



ROCKLAND COUNTY INTERGROUP

MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

Group Representatives present: Wesley Hills 306, Any Lengths, Airmont, Freedom of Choice, Grapevine, Key to Sobriety, New City, Pearl River, Sloatsburg, Step by Step, Suffern, Sunrise, Thruway Men's, Promises (Garnerville), Nyack.

Meeting opened at 8pm by Peter. Tradition 9 was read along with the Serenity Prayer.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Frank gave the report September 2007 report was read and accepted, copy attached.

Secretary – Artie read the Minutes from August were read and accepted

SENY Liaison – George gave the report. SENY Delegate John was at GSR last month and gave a post conference report with proposed changes. October 13, 2007 GSR is holding a Tradition Workshop on Tradition 1, 2 and 3. It will be at Suffern Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am.

GSR – Mike gave the report. There is a new District Committee Chair, Nancy. Each GSR has post conference reports. GSR meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Elim Alliance Church in Valley Cottage.

H&I – Rich gave the report. He will take the suggestion to accept literature all chair people on the grid have been contacted; contact information is up to date. Prior to his exchange he will call past group reps that had attended to remind them next booking is upcoming. Received word that here is no Nyack Recovery Saturday meeting and that is not on his grid. Rich will approach Nyack to see who was holding the meeting. There is a concern regarding individual members holding meetings not through the service structure. Yes Groups and individuals do go out and do meetings.

Answering Service – Lenny gave report. Billing received from July 3 to August 2nd. 155 calls received 316 minutes. Weekends are the busiest. Short calls with a lot of meeting inquiries. Rotation will be updated along with 12th step list. Amy with AA in Putnam County will share information with us and Lenny will call Westchester.



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Meeting Lists – Report given by Howard met with Mary and received all needed information. An open meeting list will be printed again similar to the complete format, as requested by the PI committee for outside agencies. Howard asked about printing the “orange card” again, the same printer that does the meeting list does it. No decision was made. Discussion was held on the update for from Groups to use to be more accurate when updating meeting lists. Current process is more word of mouth. This update form will be available on the Web Site. It can be submitted hard copy and not through the Site. Deadline for new printing is one week from today. Question was raised if we could print both the complete list and the open list on the same document, answer was that this would defeat the whole purpose of providing outside agencies with only the open listing. Needs to be 2 separate documents.

Corrections – No report.

Bookers Exchange – Report given by Greg. Four groups attended tonight’s booking. Letter presented, subject was a “Request for Mailing of Notices of Upcoming Exchange Meeting”. Concern that not everyone owns a computer. Request for Rockland County Intergroup Association of Alcoholics Anonymous go back to mailing list for paper flyers. Copy attached.

Public Information – Howie gave report. Concern about rotation, people show up and then drop off with attendance. There will be another orientation for those interested in PI for those interested in service. Need to balance the numbers of speakers to the requests received. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at the Christ Church in Suffern at 7:00pm. New chairperson for PI is Bill. Contact from United Kingdom contacted PI. AA member was visiting Sloatsburg and was interested in meetings during his visit.

Web Site – James gave report. There were over 3300 hits in August to the web site. Machines do visit the site, but overall traffic to the site is doing well. A monitor was brought in to show the site to Group Reps. a review of the web site was provided. Section for member, upcoming events, group anniversaries, Rockland County Intergroup Association of Alcoholics Anonymous forms available, 12 step form, home for meeting list update forms, answering service guidelines. Intergroup at a glance needs some work. 5 Pages available for Intergroup, there is one extra, Share-A-Day, GSR breakfast. Still do not have information from all chairs to post information. Need a commitment page, James will contact the person who signed up, confirm contact information and then pass on to appropriate party at Intergroup.



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Share A Day – Jane was unavailable, Connie is the new chair for next year's event. Committee would like to use Dominican College again.

Volunteerism Committee – Bill gave report. Will visit Freedom of Choice on 9/13 at noon. Will add a few words of encouragement to the script. When asked what would be added Bill stated he will add a few adjectives. Anyone interested in service may contact Bill. Requested copy of sign in sheet, need for such was discussed, 3 Group Reps stated they did not want their number given out. Promotion rather than invitation was a concern.

By Law Review Committee – Greg gave report. Letter was presented to the group. "Changes to the By Laws 101". Copy attached, after letter was presented questions were raised if a committee was necessary for needed changes or could the secretary present changes for Groups to decide. Original purpose was to clarify voting rights and PI committee autonomy; it has gone past that purpose. Reps were asked to be prepared to vote next meeting either to stay with committee of turn function over to the secretary, after issue was taken back to their groups.

Old Business

None

New Business

PI committee needs \$ 80.00 for mailings, schools open next month, motion passed.

Treasurer was asked to inquire about a bigger room to hold monthly meeting, he will ask.

H&I needed \$50 for Literature motion passed.

Booker requested \$5.95 motion passed.

Share-A-Day requested \$1,000 for next year's event. Motion passed, however the treasurer needs to look at prudent reserve, by calculating six months of operating income, as per our By Laws.

Nyack group anniversary is October 6th dinner at 6:30, Meeting at 7:45, Dance at 9:00pm