

GREATER TORONTO AREA INTERGROUP

General Meeting Tuesday, August 28, 2007

The meeting convened at 8 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Harold Y. (Port Credit) read the Twelve Traditions.

THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT: All Hope, Anniversary, Back to Basics (Richmond Hill), Beaches, Bloordale, Bramalea, Brampton Recovery, Church Street, City Central, Credit Valley, Erin Mills, Glenholme, Golden Mile, High Park, Hill, Isabella Crosstown, Keep It Simple (Scarborough), Kingsway, Kipling, Midtown, Mount Dennis, North Toronto, Oakville, Orleta (Polish), Parkway, Primary Purpose, Reaching Out, Responsibility, Richmond Hill, Rox Glen Traditional, Royal York, Shepherd, Silverbirch, Spiritual Progress, St. Clements, Sunnyside, Thornhill, Tuesday Night Disc., Twelve Steps, Unionville, Welcome, Westmoreland, Weston, Willowdale, Yorkville. **District Liaisons:** Districts 02, 06, 14, 18, and 22. **Subcommittee Chairs:** Archives, Corrections, Newsletter, Access Ability, ORC 2008.

Adoption of Minutes – July 2007

MOTION to adopt Minutes as presented moved by Wayne O. (Anniversary) and seconded by Peter (Isabella Crosstown). MOTION IS CARRIED.

Chairperson's Opening Remarks: Stephanie asked that Subcommittee Chairs keep their reports as brief as possible.

There was a collection of the 7th Tradition, which totaled **\$140.93** after coffee expenses.

FINANCE: Bar Graph for the month of July indicates an Income of \$9,321 and Expenses of \$16,025, for a difference of -\$6,704. Literature sales have been slower in the summer months. The Accounts Receivable figures are improving: the current figure is \$13,023, which is doing better by \$3,000, as compared the June A/R figure. Reps are asked to request their group treasurer/librarian to call 234 for an update of their literature accounts. **2 Finance Committee members are needed.** 5 years of continuous sobriety and some accounting/business background would be helpful (but not necessary) for these service positions. *Please send resumes to 234.*

Ad hoc RECOMMENDATION COMMITTEE: This committee needs **volunteers** to spread awareness of previous *ad hoc* Position Paper objectives. Requirements: "Enthusiasm and commitment!" **Next meeting:** Thurs. Sept.6 at 6:30 p.m. at 234. *Please see Motion under New Business re: ad hoc recommendations.*

ACCESS ABILITY: This committee **needs a secretary.** **Next meeting:** Sun. Sept.16 at 11 a.m. at 234.

NEWSLETTER: This committee **needs volunteers;** they also need a Secretary and Circulations person. **Deadline for all submissions:** 10th of every month. **Next Meeting:** Wed., Sept.19 at 7 p.m. at 234.

ARCHIVES: Tickets/Flyers provided for reps for the event, to be held Sun.Oct.4 at the Oasis Convention Centre. Tickets: \$25. **Next Meeting:** Fri., Sept.14 at 7 p.m. at 234.

CORRECTIONS: There are two new Corrections Chairs from District 10 & 22. **Next meeting:** Mon. Sept.3 at 7 p.m. at 234.

CPC: There was no report given. **Next Meeting:** Mon., Sept.10 at 7 p.m. at 234.

GRAPEVINE: There was no report given. **Next Meeting:** Thurs., Sept.13 at 7 p.m. at 234.

ORC 2008: There will be a dance on Friday night, in addition to Saturday night. The winning ORC 2008 Graphics submission was Gary (Fronrunners Group).

PUBLIC INFORMATION: There was no report given. **Next Meeting:** Mon., Sept.17 at 7:30 p.m. at 234.

RECEPTION: 46 Reps and 13 alternates, plus 4 additional members were present at this meeting.

SELF-SUPPORT: There was no report given. **Next Meeting:** Wed., Sept.5 at 7 p.m. at 234.

TWELFTH STEP: There was no report given. **Next Meeting:** Fri., Sept.28 at 6:30 p.m. at 234.

WEBSITE: The Webmaster role has been filled. A package for new web volunteers is being created for instruction on how to update the site as required; also, a 'template page' is being created. **Volunteers are needed!** **Next meeting:** Sat. Sept.15 at 1 p.m. at 234.

WINTER SEASON OPEN HOUSE 2008: This event **NEEDS A CHAIR!** *Please send resumes to 234.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION regarding subcommittees not meeting in the summer months: John (Thornhill) withdrew the Motion, with apologies.

NEW BUSINESS

GROUP LIST UPDATE FORM: Stephanie L. (OC Chair) explained the need for updated information (phone number, address, postal code, etc.) from groups/members. Historically, it was needed for the yearly Gratitude initiative; the OC would like to emphasize the need for this updated information for 12-Step purposes. Our current database is "ancient" which makes trying to do 12-Step calls very difficult (only 312 12-Step calls were made in 2006). The decision to provide information will be up to individual members. As a result, a new Group/Member Update List will be created. **a) New Forms will be available next month, and b) "It's not just about Gratitude"** – we need this information to help Greeters do 12-Step work.

NOTICE OF MOTION from Fran H. (Kingsway): **The Kingsway Group moves that:**

1. Section 4.5 (Terms of Office of Intergroup Representatives) of the Guidelines Sections of the Procedures & Guidelines of GTA Intergroup outlining the quadrangle division of GTA and the biannual rotation selection method of new reps **be removed entirely from the Procedures & Guidelines**, as this has been made non-applicable due to changes made to the rep selection process, passed by the Fellowship in the last Referendum (*August 2006; see Referendum Results Attachment*).
2. Section 6.3 (Workshop Meetings) of the Guidelines Section of the Procedures & Guidelines of GTA Intergroup be amended to read:

'The sole function of the biannual Workshop Meetings [would] be to thoroughly orient the Intergroup reps and the Operating Committee to the Procedures & Guidelines, the GTA Intergroup structure, and the general functioning of the Office/Literature Department. All the attending OC members and reps will be given written histories and summaries of the Subcommittees off GTA Intergroup.'

Reps are asked to take this Notice of Motion back to their groups for discussion.

There being no further business, **MOTION TO CLOSE** moved by John (Thornhill) and seconded by Wayne O. (Anniversary). **MOTION IS CARRIED.**

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, September 25 at 8 p.m. at Glebe Rd. United Church.