

Jackson Area Intergroup
Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2015

The meeting opened at 7:10 pm with the Serenity Prayer. The Twelfth Tradition was read by Marcia A.

Introductions: **PRESENT** Carol (Chair and Region V Rep) Diane (Jackson Thurs. Rep.) Marcia A. (Adrian Monday Rep.) Pat F. (website), Mary Helen (Adrian Thurs. Rep.) and Lisa S. (Secretary)

ABSENT: Charlene (Literature Rep.) Connie (Okemos Rep.) Sheila (Jackson Monday Rep) Sandy (Saturday Rep.) and Mary S. (Vice Chair)

The minutes from the November meeting were approved.

Treasury:

- Carol reported for Mary S. a beginning balance of \$1555.02 (\$550.02 above our \$1000 prudent reserve.
- Deposit : \$28.00 was deposited from fundraising at a workshop.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence to report for this meeting.

Literature Report: Carol delivered the report for Charlene

- Carol spoke to Charlene regarding the literature position, and it was decided that she would be stepping down .
- Mary Helen from Adrian agreed to assume to position of Literature Chair. **Thank you and Welcome Mary Helen.**
- Two large print books for Somerset and two Twelve Step books have been ordered for Adrian.
- Pat. F. reported that literature requests can be made using our website. She will receive the requests and forward the orders to Mary Helen.

Downloader Report: Jewel has agreed to assume these duties. She is getting a better understanding of the functions.

Active Committee/Projects:

- Diane H. has graciously agreed to assume the position of Treasurer. **Thank you Diane.**
- Website redesign-Thank you to Pat F. for all the hard work in designing this site it looks wonderful.
www.jacksonareaoa.wix.com/jacksonoa
- Convention committee report-Carol attended and met with the AA & Greater Detroit and will have a conversation to finalize the flyer format for the RS Detroit Convention scheduled for Sept. 16th –Sept. 18th (Carol I forgot what goes here is this correct?)
- The Ann Arbor Intergroup has offered \$1000.00 to help the cost of attending the November R5 Business Assembly. Carol also applied for a scholarship to attend this meeting. (Carol I don't think I have this info. Correct does it need to be included?)

Other Subjects:

- The annual review of the by-laws was tabled, a date will be discussed by Carol and Mary due to Mary being absent .
- It was discussed and agreed upon that Region should hold 1 workshop each quarter or 2 per year. It was decided that 2 workshops would be held, one in Adrian and the other in Jackson.
- The fundraising items of candles, ropes, journals and greeting cards were well received. This may be another possible fundraising avenue to pursue.
- Pat F. has done a great deal of work on our website www.jacksonareaoa.wix.com/jacksonoa she showed us some of the features and available information. She would like to add Website Management as an agenda item.

Group Rep. Reports:

- Marcia (Mon. Adrian rep)- solid group attendance, there are usually 4-5 people in attendance
- Diane (Jax. Thurs)- small group on Thursday but willing to commit. There was a wonderful attendance of 12 people at the Thanksgiving meeting of gratitude it was enjoyed.
- Pat F. (Temp. Jax Mon.)- Attendance has gone up with a renewed commitment. Average of 4-5 people but as low as two. Podcasts were used as a tool for meetings with low attendance. Great idea ☺
- Jewel (Fri. Somerset)- This group has not met in two weeks because if Jewel or Roxanne are not able to attend there is no meeting. Continuing to brainstorm, Adrian is willing to support this group.
- Connie (Okemos)- We have a new representative for Okemos welcome Heather M. Connie has had to step down due to the amount of her traveling. Carol would like to make a commitment to attend an Okemos meeting 2 times a year.
- Sandy D. (Sat. Rep. Jax)- We are in the need of a new rep. for this meeting. There is consistently 2-4 consistently but have had as many as 5 steady attendees.
- Mary Helen (Thurs. rep. Adrian)-Attendance varies but did have 12 attend the Thanksgiving Gratitude meeting.

Questions, Concerns, Announcements:

Key Information to Take Back to Meeting:

- We need to have suggestions of what groups are interested in for the workshops tentatively scheduled for April 16th and October 15th.
- Half day workshops were suggested one site being Siena Heights with an outside speaker and another at a location in Jackson to be determined.
- Any feedback or suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Next IG meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 7th at the Cornerstone Christian Church (Room 207). Officers, Group Reds, and Committee Chairs who are unable to attend should call Carol @ 517-902-6997 to submit their reports by phone.