

East Bay Intergroup Minutes
November 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: **Ray C.**, Monday Men's Literature; **Dave**, Newark Fellowship, **Jim**, Gay Men's Stag; **Stanley S.**, Wake-Up Call; **Big Gregory**, The Morning After

Hunter S. read the East Bay Intergroup Mission Statement.
Service sponsor announcement for new Intergroup Representatives

1. Reports

Central Office Report

Steve reported as follows: October results produced a modest gain of \$.8 which inched YTD totals to a positive \$1.9k. Compared to the previous year most YTD income categories show minor decline led by a 5% decline in 7th tradition receipts. This was offset by a 4% improvement in YTD literature sales. YTD expenses remain steady showing a slight increase year to year.

Our current resources remain strong, showing a month end cash position of \$95.7k, which includes \$71.4k in reserves and \$24.4k in operating accounts. Total inventory value eased to \$21.1k. Accounts receivable rose to \$7.31 and credits owed to meetings rose to a total of (\$6.4k).

Service Committee Reports

Beginner's Meeting

Monday at 6 p.m. at Central Office. Explained that no beginners weren't showing up using the original format. Decided to change the format to a topic-driven format. 1st week: What brought you to AA? 2nd week: You as an individual in AA; 3rd week: AA and the Group; 4th week: Life After Sobriety. Experimenting with speaker which has been working well.

Averaging 10-14 members per week (MPI, CDRP, Salvation Army). Getting lots of relapsers. All have a lot to contribute. Walter's term ending in January. Encouraged reps to attend Beginner's meeting (Monday at @ 6 p.m. at Central Office)

Special Events (SE)

Gratitude Night, Tuesday, November 21 @ Humanist Hall 390-27th Street, Oakland), Bake-off contest, speaker meeting; Speaker: Dan C., starts at 8 p.m.

Hotline

Kenny reported that hotline is going well. Still taking volunteers for waiting list. Getting calls from all over US and Int'l. Great way to get involved.

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

Committee meeting on 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. in Central Office (business office). Kenny K., PI Chair, asked IGRs to bring back a representative from their groups. Public Information Lieutenant, PSA, radio announcement, CPC Lieutenant working with clergy. Going to get phone number for radio stations for PSAs. Also, contacting names from different professionals to give them literature and offer CPC presentations. Need DUI classroom speakers. Additionally, working on an East Bay AA YouTube channel beginner with the PSA entitled, *Doors*.

Ad Hoc Committee/Liaison Reports

District 07

Eric C. encouraged groups to send a GSR on the 4th Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. to the 1st Congregational Church in Oakland. There is also a website: alamedanorth.org.

2030 Bid for International Convention

Asked us to write an Intergroup letter. They've gathered evidence they need to make a decision.

District 70

Nick T. reported just completed a fall Inventory. Not a lot of group representation from the southern region. IGRs encouraged to announce that GSR meets on the 4th Monday 7:30-9:00 p.m. 20080 Redwood Road, Castro Valley.

H&I (Hospital and Institutions)

Dave F. reported on the 3rd Biennial Archives Workshop Day, Saturday, December 9th in Walnut Creek. Lunch provided. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Need help with group histories. Please go back to contributing to the pink can.

Minutes approved

Announcements:

- New NCCAA Alameda County Chair Marlene C. Seeking delegates for Alameda County. Minimum sobriety: six months. Delegates get to represent and vote at the general membership meeting. IGRs encouraged to announce to groups.

Last month's meeting minutes approved

7th Tradition

- I. Old Business: Special Events Chair Nominee
 - i. Jaime T. voted in unanimously as Special Events Chair. She is planning Roller Disco, Talent Show (Feb), Spring Fling, All Groups Day, and more...
- II. New Business: None

Discussion Topic #1: Informal survey re: July A's Baseball outing.

IGRs polled re: Tuesday July 3rd vs. Padres

Friday, July 20 vs. Giants

Trouble pulling off a tailgate. Seating on the third deck. \$25 w/tailgate and fireworks. Or \$10 voucher, no tailgate \$31 either game.

Discussion topic #2: A local fellowship, in this case the In-Between, our oldest fellowship, is experiencing financial difficulties primarily due to lower attendance and substantial rents. What suggestions can be offered to encourage participation, raise funds and create positive enthusiasm?

- Been in same location for 57 years. Rent is \$2,104. Building is falling apart. We have not been making money. No prudent reserves. Large rats in the building.
- Five Cities Fellowship (circa 1960) having problems. We are telling people to put in more money.
- Unless your fellowship is a 501(3)(c), your contribution is not tax-deductible.
- Parking good after hours. No reported car-break-ins.
- Having difficulties with the night meetings.
- There's value to a group inventory.
- At what point does the fellowship starting looking at a plan B.

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

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