



ROCKLAND COUNTY INTERGROUP

MINUTES FROM July 7, 2009

Group Representatives (20) present:- Any Lengths, Airmont Road, Congers By The Book, Freedom of Choice, Grapevine, It Gets Better, Legacy, Live & Let Live, New City, Nyack, Pearl River, Primary Purpose, Promises (Piermont), Sloatsburg, Step By Step, Suffern, Sunrise, RCYPG, Thruway Men's, West Nyack

Meeting was opened by Joe with the Serenity Prayer at 8:00 pm. Preamble was read. Tradition 7 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 June 2, 2009 meeting were read and accepted.

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

The opening Working Balance was \$ 798.15. Monies received during June 2009 totaled \$1,131.00. Of this total, \$1,014.00 came from Group contributions, \$72.00 from Meeting List sales and \$45.00 from the RCI meeting collection. The Treasurer read the list of contributing groups.

Paid expenses in the amount of \$ 792.08, including one bill from Foremost Communications for \$ 400.00, were listed and described.

A second disbursement of \$350.000 was made from the Share-A-Day Reserve. The Treasurer anticipates that Intergroup will be able to make a disbursement of \$300.00 to Share-A-Day during July completing the \$1,000.00 "seed money"

The RCIAAA checking account has been reconciled.

The closing balance is \$ 787.07.

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.

SENY Liaison– Eric, standing in for Bobby, reported that Rockland County General Services had determined to maintain a prudent reserve of \$1,500.00 and to distribute any balance over and above prudent reserve in the following way: 75% to World Services and 25% to SENY Area 49.



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H&I – Eric, now speaking as the H&I Chairperson, reported that there have been some problems with the Chair positions for the Blaisdell meetings on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 7:00 P.M. This was first reported to Eric at last month's Intergroup meeting and he was also later informed by Blaisdell. H&I needs AA members with at least one year of continuous sobriety to fill these two commitments.

In addition, there are four (4) other meeting chairperson commitments that are expiring and/or have expired and should be rotating, all of which need to be filled as soon as possible. They are: (1) the 7:00 P.M. meeting on Friday at T5 (Good Samaritan); (2) the 8:00 P.M. meeting on Saturday at Blaisdell (Bldg. 57); (3) the 10:15 A.M. meeting on Saturday at T5 (Good Samaritan); and (4) the 9:15 A.M. meeting on Sunday at T5 (Good Samaritan). AA members must have at least one year of continuous sobriety to fill these commitments.

At the H&I June meeting, only thirteen (13) groups attended. As a result, there were speaker commitments that also needed to be filled for the meetings booked by H&I. Eric was able to secure some additional speakers but still more are required all of the commitments for these meetings. In the meantime, H&I is not entertaining any new meeting commitments.

Corrections – Roger reported that he had ordered a supply of AA literature for the RCJ with the funds that were authorized and provided at the June 2009 Intergroup meeting. There is an opening for a Chairperson on the Men's Side on alternating Wednesdays. That meeting normally runs from 7:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. and the Chair should have at least one year of continuous sobriety, should have no active warrants pending against them and should not have been at the RCJ at any time during the past five (5) years. Contact Roger if you have an interest in this important commitment.

Answering Service- Rich updated the Answering Service rotation schedule through April of 2010 but is not able to continue with this commitment. Artie stepped up and graciously "volunteered" to take over this commitment. Artie reported that the Congers By The Book Group had joined the rotation with a three (3) day commitment and that the rotation schedule and the "Do's and Don'ts" were available on the Intergroup Website (rocklandnyaa.org) or from Artie.

Meeting Lists – Artie, speaking for Trish, the Meeting List Chairperson, reported that Intergroup needs to do another printing of the County Meeting List. The bill for these services would probably not be received until late July or early August. Discussions with the Treasurer suggest that, on the current track with respect to



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contributions being made to Intergroup and the expenses to be paid, Intergroup should have sufficient funds on hand to pay for the bill for printing the new list. If any group has any changes with respect to their meeting listings, they should notify Trish within the next week to be sure those changes can be included in the next printing.

Bookers Exchange –A flyer will be prepared and circulated for the next Booker's Exchange meeting on September 1, 2009.

Share A Day- Mason reported that there was not much to add to Connie's report at the June meeting. The Share-A-Day Committee had sent out a letter to the AA groups in the County asking for funds to help support Share-A-Day. Mason noted that contributions should be sent to the Intergroup mailbox, but that the checks should indicate they are specifically earmarked for Share-A-Day.

Volunteerism Committee – Bill reported that the Volunteerism Committee had not received any responses to the letters it sent out to all Rockland County AA groups. Bill also indicated that the Committee is in dire need of additional volunteers to help with its work. The Committee had scheduled visits with two groups during the month of June, but both visits were cancelled. Eric has compiled a list of AA groups in the County so that the Volunteerism Committee can keep track of which groups have been visited and which groups the Committee should try to visit with. Joe C. reviewed what the Volunteerism Committee has been tasked to do and the Committee only visits a group when the group has extended an invitation to the Committee.

Public Information – Steve reported that he has just taken on the Chair position and will be providing a report on PI activities at next months' meeting.

Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous Liaison – Jared, speaking for Jordan, the Group Representative to Intergroup for the RCYPG, reported that that RCYPG was doing well as a group with 25-35 AAs regularly attending the Sunday night meeting, with lots of newcomers showing up for the meeting and with lots of activities outside of the meeting to encourage fellowship. Jared also noted that the RCYPG had survived its first [adjective deleted] business meeting.

Old Business

Artie asked if there was any feedback regarding the new RCIAAA By-Laws, as approved 2007-2009. No questions or issues came up so the new By-Laws will be published on the Intergroup Website.



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New Business

Bill made a motion to have the Intergroup Chairperson appoint an independent study committee of seven (7) persons to conduct a group inventory of RCIAAA. Bill proposed this in light of many issues of concern including, for example, Intergroup's financial condition, the updating of meeting and contact information for the forty one (41) AA groups in the County and the level of participation in Intergroup's 12th Step work by AA members. After Jared asked Bill for clarification of the point of the motion and Bill clarified his motion, the Chair called for a second. There was no second for the motion. Therefore, there was no further discussion of the subject matter of the motion at this time and no vote.

A motion to close the meeting was unanimously passed and the meeting was closed at 8:48 P.M.

