

INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES - 12/10/20

INTERGROUP OFFICERS PRESENT: Mike (*Chair*)
Kate (*Secretary*)
Kevin (Acting Treasurer)

ARTICLES OF PURPOSE READ: Joy

TRADITION OF THE MONTH: John, twelfth

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 5

NEW REPS RECOGNIZED AND INTRODUCED: (2)

John, Holyoke Group

Johanna, Saturday Women's Health

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Read and Accepted

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT: Two new members were added last month: Nancy P and Carolyn

TREASURER'S REPORT: Read and Accepted

BOOKIE COORDINATOR REPORT: Dan B: The meeting this month, held on Zoom, had a better attendance rate than last and a Bookie list is being kept as up to date as possible, and are often updating Kevin for the meeting lists on the intergroup website: westernmassaa.org

EVENT COORDINATOR REPORT: The Christmas Alkathon runs 6:00PM – 6:00PM on December 24-25. There is currently one spot open at 8:00AM on Christmas Day and possibly a spot at noon. Kevin lists available spots on the website so interested groups with a Zoom room can check there.

OFFICE MANAGER REPORT: Joy:

Sales continue, Joy offers curbside pickup on Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00AM-11:00AM. Please call ahead with your order. Joy also asks that you spread the word for her.

WEBMASTER: Kevin: Site is continuously updated. As winter approaches, outdoor meetings may close and with the Governors' pulling back the re-open to phase 2, more churches may close again. So, Kevin is constructing a "closed" list to better inform the AA community.

PHONE COVERAGE: Has been changed due to the pandemic response. Individuals interested in volunteering for phone coverage can give Joy their numbers and they go on a back-up phone coverage list.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NONE.

OLD BUSINESS: Last month the discussion on the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) was tabled to give Intergroup Representatives the opportunity to return to their groups for discussions and to ascertain Group conscience on whether the PPP is a loan and should be paid back or a forgivable loan/tax break.

Questions:

- Maureen: Which account was it put in?
- Kevin: It was put in the general account in April, 2020, to be used for payroll only, which is handled by a payroll company.
- Nancy P: Is it all spent?
- Kevin: Yes, \$6300.00 was for six months of payroll and it is all spent on payroll over the course of six months beginning April.

Motion: Arthur A: We accept we did this and stipulate any future PPP initiative be brought to the group for discussion and vote. Seconded by two members.

Discussion:

- Nancy P: her group feels it is a loan that should be paid back or paid forward somehow.
- Maureen: stated her group thinks the prudent reserve could be used to pay it back.
- Johanna shared that she made a document to recap the issue, Mike R shared it on the screen.
- Carolyn: Group – pay it back with prudent reserve.
- Patti B asks:
 - o Was this through a local bank? Yes
 - o The government may wish to label it as forgivable and not want the money back
 - o Maybe it should be paid forward somehow.
- Dan B: Intergroup pays payroll and government taxes as a business entity. Is under impression it can't be paid back.
- Nancy P: Huge thank you to Joy & Kevin for working through a pandemic.

The motion on the floor was that we accept the situation as it is, leaving it the way it is as a forgivable government PPP "loan", but that any PPP monies come up in the future, must be brought to the body for a vote.

Vote: 7 in favor, 4 opposed, motion carries.

Carolyn states she is confused about the vote on the PPP pay back matter.

Maureen brings new Motion: Motion made to pay back the PPP. Seconded

Vote: 4 in favor, 7 opposed. Motion does not carry.

NEW BUSINESS: Any groups that are struggling are encouraged to reach out to the Intergroup office for support.

AREA 31 INVITED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

DELEGATE/ALTERNATE: *Mike B*

- **NERAASA 2/26-2/28, Virtual, WWW.neraasa.org**
- Mike reports he has been working with North American and regional delegates.
- *AA World Services, General Manager position is recently opened.*

ACCESSIBILITY: No Report

ARCHIVES: No Report

CPC: Lara C: Last month a new 10-minute video was made for the professional community. The CPC is looking for recommendations on where and with whom to have Zoom presentations. Presentations include three CPC members: the first to present what AA does and doesn't do; the second gives a history of AA, and the third shares their story. Resources are available online and the next CPC meeting is Tuesday Jan 12 at 7:30 on Zoom.

GRAPEVINE: No Report

PUBLIC INFORMATION: No Report

Area Chair: *Steve M:*

Several area service positions are open. Interested individuals can email: areachair@area31.org; The Area 31 meets every 2nd Wednesday on Zoom at 6:30, www.area31aa.org for more information.

Coming up:

- Jan 7 Concept meeting
- Jan 13 7:30 Area meeting

INSTITUTIONS: Charlie M. A new list of open commitments is being created as most are Zoom commitments and few in person, they are having difficulty getting these filled.

WMYPAA: No Report

NEXT MEETING: January 14, 2021, 7:30pm.

Adjourned at 8:30pm with the responsibility pledge. Thank you for your service.