

East Bay Intergroup Minutes
August 16, 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: **Gigi**, Wednesday Women's Book Study; **Marlene C.**, Hayward Fellowship; **John E.**, And What It's Like Now; **Jolene E.**, Pinole Candlelight; **Becky B.**, Alameda Women's Group; **Lauren H.**, Safe Haven

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

1. Reports

Central Office Report

Sonya C. reported in Steve's absence: Results for July total \$4.7k and ended with a positive \$6.1k for the year primarily due to stronger 7th Tradition income and increased literature sales. Our cash position for the month end was \$118.5k composed of \$71.3k in reserves and \$47.2k in operating accounts and \$20.5k in inventory.

Service Committee Reports

Office Coordinator

Cheryl P. announced the beginning stages of planning a Traditions Workshop. Date and venue not yet set. Encouraged IGRs to ask group members who might be interested in sitting on the panel to take info back to their groups and contact her.

Beginner's Meeting

Walter W. shared about last month's Beginner's Workshop. Still compiling information. Beginner's meeting takes place every Monday at 6 p.m. at Central Office.

Special Events (SE)

Jaime reported about the Big Camp Out on weekend of September 8-10 at the Pine Grove Resort in Cobb, CA south of Clearlake. Lots of activities. Dogs and kids welcome. \$65 including food. More info email: Jaime.Tollefson@gmail.com

Hotline

Cheryl reported in his absence. Fully-staffed. Still receiving calls from around the country and overseas. Great way to be of service.

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

Kenny K., newly-elected Chair, encouraged IGRs to get a PI/CPC liaisons (representatives) from their groups to attend the monthly meeting next month on September 20 at 6 p.m. at Central Office. Monthly committee meeting 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the business office at Central

Office. Speaker training at Central Office (business office) on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Also, trying to get Public Information on a YouTube channel. Will follow up with progress.

Ad Hoc Committee/Liaison Reports

District 70

Nick T. reported that the Summer Assembly just happened. Final Conference report released from AA World Service. Every group should have a General Service Representative.

District 07

Gabe C. reported that General Service District 7 Alameda North meeting takes place at First Congregational Church in Oakland on the 4th Wednesday. 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

H&I (Hospital and Institutions)

Dave F. reported that H&I roster made available to Intergroup Reps. Each groups should have a copy of the roster posted.

Announcements

Jenny M., reported that Bridging the Gap committee meets on the 4th Sunday at 6:00 in the Central Office meeting room. Bridging the Gap helps those who are leaving long-term care facilities, prisons and treatment center. Check online at AlamedaNorth.org. You can register there to sign up as a volunteer.

Sonya C. announced about the upcoming play *I Am Responsible*. Friday & Saturday 8pm and Sunday at 2pm. (September 8-10) Shows to take place at the Live Oak Theater in Berkeley. Tickets on sale at Central Office and online www.recoveryplaysofjackieb.org/berkeley.

In-Between Fellowship 57th Anniversary Saturday, August 19, 2017, 2245 82nd Avenue, Oakland. Dinner at 6pm, Speaker at 7:30 p.m., Dance at 9 p.m. Dance tickets \$10

Minutes approved

Last month's meeting minutes approved

7th Tradition

- I. Old Business: None
- II. New Business: Office Coordinator Search Committee
Cheryl P. shared her experience as the Office Coordinator. 15-month commitment 2-year sobriety requirement. Committee includes: Gigi, Dena M., and Patrick B.

Discussion Topic: "A member expressed concern about individuals who identify solely as "addicts" in an open AA meeting and proceed to share their experience, strength and hope only as it relates to their addiction unrelated to alcohol. Are they considered members of AA?"

Can these individuals hold service positions (i.e., secretary, treasurer, etc...)? What are your thoughts?

- Bill W. used the word addict and remarked that we don't diagnose people they diagnose themselves.
- An addict can come to an open AA meeting, but not a closed meeting.
- A non-alcoholic can only observe at an open AA meeting according to the pamphlet, *The AA Group*.
- In Los Angeles it's much stricter. I know people who come to AA, but are really drug addicts. I was a drug addict and alcoholic. It's not getting to choose who's an alcoholic or not.
- I have no problem with "addicts" coming to AA. Service positions, however, should be left to alcoholics only. As an alcoholic, I need to give to other alcoholics.
- It's less to do with alcohol than the "ism".
- I struggle to find an alcoholic who didn't also do drugs.
- It's a self-governing thing. It works itself out.
- When I hit bottom on drugs, I went to AA. Alcohol is also a drug.
- The Third Tradition...it's right there. We don't determine whether they deserve to be here or not. What would God do? Addicts need to learn the Traditions.
- When in AA, I respect the Traditions of AA. It's an education thing.
- Giving people time to figure out for themselves. If a person is an alcoholic and anything else, they are a member.
- When I came to AA, I came to get sober, but I also learned how to live. Addicts are welcome here.
- If it's an open meeting, it's an open meeting. If it's closed, that should be respected. Meet them [addicts] where they are.

Reports and agenda items for next month's meeting need to be submitted by Wednesday, September 13, 2017 to centraloffice@eastbayaa.org.

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