

Greater Toronto Area Intergroup

GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2010

The meeting convened at 8 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Glenn G. (East York) read the Twelve Traditions. **THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT:** A Place to Share, Agincourt Acorn, Amazing Grace, Aurora, Back to Basics (Richmond Hill), Bayview, Bellamy, Bathurst, Beyond Belief, Birds of a Feather, Bloordale, Church Street, Credit Valley, Deer Park, Erin Mills, Fellowship, Glenholme, Golden Mile, Hill, Keep It Simple (Scarborough), Happy Valley, Keys to Serenity, King City, Kingsway, Kipling, Lakeshore, Lansing, Leslie, Maple, Markham Village, Meadowvale South, Midtown, Mississauga, Mount Royal-York, Orleta (Polish), Port Credit, Principles Before Personalities, Prince Edward, Reaching Out, Recovery (Thornhill), Restoration & Recovery, Rexdale United, Royal York, Saturday Morning Discussion, St. Clements, Streetsville, Sunday Northwestern, Sunnyside, Thornhill, Trial & Error, Twelfth Tradition, Twelve Steps, U of T, Unionville, Welcome, Westmoreland, Weston Sunday Open, Willowdale, and Yorkville. **District Liaisons:** Districts 02, 06, 12, 14, and 18. **Subcommittee Chairs:** Access Ability, Archives, Info AA Day, ORC, Public Information, Twelfth Step, Website/Newsletter, and WSOH. **Total number of Chairs/Reps/District Liaisons present: 76.**

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – December 2009: MOTION to adopt Minutes as presented moved by Carolyn R. (Markham Village) and seconded by Glen B. (Recovery). MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRPERSON’S OPENING REMARKS – Florence B. (Noon Rap), Operating Chairperson: Florence announced that this was her last meeting as Operating Chair, and related that this service position helped her immensely as “...there is no step for a broken heart but service”. She also announced that the **ORC 2012 Chairperson has been elected: Margaret T. (Bayview)**. Tonight there will be elections for new members of the Executive Committee (formerly called the Operating Committee).

Collection of the 7th Tradition: \$174.53.

FINANCE REPORT – Don (Hill), incoming Finance Chair:

Finance Report for the month of December 2009:

ALL FINANCE REPORTS ARE PRELIMINARY PENDING YEAR END ADJUSTMENTS FOR BOTH 2008 AND 2009

Summary:

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>NET INCOME</u>
DECEMBER	\$20,899	\$14,263	\$6,580
COMPARISON TO BUDGET	-3,273	-1,499	-1,404
DECEMBER YEAR TO DATE	\$265,209	\$169,898	\$94,930
COMPARISON TO BUDGET	46,828	- 40,824	92,392

December income is under budget mainly due to group donations being lower than expected. Year to date income exceeds budget significantly due to group donations, gratitude, ORC contribution and increased sales. Expenses continued under budget in most categories. Year-to-date expenses are lower than expected due to salary costs, delayed audit billing, 2007 property tax rebate and 2008 refund and committee expenses.

In detail: In the month of December, donations were \$14,658, under budget by \$3,742. Year-to-date donations were \$155,328, which was \$25,262 over budget. December Income before Operating Expenses was \$20,899, under budget by \$3,273. Sales were \$9,120, under budget by \$671 but offset by a decrease in Cost of Goods Sold. YTD Income before Operating Expenses was \$265,209, over budget by \$46,828 mainly due to the ORC contribution and higher than expected

individual gratitude and group donations. Total expenses for December were \$14,263, under budget by \$1,499 due to a slight under run in most operating expense categories. Year-to-date total expenses were \$169,898, which is \$40,824 under budget. In addition to deferred legal / audit expenditures, there has been a general under run in payroll, operating and committee expense. The new phone system cost less than forecast and 2007 property tax rebate and 2008 refund were not budgeted. Net income for December was \$6,580, under budget by \$1,404. Year-to-date net income was \$94,930, over budget by \$92,392 the combined impact of increases gratitude donations and group donations, the ORC contribution, deferred legal/audit expenses and lower than expected operating expenses. **Prudent Reserve as of December 30, 2009** – Book value + accrued interest: **\$124,981**.

Current projects under way for the Finance Committee include a careful review of our investment holdings in the Prudent Reserve.

MOTION to suspend regular business to facilitate elections moved by Judith (Bellamy) and seconded by Marrey (Restoration & Recovery). **MOTION CARRIED.**

Florence facilitated the election process. She announced that 5 members of the current Operating Committee have agreed to rotate on to the Executive Committee (as per the current Procedures & Guidelines):

- Elaine G. (Port Credit)
- Craig V. (Prince Edward)
- Glenn G. (East York)
- John C. (Half Century)
- Phil M. (Bloordale)

According to the current Procedures & Guidelines, a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will be elected from these 5 members by the members of the Executive Committee. Four more EC members are needed for the full committee compliment.

ELECTION PROCESS: Florence outlined the sobriety requirements (2 years of sobriety) for the four positions, including the time commitment needed (one year of service on the EC required, with an additional year optional). She then called for nominations/volunteering for the positions from the Floor. 6 members stood for election. After each of the 6 candidates gave a brief address to the Floor, a vote was taken and the ballots were tallied. **The new Executive Committee members are:**

- Amanda W. (Deer Park)
- Carolyn R. (Markham Village)
- Michael S. (Back to Basics)
- Trevor (Mississauga)

MOTION to destroy ballots moved by Glen B. (Recovery) and seconded by Marrey (Restoration & Recovery). **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION to resume some regular business moved by Glen B. (Recovery) and seconded by Amanda W. (Deer Park). **MOTION CARRIED.**

Due to time constraint, regular subcommittee reports were suspended, except for the following report (*hard copies of both Access Ability and Website/Better Times reports were submitted and on file*):

ORC 2010 – Jim B. (Saturday Morning Discussion), **2010 event Chairperson:** The event, themed ‘*Celebrating Sobriety*’ will be held March 19, 20, and 21 at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. Event placards/registration flyers were made available to reps at this meeting. For Inquiries, please call 416-487-2677 or e-mail at orc@atoronto.org. ***Pre-registration is available and encouraged. Registration: \$30. Banquet: additional \$60.*** There are early bird draws for those who register early (monthly draws for CDs and 2 prizes of one free room night at the Hotel). Recent winner of the current monthly draw is Bernadette M. (King City). All speakers are confirmed, and event planning is right on schedule. Registration for the event is going well; however, room bookings are coming in slower than expected. ***Jim asked group reps to encourage members to book rooms for the event (“...share a room with a sponsee!”), as it’s a great way to enjoy the Conference! See above website for details.*** Subcommittees who want to set up tables at the event are referred to Linda U. of the ORC committee (*see above information for contact*).

Florence thanked everyone for an enthusiastic meeting. She also announced that **there will be a Workshop for new reps at the march General Meeting (Tues. March 30 at 8 p.m. at Lansing United).**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Pledge.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, February 23 at 8 p.m. at Lansing United.