



ROCKLAND COUNTY INTERGROUP

MINUTES FROM April 6, 2009

Group Representatives (17) present: 306 Group (Wesley Hills), Any Lengths, Airmont Road, Congers By The Book, Fellowship Road, Freedom of Choice, Grapevine, Live & Let Live, New City, Nyack, Promises (Piermont), RCYPAA, Suffern, Sunrise, Three-In-One, Thruway Men's, West Nyack

Meeting was opened by Joe at 8:00 pm. Preamble was read. Tradition 4 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 March 3 , 2009 meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report – The opening Working Balance was \$1,214.11. Monies received during March of 2009 totaled \$ 290.00. Of this total, \$ 220.00 came from Group contributions and \$ 70.00 from Meeting List sales. The Treasurer read the list of contributing groups.

Paid expenses in the amount of \$ 874.41 were listed and described.

The RCIAAA checking account has been reconciled.

The current balance is \$ 629.70

Copy of the Treasurer's report was presented and accepted and is attached.

Funding requests:

The Treasurer recommended that the Committee Chairs and others refrain from submitting any funding requests this month given the low balance in the RCIAAA account.

Joe asked all in attendance to please speak with their groups and group treasurers about having some money sent to Intergroup, if possible, since Intergroup needs money in order to keep the organization running properly and continue its 12th step work.

SENY Liaison– Bobby reported on various events and meetings that have been scheduled, including information about the upcoming 59th General Service Conference (April 25 to May 2, 2009) the 2009 Northeast Regional Forum (U.S.?



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Canada General Service Board to be held in Somerset, New Jersey (June 26 to June 28, 2009), the 41st New York State Convention (July 24 to 26, 2009) at Grand Island, New York and the 30th Annual New York State Informational Workshop to be hosted by CNY Area 47 on August 14, 15 and 16, 2009 in Painted Post, New York.

Answering Service- Rich was not able to attend but reported, through Joe, that he was in the process of updating and putting together new 12th Step contact lists for the use of those answering the hotline

H&I – Eric, the H&I Chairperson, reported that H&I had a bookers meeting on March 19, 2009, with 13 Groups participating. Eric read a list of the Groups that attended the March meeting and invited future participation by any Group that had not been able to send a representative to the March meeting.

Eric also indicated that H&I would welcome any invitations to come to speak at a Group's business meeting to explain what it is that H&I does and how AAs can help out with this important 12th Step work.

Eric has been speaking with Daytop, at their request, about bringing a daytime meeting there on a trial basis. He asked any groups that might be interested in doing this and providing chairpersons and speakers to please contact him.

Eric noted that over the past month and a half there had been some problems with speaker commitments that were taken but not fulfilled. Eric compiled a list regarding this and spoke with the individual Groups. It seems that this problem has now been corrected.

Donated literature (new or used) is still in demand and is greatly appreciated by those at the hospital and institutions, so please keep giving.

Meeting Lists – Trish, Meeting List Chairperson, reported that sales of the new meeting lists (March 2009) are going well.

Corrections – Roger reported that literature has been ordered for the Rockland County Jail and that all meetings on the Men's Side of the Rockland County Jail are being covered. Roger is not aware of any other issues regarding this commitment.



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Bookers Exchange – Matt thanked Mike for covering for him at the March Bookers' Exchange meeting, The next Bookers' Exchange is set for June 2, 2009.

Matt also asked that any groups that are going to Bookers' Exchange meetings in other counties to please contact him before they go so he can provide them with information about RCIAAA Bookers' Exchange for them to distribute in the other counties.

Trish suggested that perhaps Matt could establish some contacts with the New Jersey Intergroups to facilitate speaker exchanges and Matt indicated he would look into that.

Share A Day- Mason reported that Share-A-Day will be held on August 22, 2009 at Rockland Community College and that the first organizational meeting has been scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on April 16, 2009 at Hogan's Diner on Route 9W in Stony Point. It was suggested that anyone who might be interested in becoming involved in Share-A-Day should please give their name telephone number and email address to Mason

Volunteerism Committee – Bill reported that the Volunteerism Committee had sent out 60 letters to Rockland County groups, had received five (5) replies and will be going out to visit with them.

Bill invited others from Intergroup, particularly Committee Chairs, to join him on these visits so that the various functions and tasks that Intergroup performs can be better explained to AA groups so that AAs in those groups who are interested in doing service will be aware of the available opportunities.

Webmaster-Jared reported that RCIAAA Website recorded approximately 8400 page views and 4,455 unique visits, including many from those in foreign countries. Jared is still working with James on converting (translating) the current

Website pages into Spanish so that the RCIAAA website will be accessible to those who speak Spanish.

Public Information – Eric, the PI Chairperson, reported that 9 of the 18 libraries in the County are presently being covered, with the literature racks there being filled as necessary. The PI Committee would like to have more Groups participating in the work of the PI Committee. Groups can become more involved by sending representatives to the PI Committee's regular meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Christ Church of Ramapo,



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Washington and East Maple Streets in Suffern. PI also remains ready, willing and able to visit Groups to explain what PI does and the importance of PI.

PI has received some emails from nursing students who had been barred from attending open AA meetings. Eric wished to remind everyone that nursing students (and other non-AA members) are allowed to attend any meeting that is listed as being an “open” meeting on the Meeting List. If a Group or a Group member has an objection to this, the Group can discuss a group conscience for purposes of adopting a “closed” meeting format or the individual member can choose to attend another meeting.

Jared asked generally about having Intergroup arrange to speak with doctors, nursing staff and other medical personnel in order to provide them with information about alcoholism. Howard responded that General Services has a specific committee that performs this professional education function.

Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous Liaison – Jordan, the Rockland County Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (RCYPAA) Group Representative to RCIAAA, reported that the RCYPAA is working on a new name or designation for the Group because of a conflict with another group using the same or a similar name. The Group has organized and because of the significant number of people attending the Sunday meeting at 8:30 P.M., had to find larger quarters and has moved their meeting to the Fellowship of Reconciliation at 521 North Broadway in Nyack. At present, the Group is having Living Sober/ Beginners Meeting and will review this format from time to time at its regular business meetings.

Jordan wanted all AA members to be aware that, although RCYPAA was set up to serve the young people in AA, there is no age limit for those who wish to attend and all are invited to come to the Group’s meetings.

Old Business

Jared raised- the question that had been discussed briefly at the March 3, 2009 meeting concerning whether Intergroup would waive, for the Young Peoples Group, the requirement that a meeting take place on a regular and consistent basis for at least six (6) months before that meeting could be included on the Meeting List published and distributed by Intergroup. Wade, the Fellowship Road Group Representative, noted that the Young Peoples Group would be in existence for approximately five (5) months by time of the next projected Meeting List printing. Wade made a motion for Intergroup to waive the six (6) month



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continuous meeting requirement (as it would have applied to the Young Peoples Group) so that their meeting would be included on the next Meeting List as well as on the RCIAAA Website. The motion was seconded, voted upon by show of hands and unanimously passed.

Artie was not available to make a presentation concerning 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, have been posted on the RCI Website and were reviewed and discussed at the February 3, 2009 meeting. The matter was tabled for further consideration, discussion and another review at the May 2009 meeting. At that time, it is anticipated that Artie will also present proposed revisions to Articles IX, X and XI.

New Business

Mary, the Piermont Promises Group Representative, was contacted by a representative from the Burd Street Tuesday Meditation Meeting who wanted to know what the Group needs to do to disband and to have their meeting taken off of the Meeting List. Howard pointed out the importance to AAs of having defunct meetings removed from the Meeting List so that AAs looking for a meeting did not go to the site of a scheduled meeting only to discover that there was none there. Trish will communicate with the Burd Street Group to confirm that the Group has disbanded and will no longer be having a meeting.

Frank suggested that RCIAAA pass a basket at its monthly meetings to collect money that can be used to defray some of the RCIAAA operating expenses. On Frank's motion duly seconded, this was passed unanimously.

Jared suggested that RCIAAA look into having events to raise money to support f Intergroup's activities. There was a discussion and the consensus was to revisit this issue in the near future,

A motion to close the meeting was unanimously passed and the meeting was closed at 9:05 P.M.

