

Unity Intergroup Meeting Minutes January 14, 2017

SUN: Saint Louis Park(Cathi J, Beth K),

MON: Anoka(Cal N), Chippewa Falls(Roxanne P, Carrie C), Robbinsdale(Rosemary F), Eagan(Ann L),

TUE: Bloomington(Gene O), Minneapolis(Tammy G, Jane Z), Wayzata(Cheryl R),

WED: Crystal(Annette P),

THUR: Chippewa Falls(Carrie C, Roxanne P),

FRI: Woodbury(Jill S), Saint Paul(Kathryn E, Chris K),

SAT: Roseville(Chris K), Eden Prairie(Steve R), Circle Pines(Kirsten J, Paul B), Monticello(Melinda L), *New Member(Chris K),

UIG TRUSTED SERVANTS: Bylaws Chair: (Bob S), IG Secretary: (Jill S), IG Treasurer: (Suzanne J), IG Vice Chair: (Dawn S), Literature Coordinator: (Sasha K), Newcomer Meeting Co-Coordinator: (Ed K, Chris K), Print & Web Coordinator: (Lance R), Professional Outreach Chair: (Kathryn E), Quick Step Chair: (Gene O), Region 4 Officer: (Annette P, Bob S), Region 4 Representative: (Sasha K, Melissa A, Cathi J), Registrar: (Cheryl R), State Convention Chair: (Beth K), Teleconference Coordinator: (Ed K), Twelve Step Within Chair: (Paul B), WSBC Delegate: (Roxanne P, Melissa A, Bob S), WSBC Delegate (Alternate): (Suzanne J),

1. Call to Order: Welcome and Serenity Prayer.

2. Chair Remarks: Mary T. read Concept 1.

3. Vice Chair Remarks: Dawn S. read Tradition 1. New Intergroup representatives were welcomed and asked to meet with Dawn S. after the Intergroup meeting to receive the Intergroup Representative Handbook.

4. Secretary's Report: Jill S. presented the minutes for the December meeting. After the review, a motion was made by Pat W. to pass the December minutes as amended, it was seconded by Dawn S., 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 December and the Budget vs. Actual - July to December 2016 Report. She stated that she is waiting to receive money back from the hotel for an expense that was incorrectly charged to the Intergroup during the convention. She and Beth K. are still working on the final convention report, and it will be presented at a future Intergroup meeting. Jill S. made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Mary T. seconded it and the motion passed.

6. Newsletter Responsibility: No one was voted in as the Newsletter editor, but one person was suggested for the position and will be contacted to see if she is interested. February: New Richmond, Monday 6:30pm meeting. March: Chippewa Falls, Monday 6:30pm meeting. April: Roseville, Saturday 8am meeting. May: Open. June: Minneapolis, Monday 7:15. 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. Representatives can also encourage members at their meetings to click on the link and read the Newsletter.

7. Newcomer Meeting Responsibility: Chris K. agreed to continue on as the co-chair of the Newcomer's meeting. Sasha K. nominated himself for co-chair, Dawn S. seconded this and he was voted in by the Intergroup. January: Minneapolis HOW, Tuesday 9:30am. February: OA in Action, Tuesday 7pm. March: Minneapolis, Monday 10am. April: Open. May: Open. Note: The Newcomer Meeting is at Sumner Library on the third Saturday of the month from 12:45 – 2:15 pm.

8. Old Business: Due to time constraints of the elections, any old business was covered during the reports.

9. Meet and Greet: Due to time constraints of the elections, the Meet and Greet was bypassed.

10. New Business: Elections for open positions were held. Mary T. agreed to continue to be the Chair. Mary T. nominated Jill S. for Vice Chair, Dawn S. seconded this. Jill S. was elected to be Vice Chair by a handwritten vote. Rebecca W. volunteered to act as the Secretary until she has attended two more Intergroup meetings. Then per the bylaws, a vote can be taken to elect her for the position. Suzanne J. agreed to continue on as the Treasurer.

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

11. State Convention: It was suggested that Janelle may be interested in the position of Chairperson. The vote for this position was tabled until a future meeting.

12. Bylaws Committee: Bob S. has agreed to continue on as the Chair of this committee. There is currently a bylaws change being proposed to update the Intergroup's definition of a *group* to make it the same as the definition used by Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. This proposed bylaws change will be on the Intergroup's website for review and the change will be voted on at the February Intergroup meeting.

13. Professional Outreach: Kathryn E. reported that the Professional Outreach Committee spoke at Silver Lake Methodist Church in Oakdale on January 4 for the church's continuing education series on addiction. Cathi J. was nominated and voted in as the new Professional Outreach Chair.

14. OA Quick Steps: Gene O. agreed to continue on as the chair of the Quick Steps. The next Quick Steps is scheduled for Saturday, February 11 and 25 from 9:30am to 12:30pm at the Nativity of Mary Church in Bloomington.

15. Public Information: Margie A. agreed to continue on as the Public Information Chair. She stated that volunteers are needed for the Healthy Life Expo on February 4 and 5 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Volunteers will also be needed for the Longevity Expo on Saturday, April 8 in Maple Grove.

- 16. Registrar:** Cheryl R. agreed to continue on as the Registrar. She stated that the La Crosse meeting on Monday nights at 6pm is closing.
- 17. Sponsorship:** The Crossroads meeting is hosting the Sponsorship Workshop. Margie A. brought flyers for representatives to take back to their meetings. The workshop is being held on February 18th from 1-3:30 at Prospect Park Methodist Church. The address is 22 Orlin Ave, Minneapolis, 55414.
- 18. Treatment Center Outreach:** This remains an open position.
- 19. 12th Step Within:** Carolyn S. was elected as the new chair of the 12th Step Within Committee.
- 20. Big Book Study:** Howard W. reminded the Intergroup that per the bylaws the Big Book Study Committee will vote to elect its own chairperson. The Big Book Study will be held on May 19, 20 and 21.
- 21. Buffalo Retreat:** Debbie N. and Collette S. had mail-in registration forms for representatives to take back to their meetings. Debbie N. noted that on-line registration will be starting February 1 on the Intergroup's website. Colette S. asked that anyone who is interested in speaking alone, speaking as part of a panel, or volunteering in other ways, please contact Jenny at Roxyheart914@hotmail.com or 763-772-8616. The Buffalo Retreat will be held on March 31 to April 2 in 2017.
- 22. Region 4 and World Service:** There were five Region 4 positions open. Melissa A, Paul B, Dawn S., Roxanne P., and Jill S. were elected by a handwritten ballot. Margie A. was elected as the alternate.
- 23. Literature:** Dawn S. nominated herself for this position, and she was elected as the new Literature Coordinator.
- 24. Email and Event:** Howard W. agreed to cover this for now until someone is interested in taking the position.
- 25. Hot Line:** Nancy K. nominated herself for this position, and she was elected as the new Hot Line Coordinator
- 26. Print & Web:** Shiloh S. volunteered to be the Print Coordinator until she has her 90 days of abstinence. Then a vote can be taken to elect her into the position per the bylaws.
- 27. Web:** Suzanne J. and Mary T. will call information in to Bob W. until someone is interested in becoming the new Web Coordinator.
- 28. Teleconference:** Cal N. nominated himself for this position, and he was voted in as the Teleconference Coordinator.
- 29. Social Media:** This new position was discussed at the meeting to deal with the marketing and positioning of the Intergroup's website on Google. Its creation was approved by the Intergroup, and Howard W. was voted in as the coordinator. He will work on a job description for the position that he will submit in the future.
- 28. Adjournment and Serenity Prayer:** Carolyn S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dawn S. seconded and motion passed.