

GREATER TORONTO AREA INTERGROUP

GENERAL MEETING Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Meeting convened at 8 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Traditions were read by Brad H. (Bayview).

THOSE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: AMAZING GRACE, ANNIVERSARY, AURORA, BACK TO BASICS, BELLAMY, BEVERLY HILLS, BLOODDALE, BRAMPTON RECOVERY, CREDIT VALLEY, DAILY REFLECTIONS, EAST YORK, FELLOWSHIP, GLENHOLME, GOLDEN MILE, HALF CENTURY, HIGH PARK, HILL, KEEP IT SIMPLE, KING CITY, KINGSWAY, LAKESHORE, LAST CHANCE, LESLIE, LIVING SOBER, MARKLAND WOOD, MOUNT DENNIS, MOUNT ROYAL, NEWMARKET, NOON RAP, PINE HILLS, PORT CREDIT, PRIMARY PURPOSE, PRINCE EDWARD, RICHMOND HILL, REACHING OUT, ROYAL YORK, SATURDAY MORNING DISCUSSION, SIX POINTS, ST CLEMENTS, CITY CENTRAL, STEPPING STONES, SUNNYSIDE, THORNHILL, THURSDAY EAST END, TWELFTH TRADITION, U OF T, UNIONVILLE, WOODBINE, WOODBRIDGE. **DISTRICT LIAISONS:** Districts 02, 06, 14, and 18. **SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS:** Corrections, Treatment, Twelfth Step, P.I., Newsletter/Website, Access Ability.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – March 2008

MOTION to adopt Minutes as presented moved by Courtney R. (Living Sober); seconded by Niels B. (Hill). CARRIED, with 1 vote against noted. There was a mistake with report under Website; Fran not Chair. Amendment noted.

Chairperson's Opening Remarks – Harold Y. (Port Credit), Operating Chairperson

This is his last meeting as Chair; it has been rewarding to "step up to the plate" in service.

7th Tradition: \$180.60

FINANCE REPORT – Gregg W. (Rox Glen), Finance Chairperson

We have finished our first quarter. We are currently operating \$16,000 ahead of our budget. He thanked Harold Y for the present budget format; Gregg greatly appreciated his assistance. These are the actual figures that come out of our Quickbooks system. Question re: WSOH – why did it get reported in February? Gregg: That's when the 2007 Committee supplied their final report.

We've done the upgrade for computer equipment. The Phone system upgrade is still in process. Cheryl (King City) had the following 2 questions: 1. Why do we need a new phone system so soon? Gregg: some people think it's outdated; some say it works OK. Harold: It's actually 14 years old. 2. Why are we purchasing new equipment, and not leasing? Harold: It's cheaper to purchase, rather than to lease the equipment. Lynn (City Central): question re: 2008 Budget \$15,000 line item. Harold: Cost due to Carole retiring (a package). Lynn (City Central): was there a non-disclosure agreement signed by Operating Committee re: Carole? Harold: no. Lynn: Carole forced to retire? Harold: Carole retired. Christina (Recovery): What is the line item regarding a consulting fee? Gregg: The Operating Committee OK'd this

procedure. There was a question about our database and server/s) being off site (Roman/ Glenholme). Gregg: new server (at 234); other servers kept crashing.

MOTION to Suspend Regular Business – ELECTIONS moved by Glen B (Back to Basics) and seconded by Mike C (Beverly Hills). CARRIED.

Elections were facilitated by Jim A. (Leslie), Alt. DCM – Dist.18

Operating Chair: Brad H. (Bayview) declined to stand; he is resigning from the Operating Committee due to time constraints. Brad thanked Floor for the opportunity in service. After each candidate gave a brief address to the Floor, a vote was taken. John M. (Thornhill) will serve as new Operating Chair; Reg S. (Melrose) will serve as 1st Vice Chair.

MOTION to destroy ballots moved by Glen (East York) and seconded by Mike C (Beverly Hills). CARRIED.

Juniors moving up to Senior: Woody K. (Willowdale), Aaron K. (Yorkville), and Bill M. (Westmoreland).

Election of 3 new Junior Operating members: Five members stood for the positions. After each candidate gave a brief address to the Floor, a vote was taken. The 3 new Operating Junior members are John (Half Century), Rita K. (Royal York), and Rick M. (Six Points).

MOTION to destroy ballots moved by Greg (Hill) and seconded by Dave K (Woodbine). CARRIED.

John M. (Thornhill) now chaired the meeting.

Due to time constraints, Subcommittee Reports were suspended for this evening. (*Treatment Facilities Subcommittee report submitted and is on file*)

NEW BUSINESS

NOTICE OF MOTION moved by **Doug R. (St. Clements); seconded by Bryan W. (Rox Glen)/Nino (Stepping Stones).** (*see attached Notice of Motion*)

This item is not to be debated tonight as per the Procedures & Guidelines.

Doug R. apologized for not dating the document, and he will sign it as putting forward the Motion.

Reps will take this Notice of Motion back to their groups for discussion for the next three months. At the end of the 3-month period, a simple majority (2/3rds) vote is needed for this to go to a 90-day referendum. Doug R. (St. Clements) mentioned 4th page; premature. *Disregard this page.* John M. (Thornhill) explained further (listen to tape). Straw vote needed for time period – for three months (from today’s date – to be debated in September; July and August don’t count).

MOTION IN FAVOUR of 3-month period: 28. **AGAINST:** 6. 1 abstention. **CARRIED.** Reps were asked to discuss this item and come back here in three months for discussion and comments.

Point of order: Bryan W. (Rox Glen): shouldn’t we discuss this now? John M. (Thornhill): no. Doug R. (St. Clements): Method of discussion of Notice of Motion is outlined in the Procedures.

Questions were fielded. Comments were made.

Comment from Maire O’B. (Leslie) re: the Notice of Motion wording being confusing; ‘Not comprehensive. The document is too complex; not clear.’

There was a suggestion of scheduling a special meeting (Harold Y./Doug R.) to deal specifically with this Notice of Motion. This will occur perhaps in June.

Lynn B. (City Central): a) ad hoc committee will make another document for purposes of clarity; b) Lynn and ad hoc members will be available to reps for questions/concerns. Lynn’s e-mail address: bridgesover@sympatico.ca

May 1 (Thurs) next ad hoc meeting. All welcome.

OLD BUSINESS

Bryan W. (Rox Glen) re: new Executive Secretary. He feels this position should be a non-alcoholic, “to give balance”. As an example, he expressed gratitude to our former Executive Secretary, Carole Keenan, and gave her accolades as to her 25-year commitment to helping carrying the message and her vast understanding of our Twelve Traditions. Bryan wanted to make a Motion to this effect. John: pointed out the change in Procedures regarding making Motions/Notice of Motions. Bryan would need to make a Notice of Motion. *This item will be discussed at a future General Meeting.*

Lynn B. (City Central): The Finance and Operating Committee promised to have Full Audit Report at this meeting. Gregg: it hasn’t been given to us yet (as it is tax time). This document will hopefully be made available for the May General Meeting.

MOTION to adjourn moved by Greg (Hill) and seconded by Dave K. (Woodbine). Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, May 27 at 8 p.m. at Glebe Rd. United Church.