

# Delegates Committee Meeting

Saturday, March 16th

Meeting opened by Beth R. with the Serenity Prayer 10am

AA preamble: Kevin

Twelve Traditions: Jeff

Roll Call: Secretary Michael F.

Review and Approve Previous Minutes: Everyone received a copy of minutes of last delegates meeting. No comments or changes.

Motion to approve meeting minutes made by Steve G.

Seconded by Linda M. All in favor: motion carried

Treasurer Report: Lianne: Refer to treasurer report sent to all delegates. Quickbooks has a erroneously projected \$9,900 (+-) loss for the year. We actually expect a profit.

Our net income is up compared to 2023 but down \$5,000 from 2022. Which means we would not be able to add to our prudent reserve. Please encourage your groups to keep donations coming to intergroup.

Question about the projected Quickbooks reported 9k shortfall. Bringing people up to date: In our transition last year it was discovered that we had “ghost” duplicate invoices being recorded in QuickBooks and some inventory inconsistencies. These issues were not actual shortages or surpluses just reporting issues. Our new CPA has been working on these issues. Intergroup is also working on a simpler and more accurate budget reporting for the future.

Any more questions will be brought to Ann after the meeting for clarification.

Committee Reports:

Corrections -- Victoria: In need of volunteers for the Mecklenburg County Detention Center. We currently have three meetings at this facility. Referred to the 20/20. Gaston Correctional Center will have a training on April 15 at 6:30pm. Anson Correctional Institution needs women volunteers in Polkton, NC. All other requirements and committee info in the 20/20.

CPC/PI -- Linda (co-chair): This committee is Cooperation with the Professional Community and Public Information. There are no sobriety requirements to join this committee. We had 3 speaker events since January. The rest of the report is in the 20/20.

Treatment -- Scott: Currently bringing 72 meetings into 19 facilities. The facilities we bring meetings into require that members have attended the orientation before serving on a panel. This includes all AA members. Meeting info in the 20/20.

Unity – Leslie: Our Founder’s Day picnic cannot be held at Park Road Park because of renovations being made to the park. Our new location is Pritchard Church in South End. The event will be on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Also, please take a paper survey about the Alcahthon and either fill it out today or take it back to your group to fill out. We need input from the groups about what they would like to support in the coming year. All information is in the 20/20.

Nominations/Outreach – Lindsay: We have not met yet, but we are going to meet March 30<sup>th</sup> at 11 at the Intergroup office. We need members to go to groups and ask people to participate and see who is interested in upcoming positions. We are also looking for a co-chair for this committee. Ann: the chair, treasurer and secretary need to be at Nominations committee meetings, will discuss after the meeting.

Executive Secretary Report – Ann: District 13’s DCM requested we put the Western Pre-Conference for Area 51 flyer in the 20/20. It does not have an address. The address is posted here as well as on the flyer online. Myers Memorial United Methodist Church, 301 S. New Hope Road, Gastonia, NC 28054.

Zelle is still not up and running at our bank. Therefore, in order to pay online, an invoice can be sent to you and you can pay directly from the invoice. Call Intergroup and they will send an invoice. Please put group names on the check if not already printed on the check. Please be sure to write in the name of the group, and please DO NOT use group number.

Please let Intergroup know of any groups that have folded that we have as listed meetings.

We need more after-hours phone volunteers. Our phone volunteer rotation consists of 5 men and 5 women who answer for one week after business hours. 5pm-9am Monday-Friday and all-day Saturday and Sunday. We would like to get enough volunteers so that each volunteer would only be on rotation once every 3 months/quarter. All calls are forwarded to your phone, if you don’t pick it up it goes to the next person.

Questions: Can we have a training? Can groups sign up? How to sign up?

We have not had enough interest to do a training but would love to if we had interest. We do one-on-one training currently. We do have the phone volunteer pamphlets. Groups can sign up; I would just need a list of the phone numbers of the people participating.

Anyone who is interested can email Ann, just say you are interested and provide your phone number.

**Old Business:** Hazelden Literature no longer able to be sold without paying tax. This was talked about at the last Delegates meeting and taken back to the groups. Motion made by Steve that we stop selling Hazelden literature at Intergroup. Seconded by Kate.

All in favor: 21 in person/7 online -- 28 total

Opposed: 9 in person/2 online -- 11 total

The motion passed.

Jeff: I love Hazelden literature. Could I donate Hazelden literature to Intergroup to sell if we wanted? Yes, there is nothing in our bylaws which would prevent that. It does not need to be voted on.

Alex: We are just trusted representatives. Why did we not take this back to the groups? It was taken back to the groups and discussed thoroughly at the last delegates meeting.

The handbook (bylaws) sub-committee has completed an updated draft of changes that will be sent out to all delegates. No changes to the essence of the bylaws. The PDF to be sent out has changes marked in red and blue. The changes are for clarification, punctuation and spelling. Please look over and take back to your groups for input and, if you want a group conscience, vote. The unchanged handbook is on the Intergroup website, [charlotteaa.org](http://charlotteaa.org).

Question: How long have we had the handbook without any changes? In January 2023, there were changes to sobriety requirements for some positions.

Brian: I want to add there will be a strike through words that will be deleted. The changes clear up some inconsistencies. For example, Co-Treasurer is listed as Assistant Treasurer in some places, we corrected items for uniformity. Another example: The quota calculation is changed to how we have been doing it for years instead of how handbook requires.

Question: Why haven't we been doing the Quota the handbook way?

Handbook required we poll 1/3 of all groups that are interested. We have no way of knowing or contacting 1/3 of all groups if they don't have an Intergroup rep or a current email contact. We have been deciding quorum by 1/3 of roll call from first delegates meeting of the year (January meeting). We have been using the current formula for determining Quorum since 1995 or 1996.

## **New Business:**

Nominations committee needs a co-chair since the Chair has stepped down and the Co-Chair has assumed his position. Alex volunteers. Alex is accepted as the new co-chair of the nominations committee.

Questions on planned new Plain Language Big Book.

Member states that 5 years ago a different motion, easy reading, and it has now morphed into this, feels the proper process was not followed. Changes are now not easy reading but get into gender and other issues.

Member states that this is not a replacement for the Big Book but falls under the TABB (Tools for Accessing the Big Book) Committee. It is in draft form and has not been approved yet. You can check with AA General Service for more information. Also, TABB has been setting up Zoom meetings to give a presentation and take questions. Look online or at the Area website for more information.

Added Later: Intergroup is not involved in anyway with this topic. Refer to the service structure of AA chart for clarification.

Brian makes a motion to close

Michael seconds the motion

Close: Responsibility Statement

“I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that, I am responsible.”