



ROCKLAND COUNTY INTERGROUP

MINUTES FROM April 6, 2010

Group Representatives (13) Present: - Any Lengths, Airmont Road, Congers By The Book, Grapevine, It Gets Better, New City, Nyack, Promises (Garnerville), Step By Step, Suffern, Sunrise, Thruway Men's, RCYPG.

Meeting was open by Artie with the Serenity Prayer at 8:00 pm. Preamble was read. Tradition Four was read. All persons in attendance introduced themselves. The Secretary determined that a quorum was present for the transaction of business.

Reports:

Secretary: Minutes from March 2, 2010 meeting were read, corrected and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Steve delivered the Treasurer's Report.

The opening working Balance was \$ 2,333.72. Monies received during March 2010 were \$ 729.00, \$ 590.00 from Group contributions, \$27.00 from the RCI meeting collection and \$112.00 from Meeting List sales. . The Treasurer read the list of contributing groups and thanked them. Total expenditures paid during March 2010 were \$ 674.68. The RCI Checking Account has been balanced and reconciled. The closing balance is \$ 2,388.04-*

SENY Liaison: Elsa delivered the SENY Report.

Those groups that have GSRs should complete the group information questionnaires (including the designations of GSR and alternate GSR) and return them by April 17th.

The 43rd Annual SENY Convention, held at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, had a a great turnout with approximately 1,200 AAs in attendance. The next SENY Area Assembly will be held on April 10th in Staten Island to discuss the questionnaires. There will be a SENY Informational Workshop at Graymoor from August 6, 2010 to August 8, 2010 to discuss, among other things, special needs, public information and professional liaison. There will be a charge of \$175 for single rooms and \$130 per person for diubles.

ICYPAA will be having its convention from August 26 to 29, 2010 in New York City all of the rooms at the Marriott Marquis have been booked but there is a waiting list. ICYPAA needs volunteers to chair meetings during the convention.

Orange County will be hosting its Share-A-Day on April 25th at the Cole Highland House in Middletown, tickets are \$18.

NERASSA will be having its meeting on February 25 to 27, 2011.

Corrections: Matt delivered the Corrections Report.



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Matt needs to know who from the thruway Men's Group is chairing the Wednesday night Men's Side meeting at the RCJ so he can coordinate with that person and the RCJ officials. Mark from Thruway Men's Group identified the person with that commitment. Matt reported that two AAs had volunteered to chair the Monday night Men's Side meeting and that problems with the attendees being focused on things other than sobriety during the meeting had been corrected.

Meeting List: Kristina reported that she had met with Steve, the new RCI Webmaster, to coordinate having the information from the updated Meeting List posted on the RCI Website. New Open Meeting Lists have been printed up and provided to the PI Committee for distribution through the usual channels. The new Meeting Lists, to be printed soon, will be larger in size, overall, with a one point increase in the font size to make them easier to read and an increased area for writing in contact names and telephone numbers. The cost for the 50 list bundle will be increased to \$ 10.00 with the next printing. If any group has changes or corrections, they should forward the information directly to Kristina who will, in turn, forward the information on to Steve. There is a change on the cover page as to the location for the monthly PI Committee meeting which should be 65 East Maple Avenue, not 81, as currently appears.

Answering Service: Bob gave him the Answering Service Report. Bobby has updated and extended the rotation schedule from June 10 forward. The schedule has been posted on the RCI Website so group coordinators should check the Website to find out when their group's next cycle will be. The updated 12 Step Call List is being worked on and should be available soon. Bob asked that all groups try to update their 12th Step lists by the May meeting. Bob emphasized the importance of updating these lists so that AAs taking hotline calls and needing to send out AAs to do 12th Step calls will have a roster of current AAs to contact to make the 12th Step visit.

H&I: Eric delivered the H&I Report. A happy balance was reached between the AA groups volunteering to take H&I commitments and Daytop at the March H&I booking meeting. H&I will be bringing in one meeting at Daytop at 6:30 PM on Thursdays. Those from Daytop who are participating in the meeting will be required to stay for the entire meeting and Daytop will provide a staff member at the meeting to supervise. The Intergroup representatives attending the H&I booking meeting were satisfied with these arrangements and indicated a willingness to go back to Daytop under these conditions. The Daytop Thursday meeting will resume in May. The subject of resuming the Tuesday meeting will be considered at a later time. The Pomona Rehab approached H&I about bringing in an AA meeting there. H&I previously took care of providing for an AA meeting there until it was decided to discontinue the meeting since a majority of the participants were not alcoholics.



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There was some discussion as to the nature of the population currently being served by the Pomona Rehab. Eric indicated he would call to see if they alcoholic clients/patients who want to have an AA meeting as part of their program.

The Sunrise group representative inquired about whether AA literature was made available at Daytop. Eric indicated that H&I was only able to service the three main institutions in the County (Good Samaritan T5, Nyack Recovery and Blaisdell) with meeting lists and pamphlets out of its monthly allotment of \$50 but that we may need to revisit that allocation depending on how the Thursday Daytop meeting goes.

Eric also reported that H&I is looking for an AA to serve as chairperson for the Thursday 8:00 PM meeting at Blaisdell Building 57. The commitment requires a person who has one year of continuous sobriety. Eric also reiterated his understanding of Nyack Recovery's requirements for both chairpersons and speakers there, six months of continuous sobriety and cannot have been a patient there within the last six months. Also only the meeting chair, a speaker and a backup speaker are allowed in for the Nyack Recovery meetings H&I requested its normal monthly allocation of \$50 which was unanimously approved.

Booker's Exchange: The next meeting will be on June 1 at 7:00 pm in the front foyer of the building

Share-A-Day: Steve reported that there was a vote in favor of continuing Share-A-Day at a recent Committee meeting. Jane was elected Secretary for the Committee and a Steering Committee will be assembled. Planning meetings will be announced and all interested AAs are encouraged to attend. Discussion about the format for Share-A-Day 2010, whether to charge AAs in attendance to cover expenses or ask them to make a voluntary contribution to help make the event self-supporting and whether RCI will provide seed money were all referred to the Share-A-Day Committee for its consideration in the first instance. Steve, the Webmaster, suggested that an announcement concerning Share-A Day and its planning meetings should be posted on the Website Bulletin Board to stimulate interest and attendance

Volunteerism Committee: No Report.

Public Information: Cindy, the PI Chair, delivered the P&I Report.

PI received the new Open Meeting Lists and will be distributing them to the local libraries and police stations. PI still needs AAs with at least 90 days of sobriety who live in the or near the distribution area to do this service. PI prepared a special literature and information packet which will be distributed at an upcoming meeting of Rockland County school district superintendents and counselors for purposes of introducing them to AA PI started the training program for speakers to do outspeaks at local high schools which was interrupted by cancellations due



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to adverse winter weather. PI is looking for AAs with at least two (2) years of sobriety to train as speakers for this program. Interested AAs attend two training sessions to familiarize themselves with the topics to be addressed during these visits. If you are interested in carrying the message and explaining what AA is contact Cindy.

Cindy encouraged all groups with upcoming special events like group anniversaries to post them on the Website Bulletin Board.

Steve, the incoming Webmaster, reported that he was just coming online and that there had been 5,464 unique visits to the RCI Website during March but an average of only two pages being viewed per visit. Steve is going to be doing a more detailed analysis of the RCI Website's "unique visit" and "view" data to understand its real traffic level (as opposed to search engine trolling the web)

PI requested its normal monthly allocation of \$80 which was unanimously approved.

Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous Liaison: Eric and Jared delivered the report. Jared recounted the history of how RCYPG was initiated and stated that the RCYPG Sunday night meeting at FOR in Nyack is being regularly attended by between 50 to 60 AAs. The first anniversary of the RCYPG is April 11th.

Old Business

The Volunteerism Committee needs a Chairperson

New Business

Razoul reported that he would be going a meeting on Saturday, April 10th of the SENY Special Needs/Professional Treatment Facility Committee and invited groups to attend.

Bob, the Garnerville Promises Group Representative, announced a change in that group's meeting schedule. Their Big Book Study Meeting currently held at 9:30 AM on Saturdays and will be moved to 8:00 PM on Mondays starting in May.

Elsa reported that General Services is looking for an archive Chairperson to collect and preserve AA historical documents, photographs and information and mount displays at various AA functions.

The meeting was closed at 8:54 P.M.