

## Unity Intergroup Meeting Minutes July 8, 2017

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

*MON: Anoka(Cal N), Chippewa Falls(Roxanne P), Robbinsdale(Sheila L), Eagan(Lucinda R),*

*TUE: Bloomington(Gene O, Cecelia L), Roseville(Lila J), Minneapolis(Jane Z, Michelle A), Shakopee(Dan D), Wayzata(Carolyn S),*

*WED: Crystal(Annette P), Saint Paul(Vicki C),*

*THUR: Chippewa Falls(Roxanne P),*

*FRI: Saint Paul(Laura K),*

*SAT: Saint Paul(Patti S), Golden Valley(Betty C), Eden Prairie(Jean K, Nancy K), Circle Pines(Paul B), Owatonna(Diane M),*

*Edina(Cal N),*

*Other: (Cheryl R),*

*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(temp volunteer): (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)*

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

**2. Chair Remarks:** Mary T. read Concept 7.

**3. Vice Chair Remarks:** Jill S. read Tradition 7. 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 Betty C. to pass the June minutes as amended, it was seconded by Gene O., 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 June and the Budget vs. Actual – July 2016 to June 2017 Report. She stated that the fiscal year ends on June 30, so anything sent in after July 1 will be on this year's report. Carolyn S. asked what the prudent reserve is and Suzanne J. stated that \$8,000 is the prudent reserve, but we usually have \$10,000. Dan D. asked if we could purchase insurance to cover the convention expenses if something like a snow storm or other event occurred. Suzanne J. stated that she would look into this and report back for the next meeting. Cathy G. made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Cathi J. seconded it and the motion passed.

**6. Newsletter Responsibility:** Michelle A. was voted in as the Newsletter chair. August: Early Birds- St Paul, Saturday 7:30am meeting. September: Anoka, Monday night meeting. October: Woodbury, Friday 10am meeting. 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:** July: Early Birds- St Paul, Saturday 7:30am meeting. August: Anoka, Monday night meeting. September: Eden Prairie Note: The Newcomer Meeting is at Sumner Library on the third Saturday of the month from 12:45 – 2:45 pm.

**8. Old Business:** Bob S. came to the recent board meeting to discuss the finance committee meetings situation.

**9. Meet and Greet:**

**10. New Business:** Mary T. briefly discussed the meetings that the board and Howard W. have had about the Big Book Study. She stated that the Big Book Study has been very successful for 12 years, but Traditions 2, 4, 6 and the spirit of rotation suggest that there are issues with continuing to have it sponsored by the Intergroup. She has spoken with the Region 4 trustee about this as well. In September, the Intergroup will have a more lengthy discussion about the Big Book Study, so Mary T. asked that everyone review the Traditions before this meeting.

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

**11. State Convention:** Cathi J. has become the coordinator for the State Convention. She compiled a list of committees and volunteers, which she passed out to the Intergroup. The 12 committees all had volunteers except for entertainment, which the Golden Valley Saturday morning meeting was willing to do. The program theme is *Coming Together: A Design for Living Beyond Our Wildest Dreams*. Two keynote speakers have already been found to speak. The public information committee is still in need of a graphic artist. The next convention meeting will be held before the board meeting on Wednesday, July 26 at 7:30pm at Mary T.'s.

**12. Bylaws Committee:** Bob S. was unable to attend the meeting, so Mary T. gave his report. After meeting with the board, Bob S. is working on a bylaws change to remove the finance committee meetings from the bylaws. The Intergroup has a difficult time finding volunteers for this and getting these meetings completed. Other areas of the Intergroup are having trouble finding volunteers as well. He discussed the possibility of doing strategic planning to pare down the areas that the Intergroup is trying to focus on. He stated that the Intergroup attempts to do a lot of things, while other Intergroups around the country are doing much less.

**13. Professional Outreach:** Cathi J. stated that she is going to speak at the Melrose Clinic with Margie A. next week. The committee is down to Cathi J. and Margie A. Dianne M. and Lucinda R. said that they would be interested in being on the committee.

- 14. OA Quick Steps:** The next Quick Steps will be September 16 and 30 at the Mayflower United Church in Minneapolis.
- 15. Public Information:** Margie A. will be speaking at the Melrose Clinic with Cathi J. next week.
- 16. Registrar:** Cheryl R. stated that there are two new meetings and the Monticello meeting has closed. She asked that all of the representatives check to be sure that the contact and meeting information is up to date. Also, if their meeting has a dial in number, please put it in the purple book.
- 17. Sponsorship:** The chair position for this committee is still open. Annette A. stated that World Service Business Conference has designated the third Saturday in August as Sponsorship Day. This year it is August 19<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that the 12<sup>th</sup> Step Within Committee could host Sponsorship Day next year and have Sheila J. from California speak.
- 18. 12<sup>th</sup> Step Within:** Carolyn S. stated that 66 people attended the *Back to Basics* workshop and they made \$510 from the event. The speaker Joanne C. did an excellent job. 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.
- 19. Big Book Study:** Howard W. had no report other than to state that the Big Book Study made \$790 during May and June.
- 20. Buffalo Retreat:** The 2018 Buffalo Retreat will be held on April 6, 7, and 8, which is the weekend after Easter. Gopher State has agreed to provide their services again for the 2018 retreat.
- 21. Region 4:** The Region 4 Chair Annette P. stated that there are only three committees for Region 4 - Ways and Means, Outreach and Convention. The 10<sup>th</sup> Step Journals and phone caddies are currently being sold by the Ways and Means committee to help to fund the Region 4's activities. Other new items will be sold at the Region 4 convention. Cathi J. stated that Outreach committee has determined that Region 4's website and other activities will focus on being a resource for how to do outreach rather than doing the actual outreach for these groups. The Outreach committee is trying to narrow its focus in order to provide more useful information and services.
- World Service:** Annette P. stated that the treasurer from World Service board of trustees has asked that meetings make online electronic donations rather than sending them by mail. This would save money for other uses. A new translation fund has been established for non -English speaking countries to get World Service documents online without cost to them.
- 23. Literature:** Dawn S. was not able to attend, but reported that some groups have been buying books from the Intergroup stock and some books were returned by Carolyn S. after the *Back to Basics* workshop.
- 24. Email and Event:** Michelle A. was voted in as the email and event coordinator.
- 25. Hot Line:** Nancy K. stated that this month she had about two calls per week.
- 26. Printing:** Cal N. had no report.
- 27. Web:** Beth K. was not able to attend. Mary T. stated that the website is up and running. There are still some improvements that need to be made.
- 28. Teleconference:** Cheryl R. set up the system this month and Cathy G. will take over next month. The new phone number is 515-739-1034 and the access code is 468702.
- 29. Social Media:** Howard W. stated that there have been about 10-12 hits per day, which is about the same as before.
- 28. Adjournment and Serenity Prayer:** Carolyn S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Laura K. seconded this, and motion passed.