



ROCKLAND COUNTY INTERGROUP

MINUTES FROM June 2, 2009

**Group Representatives (21) present:**- Any Lengths, Airmont Road, Congers By The Book, Conklin Primary Purpose, Fellowship Road, Freedom of Choice, Grapevine, It Gets Better, Live & Let Live, New City, Nyack, Pomona, Promises (Piermont), Sloatsburg, Suffern, Sunrise, RCYPG, Three-In-One, Thruway Men's, Unity Group, West Nyack

Meeting was opened by Joe at 8:00 pm. Preamble was read. Tradition 6 was read.

All persons in attendance introduced themselves.

The Secretary determined that a quorum was present for the transaction of business 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 May 5, 2009 meeting were read and accepted.

**Treasurer's Report** – Frank delivered the Treasurer's Report.

The opening Working Balance was \$ 102.32. Monies received during May 2009 totaled \$1,593.65. Of this total, \$1,461.65 came from Group contributions, \$64.00 from Meeting List sales and \$68.00 from the RCI meeting collection. The Treasurer read the list of contributing groups.

Paid expenses in the amount of \$ 547.82 including one bill from Foremost Communications for \$ 400.00, were listed and described.

A disbursement of \$350.000 was made from the Share-A-Day Reserve

The RCIAAA checking account has been reconciled.

The closing balance is \$ 789.15.

Copy of the Treasurer's report was presented. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made and seconded and passed unanimously. A copy of the Treasurer's Report is attached.

**Funding requests:**

The Treasurer recommended that the Committee Chairs and others could submit funding requests this month given the significant improvement in the RCIAAA account balance.



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**SENY Liaison**– Bobby reported that the Rockland County General Services had reported an opening working balance of \$2,614 and a closing working balance of \$2,077.79, after making contributions of \$250 each to SENY and to General Services. The next General Services meeting is scheduled for June 17 at the Elim Alliance Church. Bobby also reported that General Services can bring its archives materials to display at group anniversaries and other special group functions

The most recent Area Assembly Committee had discussed and was soliciting AA members' input about the use of full face shots (as opposed to profiles only) of actors employed in Public Information videos and photographs. A special website ([CPC@AASENY.org](mailto:CPC@AASENY.org)) has been set up to receive input on this question

Bobby and Keith, the GSR Liaison had discussed coordinating their reports in the future to avoid duplicative reporting and, in the future Keith would not be providing RCIAAA with a report as to the activities of General Services but would be attending RCIAAA meetings and reporting back to General Services about RCIAAA activities.

**H&I** – Eric, the H&I Chairperson, announced that the first daytime AA Daytop meeting had been held that day and that the Chairperson slot for that meeting had been filled. Eric reported that H&I had a bookers meeting on May 21, with 16 Groups participating. Eric read a list of the Groups that attended the May meeting and invited future participation by any Group that had not been able to send a representative to the May meeting.

Eric has been continuing discussions with Lexington on having a daytime meeting there. Eric also indicated that there was an open Chair commitment for a 7:30 P.M. Thursday meeting at Daytop, with a one year continuous sobriety requirement. Eric asked that anyone interested in doing this meeting to please contact him. Eric also reported that H&I was still looking for back-up speakers for meetings and that various chair commitments would be opening up over the next few months.

Cathy asked about the chairperson position for the Nyack Hospital Thursday night meeting since she had received a message that the meeting was not being covered. There was also a general discussion about an apparent problem with chairperson coverage for the meetings at Blaisdell on Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings that Eric indicated he would look into. Matt asked about the cancellation of meetings at public institutions on holidays, with specific reference to Building 60 at RCPC, which apparently are not held due to holiday staffing limitations.

**Corrections** – Roger reported that he had looked into the issue raised at the May 2009 RCIAAA meeting about chairperson coverage for the Men's Side Wed-



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nesday night meeting at the RCJ and was informed that the Chair had not been able to lead that meeting due to personal issues The Thruway Men's Group had stepped up and provided one of its members to fill that slot

**Answering Service**- Rich was not able to make the meeting but provided his report to Joe C. Rich has not yet completed the update for the next cycle of the Answering Service rotation schedule but anticipates having it done by the time of the July RCIAAA meeting.

**Meeting Lists** – Trish, the Meeting List Chairperson, reported that the sales of the March 2009 meeting lists have been going well but have slowed so if your group needs more lists please buy them now before the next printing is commissioned,

**Bookers Exchange** – Matt reported that the Bookers' Exchange took place on June 2, 2009, with nine (9) groups in attendance, a slight decline from prior Bookers' Exchange meetings. A flyer will be prepared and circulated for the next Booker' Exchange on September 1, 2009.

**Share A Day**- Connie, Share-A-Day Co-Chair, reported that Share-A-Day will be held on August 22, 2009 at Rockland Community College and that the theme this year will be "Stay For The Miracle." A preliminary program flyer showing all of the day's meetings has been printed up. Copies of the flyer were distributed at the RCIAAA meeting. The next organizational meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M. on June 18, 2009 at Hogan's Diner on Route 9W in Stony Point. The Committee has decided, tentatively, on having a married AA couple, who have 40 and 50 years of sobriety, respectively, to be the speakers for the Big AA meeting at the end of the day. There will be no admission contribution. Lunch will be served, with the theme being "Under The Tuscan Sun," at a ticket cost of \$8.00. A letter is being sent to all AA groups asking them to donate to Share-A-Day, if they can, to help defray some of the costs. In addition, since the sale of Share-A-Day themed T-shirts had gone well in 2008, the Committee was going to have themed T-shirts made up for sale again this year.

Frank the RCIAAA Treasurer, reported that RCIAAA had made one disbursement of \$350 to the Share-A-Day Committee during May and anticipated being in a position to make additional disbursements during June and July, especially if there is no Meeting List printing.

Keith, the GSR Liaison, reminded us that various New York and New Jersey AA Intergroups would also be having their own Share-A-Day events during the summer.

**Volunteerism Committee** – Bill reported that the Volunteerism Committee had visited the Sunrise Group on May 29, 2009 and explained to them what it is that



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RCIAAA does. Bill also reported that the Volunteerism Committee had met on May 16, 2009 and had discussed several subjects, the most important of which was updating or including listings for the various Rockland County AA groups in the Meeting List Book (and Website) that is published/operated by the New York InterGroup Association of Alcoholics Anonymous. After some discussion, the consensus was that it was up to each individual AA group to decide for itself whether and in what manner to complete the questionnaire that had been provided to Bill by the New York InterGroup Association of Alcoholics Anonymous. Bill distributed the questionnaires to all interested group representatives.

**Public Information** - No report.

**Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous Liaison** – Jordan, the Group Representative to RCIAAA for the RCYPG, reported that there was nothing new to report.

### **Old Business**

Artie passed out copies of the new RCIAAA By-Laws, as approved 2007-2009, together with copies of former By-Laws as they existed prior to the recent By-Laws review, updating and amendment process. If anyone has any questions, Artie will be back at the July meeting to finalize the By-Laws.

### **New Business**

Frank reported that he had spoken with the owner of Foremost Communications, the RCIAAA answering service provider, about the increasing costs set forth in the bills RCIAAA has been receiving since August of 2008. Foremost agreed to provide a credit of \$135.00 on the most recent bill it had sent to RCIAAA (for \$535.00) and also to cap future monthly billings to RCIAAA at \$400.00 by making adjustments in per minute charges. The owner indicated to Frank that the RCIAAA bills had been escalating due to an increase in Foremost's per minute charge as well as an increasing call volume. Frank estimated that the new billing arrangement with Foremost should save RCIAAA about \$150 per month based on past billings.

Funding authorization requests were submitted by Roger (for Corrections) for \$150.00 for literature purchases, by Eric (for H&I) for \$50 for literature purchases and by Bill (for Volunteerism) for \$30, all of which were unanimously approved. Artie raised a question about whether the prudent reserve requirement stated in the RCIAAA By-Laws would be satisfied after such expenditures were made but the group conscience was that RCIAAA still had sufficient funds on hand and a commitment to undertake these important Twelfth Step activities.

A motion to close the meeting was unanimously passed and the meeting was closed at 9:02 P.M.

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