walter W., Beginner's Chair, reported that Beginner's Meeting 6 p.m. Mondays at Central Office wants to reach out to the Kaiser CDRP, Bridging the Gap and MPI for additional members.

Special Events (SE)

Sean F. announced All Groups Day, on Founder's Day to take place on Saturday, June 10 at Noon at Lake Temescal. It will be an outdoor/picnic event. Workshops, BBQ competition, coffee and ice cream bar, games, relay race, speaker meeting @ 7pm. Intergroup Reps encouraged to promote to group for their participation. BBQ competition signup sheet. BBQ dinner service at 5pm. Patricia G. provided info about relay race and signup sheet to build buzz. Get the word out.

Sean asked for volunteers and loan of items

All Groups Day planning meeting at 3 p.m. every Saturday at Central Office. Many volunteers needed.

This is the only fundraising event for East Bay Intergroup. Raffle for Hawaiian Vacation to the 56 Annual AA Convention. Tickets dispersed to IGRs to sell \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Do not have to be present to win.

Hotline

Shifts available. Hotline running well. Regular calls from out of the area nationwide. Need a shift, give Central Office or call Kenny P. Vacant shifts: Thursday 6pm-10pm and Monday 6am-8am.

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

Tommy F., reported that committee always seeking members and groups to get involved. We need members to bring meeting schedules to police, court houses, library, and hospitals. We need more volunteers check www.eastbayaa.org go to heading Contact Us and then click on Service Opportunities. Committee meeting 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. at Central Office (business office).

Ad Hoc Committee/Liaison Reports

EBYPAA (East Bay Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous)

Suzy reported that EBYPAA getting involved in H&I. For more info: Call Central Office for Suzy's contact info.

H&I (Hospital and Institutions)

Dave F. announced Walter W. the newly-elected Area Chairperson. H&I meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month at Oakland Peace Center in Oakland. 7:00 p.m. for orientation and 7:30 p.m. for regular business meeting. H&I, after a long absence, has a meeting at John George Pavilion once per month.

Lake Merritt Wellness Fair at the Lake Merritt bandstand. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 19. H&I, CPC, and Dual Diagnosis represented.

District 07

District 07 meeting takes place on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 Concept Study and 7:30 p.m. for the regular committee meeting. GSR game at 6:30 p.m. 27th And Harrison (1st Congregational Church).

District 70

Nick T., 67th General Service Conference, potluck. 4th Monday starting at 6 p.m. Committee meets at 7 p.m. Location: 20080 Redwood Road, Castro Valley.

Announcements

Jenny M. announced the audition for the *I Am Responsible* play on Sunday, July 9th in the Central Office meeting room.

A's tickets

A's tickets on sale at Central Office. A's vs. Chicago White Sox., Monday, July 3, 2017. Field level seating for \$42 each including tailgate, BBQ, chips, soda, and fireworks after the game.

Minutes approved

Last month's meeting minutes approved

7th Tradition

- I. Old Business:
 - i. Special Events Chair nominee: Jan B., sober since July 2012, home group Bookworms in San Leandro.
- II. New Business: Formation of Search Committee for PI/CPC Chair
 1. Tommy F., Jenny M., and Tanik J.

DISCUSSION TOPIC: "Each of us having been newcomers at some point, the Beginners Chair who is reconsidering the Beginner's meeting format, would like to receive input from Intergroup on the best way to approach new and prospective members."

- Walter W., current Beginner's Chair, explained current four-part lecture format and his current experience with the Beginner's Chair. He inquired what was Intergroup Reps experience with their first few meetings.
- Rockridge Fellowship has a noon meeting set up for Beginner's. Usually speaker speaks about their position in early sobriety.
- How often are these meetings? Maybe we can refer to this meeting in our group format.
- Every Monday at 6 pm block of four.
- When I first came to AA was listening to the similarities. Appreciated small meetings. I liked to be able to talk.
- Did not care about the 12 Traditions until year and a half of sobriety.
- My experience in Kansas and Dallas had a lot of hook to come to meeting, but no hook to the steps. If there was a workshop or a hook for the 12 Steps, I think that would be helpful.
- Make the meeting more interactive. Ask newcomers ask their questions. Take a group conscience about what the newcomer needs at that moment.

Reports and agenda items for next month's meeting need to be submitted by Wednesday, June 14, 2017 to centraloffice@eastbayaa.org.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. with the Responsibility Statement
respectfully submitted by Sonya C., recording secretary