



ROCKLAND COUNTY INTERGROUP

MINUTES FROM January 6, 2009

Group Representatives present: Back To Basics, Congers by the Book, Fellowship Road, Friends by the Fire, Grapevine, New City, Nyack, Pearl River, Promises (Garnerville), Promises (Piermont), Suffern, Sunrise, Thruway Men's, West Nyack.

Meeting was opened by Joe at 8:00 pm. Preamble was read. Tradition 1 was read.

All persons in attendance introduced themselves.

The Secretary determined that a quorum for the transaction of business was present in accordance with the provisions of Article VIII, Section 5 of the By-Laws of Rockland County Intergroup Association of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Reports:

Secretary - Minutes from the December 2, 2008 meeting were read. Matt noted that the handout copy of the December 2008 minutes did not include Page 2, for which the Secretary promptly apologized and offered an amends. The Minutes were accepted, as read.

Treasurer's Report – Monies received in December of 2008 totaled \$ 971.00. Of this total, \$ 857.00 came from contributing groups and \$ 114.00 from Meeting List sales. The Treasurer read the list of contributing groups
Paid expenses in the amount of \$ 742.01 were listed and described.
The RCIAAA checking account has been reconciled.
The current balance is \$ 2,037.06.
Copy of the Treasurer's report was presented and accepted.

Funding requests:

Men's Corrections requested \$ 150, passed.

PI requested \$80, passed.

H&I requested \$ 50, passed.

Treasurer requested approval of reimbursement payment to Webmaster for \$ 89, passed.

SENY Liaison–Bob expressed concern that he and the GSR Liaison are performing duplicative functions. They both report to Intergroup on developments elsewhere in AA and on upcoming events. Also, Bob has a scheduling conflict.



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The SENY Area 49 meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, the same time as the RCIAAA regular meetings. This causes a significant time lag in his reporting to RCI. After a brief discussion, Joe suggested that Bob consider alternative solutions.

Bob provided a copy of the minutes of the Area 49 Committee Meeting held on November 15, 2008

There will be a SENY Area 49 Assembly on Saturday, January 17, 2009, from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at St. Luke's Church in Whitestone, New York.

The next quarterly Intergroup Liaison meeting will be held on February 7, 2009, commencing at 12:00 noon at Nassau County Intergroup Association, 361 Hempstead Turnpike, West Hempstead NY 11552

Rockland County General Services will be conducting a Third Step Workshop on Saturday, 1/24/09, from 9:30 A.m. to 3:00 P.M. at the Suffern Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 81 Washington Avenue, Suffern, New York

GSR Liaison –No report.

H&I – Eric, the new H&I Chairperson, expressed his gratitude at having had this opportunity for service extended to him. Eric read a list of the groups (13) that had attended the last H&I bookers meeting (December 2008). A chairperson is still needed for Blaisdell (Bldg. 57) for the Thursday 8:00 P.M. meeting there. It is a one year commitment, and you need one year of continuous sobriety. Donated literature (new or used is still in demand, so please keep giving.

Corrections – Roger reported that Corrections needs a Men's Chairperson at the Rockland County Jail on alternate Monday evenings. Book and literature supplies will be replenished with material purchased with the funds made available by RCI at this meeting.

Answering Service – Rich, the new Answering Service Chairperson, advised that he had received the necessary information from his predecessor and would be reaching out to other groups in the near future in an effort to expand the roster of those whose members are participating in the Answering Service and 12 Step calls.



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Meeting Lists – Trish, the new Meeting List Chairperson, advised that she is coordinating with the outgoing Meeting List Chairperson, Howard, and that all is going well

Bookers Exchange – Next exchange is March 3, 2009.

Public Information – Eric, the new PI Chairperson, reported that 9 of the 18 libraries in the County are presently being covered. It is anticipated that this coverage will expand as more Groups participate in the work of the PI Committee, by sending representatives to the PI Committee's regular meetings. PI remains ready, willing and able to visit Groups to explain what PI does and the importance of PI.

PI and the Webmaster are considering discontinuing the "Bulletin Board" on the RCI Website since very little use is being made and has been made of that feature, so, if Groups are having special events or the like that they wish to announce, they should take advantage of the opportunity provided by posting on the "Bulletin Board"

Share A Day – No report.

Volunteerism Committee – Bill sends his regrets at being unable to attend due to health reasons but hopes to be with us at the February 2009 meeting to discuss new ideas for this Committee. The Volunteerism Committee needs additional assistance from Group Members in discharging its functions

Old Business

Artie will be making a presentation at the February 2009 RCIAA meeting for purposes of a review of the proposed revisions to Article VII of the current By-Laws (to be re-designated as Article IX) which were introduced at the December 2, 2008 RCI meeting and have been posted on the RCI Website.

Lenny continues discussions with Foremost Communications concerning the per-minute rates being charged to RCI and the minutes being recorded.



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New Business

Jared from Thruway Men's Group and from EACYPA reported for Stefanie, the RCIAA/RCYPA Liaison with NYC, that Stefanie has attended several YPA meetings in NYC, that she will be reporting back to RCIAAA shortly and that there has been considerable enthusiasm and excitement about organizing a YPA in Rockland County.

A motion to close the meeting was unanimously passed.

