

Notes from the June Intergroup meeting held on 6/17/21

Present: Steve P; David T; Christine L; Catherine; Shana; Janet

Reports

Treasurer – David

Elizabeth is checking into having herself and a previous treasurer removed from the banking account and adding David. The minutes from the meeting noting when David was elected will be needed for this to be completed.

David made a deposit of \$242

Total in bank: \$8229.50

Literature: \$2488.10

Reserve: \$1500.00

Office Manager – Suzanne

15 calls came into the office: 5 were forwarded onto people on the phone list; 1 person called 3 times leaving 'abusive' messages; 1 12 step call; 3 misc calls; 2 other.

Visitors to the office: 4 came in for meeting guides; 13 for meeting lists; 6 to purchase books; 2 to purchase chips; 1 for a speaker; 28 drop ins. Suzanne has an Info and Referral log on the desk for volunteers to mark down visitors and the nature of their visit. Suzanne has told the volunteers if they cannot take their shift to contact her, and either she or Joey will cover.

Suzanne reports she went through the email inbox and deleted 600 emails dating back to 2016. She archived important ones, but there were a lot of unimportant ones ie: telemarketers (spam) that were done away with.

Web Servant – Catherine

Catherine has added the schedule of when central office is open and manned to the home page on the website. She has added the June newsletter and incorporated Winslow's new headers and his message, creating a very pleasing Newsletter page. She is updating the website as meeting changes are reported ie: location, in person or zoom or hybrid. As meetings continue to re-open, changes occur frequently; the website is the most up to date source for current information on meetings.

Newsletter – Winslow (report by text)

July 2021 newsletter is just about finished. Just need numbers from Elizabeth. I've secured the grille for the 4th picnic.

Events – Christine and Janet

Christine went over the budget spreadsheet she created for the upcoming 4th of July picnic to be held at Riverside park. We are planning for 200 people. She plans to do the shopping at Cash and Carry in Medford in advance and store the perishables in Suzanne's freezer. She asked how does she pay for the purchases? Janet advised to get a check from Elizabeth ahead of time for an amount slightly over the budget. The she brings the receipt and change back.

Christine's budget came in at just under \$900; but after factoring in Districts contribution of \$200 worth of drinks, plates, and utensils, her budget will be less. She will add in coffee and creamer and remove potato chips from the list. (Suzanne recommended checking at central office for coffee since they don't make it there anymore.)

Christine has the AA speaker secured but still needs to contact an Al-anon speaker. Winslow gave her a name of Bunny, but she doesn't have any contact info. Suzanne said she will ask around and get the number for Bunny for Christine.

Christine will need help with decorating, set up and clean up. She and Janet will be there at 9 to start; event kicks off at 10:30. Intergroup members will announce at meetings that help is appreciated and Suzanne will post it on the Hi-Lo website.

Janet asked if anyone sees Les on a regular basis? He normally provides the PA system for events. Steve said he will contact Les.

At previous events, in appreciation, we've given speakers a gift certificate for literature at Central Office. Janet will research how much the certificates have been and get those. Tony will do the 50/50 raffle. Christine asked about supplying games. Steve said people usually bring games on their own.

Group check in

Turning Point – doing well, new members every meeting. They are doing hybrid and getting quite a few for each.

Women's Safe Haven – 17 – 22 members still on Zoom. They are ready to make a donation.

Looking Forward – Sat am Live 10-12 members; Sat am zoom 12-19 members;
Thurs am zoom 3-6

New Business

Steve opened with the concern that ½ of the groups are still closed and attendance is down. We're going to need a lot of people being of service when people are ready to return to recovery after relapsing or disconnecting during covid. How can we get our members to step up?

Catherine reported that each week meetings are re-opening. The estimate is that only 3-4 are still closed. Janet advised that all meetings know to contact the web servant with changes; it's their responsibility to keep their info up to date.

Catherine suggested the meetings could be split up amongst all the IG members and we could 'invade' the meetings and make announcements. We need you at Intergroup. We need GSR's from the meetings.. GSR's may not know they can attend IG and District. We can inform!

Motion to close by Steve at 8:56 pm