

Delegate's Committee Meeting

Saturday, March 21st, 2026

Meeting opened at 10am by Committee Chair Buck R, with the Serenity prayer

AA preamble: Susan

Twelve Traditions: Jack

Roll Call: Secretary Tom E

Review and Approve Previous Minutes: **Buck:**emailed & posted online a copy of minutes of previous delegates' meeting. Any edits? Minutes approved

Treasurer : Philip F

Error noticed on the report -Cost of goods sold. The "other" amount is supposed to be 1281.54 dollars.

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Committee Reports:

Chair: Buck- We do have quorum

Corrections: Reid S

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We have service opportunities M-F at the facilities. It is fantastic service work and you don't have to have any experience. The biggest issues we have is dealing with the facilities. There is an application processing that you to be approved and training by that facility. If you are interested, just be patient. It could take a few months to be approved by the facility. If you are not interested in going into the facility. We still have opportunities to be of service. We have the correction's correspondence , which is where you write letters to the incarcerated alcoholics. We also have the pre-

release program ,which is when one of these incarcerated alcoholics is getting out, they are paired with another alcoholic so they can go to meetings and introduce them to the fellowship and a sponsor.

Question- when are the actual meetings?

Reid: Most meeting are in the evenings but there are a couple of meetings in the morning.

Question- Rhett - Are there different rules for service commitments for the state versus the county facilitates ?

Reid: For state facilities , the rule is you have to be off of probation for over 1 year. Mecklenburg county specifically , they require it has to be 10 years since your last felony and 5 years since your last misdemeanor. Gaston county has different requirements to be of service.

All these facilities have different processes and rules and our job as a committee , is to be a liaison to them.

CPC/PI: Joe D

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Recent engagements- VA hospital in Salisbury for a health fair. Spoke with group of about 90 pastors at MeckMin. Also, spoke at our regular commitment with Atrium- Carolina School of Nursing. We usually get about 50-60 nurses we present to.

Involvement opportunities-

If anyone is aware of community or professional organizations that we should connect with like MeckMin or like the NC Bar Association. Someplace where we can explain what AA is and does.

Also, if anyone is aware of any community health fairs to distribute pamphlets and share what AA is, Email us.

Lastly, if anyone doesn't want to speak at these events and wants to be of service, there is behind the scenes work. Like needing assistance with inventory of pamphlets. Lots of opportunities to get involved.

Question- What are the speaker requirements?

Joe: At least 1 year of sobriety. We do require that someone observe a previous talk. Also the person has to be a regular attendee at committee meetings. It is okay for someone who is new in sobriety to be of service.

Treatment: Peter M

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There are always service opportunities, we can always use additional help. If anyone in your home group or you have sponsees are looking for a service commitment, information about the open meeting commitments can be gained from myself or Jason H. Please email myself or Jason.

Unity: Marshall

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Service and unity work well together, especially in our fellowship. We encourage people to come out and join the committee. Requirement is to be sober. Any experience with parties would be great. Reminder we stand on the three legacies and we do this for fun and for free. There is a flyer out to gather more information from you and your home groups. Best way to communicate your ideas is with the QR code that is included in the 20/20.

Nominations/Outreach: Chair absent. Lindsey R spoke

If you are interested in Nominations or have a sponsee who would like to get involved, there are no sobriety requirements. All you have to do is go to meetings and ask if they are involved with Intergroup. We are trying to get as many people involved with the list of groups mentioned on the Roll Call.

Many hands make light work.

Executive Secretary Report: Ann J

Starting on April 1st, 2026, we will be having a sale on some of our inventory. Some things will be up to 50% off. Some of the books have been sitting on the shelf since before I took this position. There is no reason to have funds tied up in books that aren't selling. If I decide to sellout a book and it turns out you want the book, I can special order for you. This does not apply to anything printed by AA World Services. Please, when sending in donations from your group, put your group name on the check. Sometimes I can't verify the check is coming from an AA member or AA group and I have to send the check back. Please tell your treasurer to put the group name on the check. If you are making donations through your bank, there is a memo section where you can put your group name.

I would like to thank all the volunteers we have at Intergroup. If anyone is interested in volunteering, call me and I will see what's on the schedule. We are always looking for men and women to help with after hours phone support.

If there is a change /temporary change let me know and I can update on the site.

If you are a new representative and you're not on the email list, let me know and I'll add you to the list

Question- so a book like "24 Hours A Day" will be going on sale?

Ann: No, anything that has been sitting on the inventory shelf for a long time will be going on sale. 24 Hours A Day sells.

Question- Amanda: Can you remind me of the dates of the sale ?

Ann: We will be having the sale till that inventory is gone.

Question- Ryan: for the phone volunteering, is there any sobriety requirement?

Ann: As long as the person is sober, has a sponsor and home group. For after-hour phone volunteering, the person will have to have worked through the steps.

Question- Joe: if a group is making a donation through an ACH(bank) are you able to identify which member or home group its from?

Ann: you need to put the group name in the memorial section. There is a way on our website too make contributions online.

Question- Alex: Can you give us a list of what is for sale?

Ann: I have not finalized that yet but when I do, I will put the list on the website under the bookstore.

Old Business:

Buck: I would like to offer up a bit of history on an old business item. Recently Intergroup had a fundraiser and we received a few emails stating that maybe it was a problem with the traditions. It is not our job to decide and tell you what Intergroup can or can't do. It is our job to serve you. It us up to you guys to tell us what we can or can't do. In that vain, the first paragraph , that went out to all the delegates via email, is an interpretation not necessarily fact, but we were looking up and trying to find information on the AA site. We have confirmed with AA's guide lines that allow Intergroups to to run fundraising activities to support the Intergroup. The email stated-"We would like your

group conscience on specific fundraising activities. A 50/50 raffle, a bake sale, a silent auction and selling intergroup branded items. Please take this back to your groups and let us know if your group's conscience has any concerns on any of these methods. Please share your group's input at the March delegate's meeting."

There are a few things I'd like to note for anybody that would like to share or make a motion. It will be hard if a whole bunch of hands go up at the same time. Please bear with us as we try to call on whoever is next.

A couples of general guidelines. If someone makes a motion and someone discusses for that motion, ideally the next person's share would be someone discussing against that motion. We don't want to hear four different people sharing for that motion in the same direction if there is no opposing viewpoint. If you do share, please wait till everyone who wants to share, shares, until you share again on that same motion with a maximum of two times sharing for that motion.

The way this works we need someone to come up with a motion.

Emily- Grateful Women's Group: motion to discuss. We were good with everything except for the merchandise.

Motion by Emily, to allow Intergroup for fundraising mentioned other than merchandise.

2nd motion- Fred, Saturday Morning men's group

Buck: any discussion.

Rhett: our group decided there was no conflict.

Buck: we will have to go back to the motion that is open the table and then we have options to change it. Confirming Motion on the floor: Intergroup be allowed fundraising other than merchandise.

Tom E: confirmed

Buck: anyone who is speaking needs to come up to the mic so online people can hear.

Susan: question- on the Intergroup merchandise, did we have to pay money to make the merchandise?

Buck: is there anyone here from Unity that knows for sure?

Lyndsey: The person who made them, charged us at cost. It was like 8 or 9 dollars per hat. They were being sold at like 10 or 11 dollars. They were made by a member of AA who only charged us the cost of the materials.

Anna- Fellowship of the Spirit : My group is cool with the bake sale fundraiser. There was a few questions. Two things though to mention. We were hoping we could do by a case by case basis so we can know the reason and then vote on it. I think I know the reason for the fundraiser and that was because the costs went up so much.

Ann J: The reason for the fundraiser, especially last year, is that donations were down and at the lowest they have been since 2020. Meetings weren't meeting back then and the donations were higher than they were last year.

We really struggled last year and towards the end of the year we got a lot of donations and that why we had a celebration of the 50 years of Intergroup and tried to do a fundraiser. I was having trouble paying for books.

Anna: Thank you for that. We would like the reason for a case by case basis.

Guy(not a group delegate , simply a member): Question- looked at the report and secretary's report and so on. The question my group had was, would it be reasonable to look at reducing costs at Intergroup instead of upping money? If we can live within our means, maybe instead of a 60k prudent reserve, we had costs reduced that we need only 40k prudent reserve. Is there a chance to look at that. Example - if we are going to sell hats at 10/hat with a cost of 8/hat, what happens if two years from now we have an inventory of hats and we are trying to have a sale to get rid of them? Is it possible that Intergroup looks at reducing costs instead of upping contributions?

Buck: Ann will answer that question but we need to keep discussions related to the motion that is currently on the table.

Ann J: The hats were not paid for by Intergroup, they were paid for by Unity's own budget. It definitely comes out of Intergroup but its not like it came out of

the Intergroup budget. The last three years, each year, I have cut back. If you compare the last three years, the expenses I have control over, they have gone down. The expenses I don't have control over, such as rent, utilities, etc have gone up. Intergroup did not purchase those hats, Unity purchased those hats.

We have cut costs as much as we possibly can.

Amanda: I'm representing the Awakening's group. I have a clarifying question. Are we discussing the motion that is on the floor for continuing this activity or is in hindsight? Because when I brought this up to my group, I had read the email as this is what has happened and now we are talking about this to see if it's a tradition's violation.

Buck: I think it's both. We are talking about something that is hindsight and for the future.

Joe - representing Women Celebrating Sobriety: I need clarification on why the motion pulls out the hats. Why that group sees it as a tradition violation?

Emily: It came up in our group conscience meeting that AA perceives it as promotion .

Joe- Women Celebrating Sobriety: Wanted to bring up that the hats didn't say AA. They said Intergroup. Anyone with a circle and triangle on their car, that could be consider promotion as well. I am just saying what my group thought.

Morgan- Certain Steps: My group's only question was if we are talking about internal fundraising versus external fundraising? Are we promoting this who are already part of AA or are promoting this outside of AA?

Buck: There was a flyer for many of our events on the charlotte.org website. It is my understanding it wasn't for the general public.

Cecily- Third Tradition: we did have a question about the hats. If that's not on the table, I am not going to talk about that. We were concerned on who was bidding on items and who was donating the items. Was it a violation of the traditions if it was someone from outside AA.

Lindsey: Unity committee had looked at the by-laws and it states that AA can have a fundraiser if it is done through AA by AA. All of what was donated was by members of AA to AA for us to use.

Trey: As far as anonymity, wouldn't be based on the individual who is purchasing. If someone wanted to purchase something and it was AA related, its on them as far breaking anonymity instead of someone forcing them to buy something. Is that true?

Buck: It is my understanding that this is true. Would anyone else like to comment on that?

Marshall: The Unity committee would be filtering who is donating and whether or not they are a member of AA. There is no anonymity broken .

We know when it's coming from someone in AA.

Lyndsey: If I go and buy something that says AA. If I have a shirt on that says "Dead Inside but still Sober" or we sell chips and someone takes a picture with a chip and posts in online I don't agree with it cause it does promote AA and they go back and relapse, is that not a tradition issue. So I get the idea of not wanting to have something that says AA as advertisement when people are just walking around because that person is representing AA unknowingly. If it is something like "Friends with Bill" you would have to be in AA to understand this. So when it comes to the things we did , all it says is Intergroup, that's all it said. And that's what we were trying to do. Just like a triangle. If you know, you know. You are not promoting anything, but when you're in AA you understand it. Having it being subtle is okay instead of something like " Get Sober, Charlotte AA" and that violates the tradition,. This is my opinion.

Buck: Any other discussion? Are we ready to vote? The motion on the table is that Intergroup be allowed any fundraising activities except merchandise. Any other discussion? We can do 50/50 raffle, bake sale and silent auction.

Peter: would it be more convenient to modify the motion so that we can vote on the first three things by themselves and then the merchandise separately.

Buck: so that would me a suggestion to amend the motion?

Peter: yes

Buck: we need a 2nd on amending the motion.

Monica: 2nd that.

Buck: so we vote on adjusting the motion so we are voting on each case individually. So we are going to have a discussion on amending the motion.

Lyndsey: I know there was an issue with the 50/50 and whether or not it is AA promoted gambling. So if there are opinions on it let's discuss. So I think if we are voting on each things separately makes sense cause it allows someone for the opportunity on all four of the fundraising things

Anna: My group wanted to know if they can get the reason for each thing. Should I just be in the minority?

Buck: No, this would count as a share on the topic from your group's opinion. For anyone that is new, the idea is you are sharing your group's opinion in your your group's conscience. If this is a change that your group didn't specifically discuss, you have the right to decision, or else we rebel or rebuff. You want to keep in mind your group's opinion as much as you possibly can.

Anna: Previously I mentioned my group was cool with the bake sale, silent auctioning 50/50 but we would like a reason for the fundraisers in general. We were comfortable with it as long as a reason was given for each time.

Lyndsey: From my understanding they would like to know why we need the funds when we do a fundraiser.

Ann J: last year the reason is because we couldn't afford to buy books.

Buck: one more distinction Anna. Are you suggesting that anytime we are doing fundraising activities, we bring it to the Intergroup delegates. You might have been right speaking in a minority opinion. The motion on the table right is now is second level motion and we can only vote on one motion at a time. It is that we vote on each of these four separately. We have to resolve that before we move on to something different. Thank you Anna for everything. I know I cannot make a decision like this but as a group we can do really amazing things.

Scott: can I make a motion to do all four thing right off the top and then if we want to get to piece by piece we can vote on that individual stuff. Can we have a vote on everything?

Ann J: there is already a motion on the floor.

John: Can we vote ?

Buck: you make a motion to call the question. Yes?

Buck: This ceases discussion but we need a 2nd and 2/3 majority vote to decide to vote. If you agree to that motion

John: made the motion

Joe: 2nd the motion

Monica: can we reread the motion ?

Buck: he current motion that is on the table is that we amend the current motion that we vote each of these separately

Point of order to interrupt- Do we all have our group's conscience on this particular motion ? Because we are abstaining from this vote but we don't know our group's conscience on this particular motion. Is the group okay with 3 out of 4. We don't know that.

Buck : I feel this is the right decision. What is written in the concepts , “ we are given the Right of Decision”

Similarly to what I was discussing earlier , if you are representing your group. Your group has discussed what went out in the email . Your group may have discussed whether or not everything together or nothing at all, or they may have a completely different direction they wanted to go in and you may have not covered the idea of what came up was the four different things being voted for separately being amended to the current motion.

If they didn't, the way AA works and generally in the AA concepts is that you have Right of Decision. You want to make your best educated guess what your group's opinion on everything with the discussion you heard.

So we are calling the question for the amend. We are only voting to vote right now. We have to get 2/3 of the people raising their hands, so that we choose to vote on the amendment for the present motion that is on the table

John: I came here representing four entities. Does that mean I have four votes?

Buck: no

Ann J: all four of those entities need to show up to have a vote

Joe: I have an 11:30 lunch appt . Was wondering how long it will take to do this

Buck: I do not know. We are voting to vote. Will everybody in favor of calling to question and proceeding to vote on the amendment to the motion currently on the table, please raise your hand.

We have done it, the vote is more than 2/3 in favor. We are going to vote to amend the motion that is currently on the table with Peter's suggestion.

Now we are voting for the amendment, what we are doing is changing the current motion that is on the table to the amended motion that we are going to vote on each one of these separately. To be clear, we are voting whether or not we are going to vote for each fundraiser thing individually.

All in favor with the motion that is currently on the table that we are voting for each thing separately, please raise your hand.

We have 2/3 votes so the motion that is currently on the table is amended so that we are going to vote for everything individually.

Is there any discussion on voting for all four things? Does anyone want to share on one of the four things prior to voting? or all of them?

If this motion passes and your group has an opinion going the other way, then we ask people to share that minority opinion. I have seen a room full of 100s of alcoholics change their opinion based on a minority opinion. Just to familiarize you with the process. If we vote all these things through and we have an opinion that disagrees with any of the four things, then one of the options on the majority side has to say suggest reviewing the question. One person has to decide that they would change their vote were they given the opportunity. Then we could vote on that and we are re-voting based on that minority opinion changing people's minds

Buck continues- We are first going to vote on the 50/50 raffle if there is no discussion .

Ann J: I am speaking as an alcoholic, not as Exec Sec. I have seen many lives ruined by people in AA who are gambling. I don't believe that any AA function

or AA fundraising or anything associated with AA should have the possibility of another addiction coming into it. I am anti 50/50 raffles. I think it brings something out in us that doesn't need to be brought out.

Joe: we did this in my home group. We talked about the fact that both sugar /food is another addiction. My group discussed that we can eliminate the exposure to potential addictions.

Leslie: originally we were asked as a fellowship whether or not it was a traditions violation to engage in the four things that were listed in the email. It is a much broader question to be voting on if we think our Intergroup should use these four fundraising things to raise money . It is different question that what we took back to the groups. Im opposed to the consideration of voting all four at the same time versus separating them because I think we are asking the wrong question. The question is are we voting for Intergroup to use these as revenue producing activities.

Buck: I am going to reread the email that went out to the delegates.” We would like your group conscience on these specific fundraising activities. A 50/50 raffle , a bake sale, a silent auction, and selling Intergroup branded items. Please take this back to your groups and let us know if your group's conscience has any concerns with any of these methods.

Raven: My group talked about this and we are very pro fundraising. We try to limit things based on triggers. Just like other people said about sugar.

Valerie- representing the Focus Group: wondering if this is endorsing businesses or products? Which I don't believe AA should be endorsing.

Amanda, representing The Awakenings Group: I also took to the group the mins from the last meeting. It said “ we are going to have something for everyone to take back to their home groups. The discussion will not be at this meeting, but at the delegate's meeting in March. At the recent Unity Anniversary celebration, we had a bake sale, a 50/50, silent auction and had some merchandise for sale to support Intergroup. Some members raised concerns these things might be inconsistent with the Traditions. We would like to get your group's perspective and have a discussion on our next meeting.” The way that I read that to my group was this already happened and we

want to know if this is a Tradition's violation. As for me as a delegate for my group, I didn't think about "are we going to do this going forward". I also don't feel comfortable voting on this right now because we didn't get to go into this. I don't think this was given to us, in the way that I read it, that we should vote right now.

Guy: Does Intergroup charge rent to the Home groups that are there?

Ann J: yes we do

Guy: Is it possible that those tenants that rent there can have a rent increase to offset some of the other fundraising

Ann J: Since I have been here, I have made them all sign new contracts and I raised their rent. It is always a possibility and actually if we are going to follow AA guidelines, no meeting should even be here.

Guy: Charlotte Intergroup is a landlord as well as looking at fundraising?

Ann J: We cannot call ourselves that because it puts us in whole other tax thing but we ask for monthly contributions from each group for a certain amount.

Guy: Is it a contribution that they don't have to pay or is it a requirement to use the space.

Ann J: This is where it gets weird with the legalities and the CPA. It is a suggested. Its a suggested contribution but if they don't make it, I contact them and you missed the contribution for this date. So everybody is up to date.

Guy: is it rent or a contribution?

Ann J: Legally I can't use the word rent. Being a landlord there is something else you have to file, so they are called suggested contributions. You have to make those contributions in order to meet here.

Guy: So are we skirting the law?

Ann J: No.

Buck: This is not discussing the notion that is on the table, but that can come top in New Business. We have a couple of options based on Robert's Rules of Order. 1. We postpone based on some of the information we had. This isn't the motion that we can make. Again, you guys are the one's making the decisions and running the whole thing. We are just trying to keep everything inline. However we have already voted to call the question which forces the vote. We were having a discussion on that.

Leslie: Motion to postpone.

Buck: do we have a 2nd .

Group: yes

Buck: So we are currently voting on postponement. We just need a simple majority of votes(greater than 50%) for us to postpone this consideration till the next meeting. We can have a discussion on postponing. Any discussion ?

Sandy: Our group voted on all four of these issues. Has everybody else's group discussed these issues and are ready to vote?

Trey: just representing myself. I can hear there is a lot of noes and yeses. Until we come up with a majority decision , we should postpone. I wouldn't want to make a decision when I hear other group's haven't made a decision.

Amanda: I read this as I read to my group and we read this as a Tradition's violation . So we are not ready to vote. I would appreciate the opportunity to take this back to my group now that I have clarity

Buck: Is there any discussion against postponing?

Valerie: I didn't receive the email mention to take to my home group.

Ann J: You are on the email list and I don't understand why your not getting the emails. Why don't you call me on Monday an we will make sure it is corrected.

Buck: is there any further discussion before we go ahead on postponement and move on to the rest of our agenda? All in favor of postponement? We have a simple majority vote so that is postponement. We will have an email and

minutes from this meeting to take back to your home groups. We will then bring this to the next Delegate's meeting.

Buck: We have two co-chair positions open. One is assistant secretary under Tom E, and the other one will be working with Jason on Nominations and Outreach. You do not need to have any experience but you do need to have 2 years of sobriety. The steering committee meetings are every other month and coming to the delegates meeting the following Saturday.

Tom E: I have been doing this for 3 different meetings. I did not have a full year as co-chair. I do roll call and take minutes at the steering committee meeting and the delegate's meeting. I have to turn the mins in 3-5 days after each meeting. The steering meeting is the Thursday before the delegate's meeting. Every other month.

Buck: We are asking for two people to stand for these two positions. Is there any other new business?

Let's close with the Responsibility Statement and we will move to adjourn.

Buck : Let's adjourn the meeting. Raise your hands to 2nd.

Close : 11:36am

New Business: Buck

We do not have anyone for either of the two positions, Nominations/Outreach Committee. Is there anyone here who would like to stand for a nomination? No answer. Buck has one person who would like to stand for the nomination.

Jason S- My sobriety date Sept 13, 2023. Home group is the Southern Pacific group. I am taking a meeting to Annuvia detox.

Buck- We are taking a vote for nomination of Jason to be chair for Nominations/Outreach. All in favor? Jason S is elected.

Buck R-other new business:We are going to have something for everyone to take back to their home groups. The discussion for this, will not be at this meeting but will be for the Delegate s meeting in March. At the recent Unity anniversary celebration, we had a bake sale, a 50/50, a silent auction, and had some merchandise for sale to support intergroup. Some members raised concerns that these things might be inconsistent with the traditions. We would like to get your home group s perspective and have a discussion at our next meeting.

Motion to Close the meeting: **Buck**

Request to adjourn the meeting: Approved

Closed the meeting with the responsibility pledge 10:45am.