

## Unity Intergroup Meeting Minutes August 12, 2017

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*SUN: Saint Louis Park (Cathy G),*

*MON: Anoka (Cal N), Robbinsdale (Sheila L),*

*TUE: Bloomington (Gene O), Roseville (Lila J), Minneapolis (Michelle A), Wayzata (Carolyn S),*

*WED: Crystal (Annette PR), Saint Paul (Melissa A),*

*THUR:*

*FRI: Woodbury (Jill S),*

*SAT: Saint Paul (Debbie N, Patti S), Golden Valley (Betty C), Eden Prairie (Jean K), Circle Pines (Paul B), Minneapolis (Aaryn W)*

*UIG TRUSTED SERVANTS: Buffalo Retreat Co-Chair: (Jean K, Nancy K), Hot Line Volunteer Coordinator: (Nancy K), IG Chair: (Mary T), IG Treasurer: (Suzanne J), IG Vice Chair: (Jill S), Print Coordinator: (Cal N), Professional Outreach Chair: (Cathi J), Public Information Chair: (Margie A), Quick Step Chair: (Gene O), Region 4 Officer: (Annette P), Region 4 Representative: (Cathi J, Roxanne P, Paul B), Region 4 Representative (Alternate): (Margie A), Registrar: (Jill S), Sponsorship Workshop Co-Chair: (Margie A), State Convention Coordinator: (Cathi J), Teleconference Coordinator: (Cathy G), Twelve Step Within Chair: (Carolyn S), WSBC Delegate: (Roxanne P), Literature Coordinator: (Dawn S), Website Coordinator: (Beth K), Social Media Coordinator: (Howard W)*

**1. Call to Order:** Welcome and Serenity Prayer.

**2. Chair Remarks:** Mary T. read Concept 8.

**3. Vice Chair Remarks:** Jill S. read Tradition 8. New Intergroup representatives were welcomed and asked to meet with Jill S. after the Intergroup meeting to receive the Intergroup Representative Handbook.

**4. Secretary's Report:** Jill S. presented the minutes of the June meeting for Rebecca W. After the review, a motion was made by Gene O. to pass the July minutes as amended, it was seconded by Cathy G., and the motion passed. Any new representatives were asked to sign up for Talking Points with the Secretary after the meeting.

**5. Treasurer's Report:** Suzanne J. presented the Income and Expense Report for July and the Budget vs. Actual – July 2017 to July 2017 Report. It was suggested that the prudent reserve should be the income and expenses plus other annual expenses, which would be approximately \$10,000. Mary T. stated that the expenses for travel for Region 4 and World Service representatives will need to be discussed because it has been expensive during the last year. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report, it was seconded and the motion passed.

**6. Newsletter Responsibility:** September: Anoka, Monday night meeting. October: Woodbury, Friday 10am meeting. November: The Board. December: Minneapolis, Monday night. Groups should have their articles submitted by the third Saturday before the month assigned. Please continue to send articles or information for the newsletter to [expressionsofunity@gmail.com](mailto:expressionsofunity@gmail.com). Representatives can also encourage members at their meetings to click on the link and read the Newsletter.

**7. Newcomer Meeting Responsibility:** August: Anoka, Monday night meeting. September: Eden Prairie. October: Bloomington 6:30 meeting. November: Robbinsdale, Monday night. Note: The Newcomer Meeting is held at Sumner Library on the third Saturday of the month from 12:45 – 2:45 pm. A committee be created to look at the descriptions/formats of Traditional OA, OA in Action and HOW in order to explain them better to the newcomer. Melissa A., Cathy G., Carolyn S. and Debbie N. stated that they were interested in being part of this committee.

**8. Old Business:** No old business was discussed.

**9. Meet and Greet:** Due to time constraints, there was no Meet and Greet.

**10. New Business:** No new business was discussed.

**For the following committees and events, no reports are expected unless noted.**

**11. State Convention:** Cathi J. thanked Carolyn S. and stated that the program committee has gotten the speakers Harlan and Cyndy, and they are working on the agenda. The information committee has already placed free ads about the convention in papers that accept public service announcements. Cathi J. asked for budgets from each of the committees. Gene O. will be the convention treasurer. There will be a reimbursement sheet that people will need to fill out to get paid for convention items. Cathi J. also stated that the artist is working on the trifold mailing. She wants to have it done early because if it is two weeks early it will be less expensive and extra services will be provided. It was noted that the registration committee will be covered by another meeting.

**12. Bylaws Committee:** Bob S. stated that a motion to remove the finance committee from the bylaws will be on the website for 30 days before it can be voted on by the Intergroup.

**13. Professional Outreach:** Cathi J. stated that she and Margie A. gave the Professional Outreach presentation to a doctor and a dietician at the Melrose Clinic. The Professional Outreach Committee will be on hold until after the convention, because Cathi J. is the coordinator.

**14. OA Quick Steps:** The next Quick Steps will be September 16 and 30 at the Mayflower United Church in Minneapolis.

**15. Public Information:** No report.

**16. Registrar:** This position is open. Jill S. asked that all of the representatives check to be sure that the contact and meeting information is up to date in the purple book.

**17. Sponsorship:** Carolyn S. made a motion to roll the Sponsorship Committee into the 12 Step Within Committee. After some brief discussion, Cathy G. seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**18. 12<sup>th</sup> Step Within:** Carolyn S. reminded everyone that the committee's next event is the *ABCs of Abstinence* at the Arboretum on September 23 from 9am to 4pm. The room at the Arboretum will only hold 50 people, so anyone who wants to attend must register early. There may be the option of listening on line for \$10.

**19. Big Book Study:** No report

**20. Buffalo Retreat:** No report. The 2018 Buffalo Retreat will be held on April 6, 7, and 8, which is the weekend after Easter.

**21. Region 4:** Annette P. asked that all Region 4 representatives register again for the Red River Valley Intergroup Annual Retreat to be held on October 6-8<sup>th</sup> in North Dakota.

**World Service:** No report.

**23. Literature:** Dawn S. stated that the literature that the Intergroup currently has will be sold at the convention. There is approximately \$1200 in pamphlets, and there is literature for Spanish speakers that needs to be sold. Dawn S. also stated that if anyone is interested in purchasing the New 12 Step Workbook, it is \$15.25 with shipping.

**24. Email and Event:** Howard W. will continue to hold this position.

**25. Hot Line:** No report.

**26. Printing:** Cal N. stated that he got toner, and everything is good.

**27. Web:** Beth K. stated that each person searches websites in their own way, so they are trying to get everything on the website updated. Mary T. stated that she primarily uses her phone to search websites so she would like to see the site built for this. Aaryn W. seconded this, stating that more than 50% of the population use their phones to search for information. Carolyn S. and Debbie N suggested that the pictures being used on the website don't correlate with the events being linked to. Beth K. explained that the web person needs original artwork that is accessible for use rather than pdfs for the links. She stated that the links have to have pictures, so provide a graphic if something special required.

**28. Teleconference:** Cathy G stated that the phone number is 515-739-1034 and the access code is 468702.

**29. Social Media:** No report.

**28. Adjournment and Serenity Prayer:** Beth K. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dawn S. seconded this, and motion passed.