

Intergroup Representative Meeting  
January 28, 2020 Minutes  
6:30-8:00 pm  
PS 41 106 W 11th St (6th Ave.&7th Ave)

- 6:30 Serenity prayer
- 6:32 Conference Approved Literature: Courage to Change - January 11th.
- 6:35 Acceptance of October IR Minutes
  - Questions
  - Motion
  - Minutes pass unanimously

6:36 Introductions (The Board, IR s)

Old Business

- 6:38 Al Anon Reusable Tote Bag Fundraiser, Presentation (JB)
  - Working on slogan for bag perhaps, "Serenity"
  - May give Al-ateen pamphlet on serenity to kick-start the fundraiser.
  - Signup sheet for project committee passed around.
  - Need more research on slogan and costs for the tote-bag.
  - Asked IR s to tell their groups about the fundraiser.
  - IR commented that this was a timely project as stores are phasing out using plastic bags.
  - Vote next time.

Reports

Administrative Report (JB)

- 6:42 -Literature supplies are getting low.
  - \$2,000.00 -2,500.00 currently in stock.
  - Placing order soon as Office Manager has returned from vacation.

Treasury (JB, B)

- 6:45 We made a transfer of \$8,000.00 from savings to checking in early November 2019 in accordance with our new bequest policy. The bequest policy was passed in July 2019. Our savings account currently has \$47,360.53. Tonight's handout shows how these funds are designated. Our current P&L statement is also available. Prudent Reserve has been restored to \$21,000.00 as determined by the IR s in July 2019. P&L shows significant changes. Donations have decreased. While expenses have increased by 8.1% and literature sales have decreased by 16%. Salary costs were greater as there were more pay periods last year. Our recent bequest kept us solvent for the year. We need to increase our income in order that we are self supporting. Our proposed budget plans for increased literature sales. We will ship to our groups. Third party vendors are

more expensive. As always, we need the continued support of groups and individual members to cover the operating costs of providing literature and servicing the website.

#### Discussion (the Board, IR s)

6:54 -How Can We Raise Funds for Intergroup?

- Ask group to consider Intergroup when doing quarterly donations.
- At each 7th tradition pass around a separate envelope for Intergroup
- Encourage both individuals and groups to donate on a monthly basis.

7:00 Vote on Budget

- Questions/comments
- Motion
- Budget passes unanimously.

7:05 7th Tradition

- Less Outreach to report due to the Board being low on manpower. Please consider joining the Intergroup Board of Trustees. Any member, who has been an AL Anon member for 2 years is welcome to join. We suggest coming to a Board meeting to get better acquainted with us and being on the board. Our meetings are the second Monday of each month and we also attend the quarterly IR Meetings. Email the office([info@nycalanon.org](mailto:info@nycalanon.org)) if you would like to attend an upcoming Board meeting.

#### New Business

- IR Meeting Registration Update Discussion
- Brainstorm
- Any feedback on the meeting registration.

7:10 -"How often should Intergroup ask groups to update their registration?"

- Members were in favor of group registration.
- Several members stressed that group information needs to be accurate.
- Most members endorsed bi-annual registration. There was a suggestion of checking group details seasonally. Many felt that annual registration would be good.
- The office manager can handle bi-annual registration. No outside resources will be needed.

7:20 -"How do we address the reluctance of some groups to participate in the registration process?"

- Get details from a contact person for each group.
- Emphasize that contact details are for office use only.
- Clarify the role of the contact person for the group.
- Group status could be left as an internal matter for office use only.
- Intergroup does need a way to contact each group.
- Need to simplify process. Groups that have previously registered only need to indicate if there are any changes.
- Groups are encouraged to update their details at will. Bi-annual process is to ensure that all of our posted information is correct.

- Form a committee of members to visit groups that have failed to update their information.
- Email all IR contacts to ask that they make sure that their group updates their information.
- Circulate a list of meetings with pending status at IR's home group, and ask if members have information about these groups status.
- Adding group registration to the group business meeting script was suggested.
- 25% of groups updated their information. The other groups needed Intergroup to follow up in other ways.
- We no longer offer call in services for the IR meetings.

#### Announcements

- Next Share A Day
  - Saturday February 22, 2020.
  - 106 W11th St
- Alateen Focus Group
  - Tuesday, March 3, 2020 @7pm
  - 4 W 43rd St, Suite 308
- AMIAS Training
  - Sunday, February 16, 2020
  - Details available on the web [nycalanon.org](http://nycalanon.org)

7:44 Closing and Serenity Prayer