



GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019

(These Minutes **approved** by Floor Members)

The meeting convened at 8 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Zack (Gay Sober Men Group) read the Twelve Traditions.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

INTERGROUP REP/ALT: Back to Basics (Richmond Hill), Bayview, Beaches, Beverly Hills, Birds of a Feather, Bloordale, Chartwell, Danforth, Erin Mills, Fellowship, Friendly, Gay Sober Men, Glenholme, Half Century, High Park, Keep It Simple (Scarborough), King City, Kipling, Lakeshore, Lawrence Plaza, Leslie, Living Sober, Markland Wood, Midtown, Mississauga, New Anchor, New Life, North Toronto, OISE Morning Discussion, Pine Hills, Prince Edward, Queensville, Richmond Hill, Royal York, Saturday Morning Discussion, Sisters in Sobriety, Six Points, Sobriety Plus, St. Clement's, Stepping Stones Discussion, Twelfth Tradition, Welcome, Westmoreland, Willowdale, and Yorkville.

DISTRICT LIAISONS: Districts 02, 06, and 10.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Anisa S., Bert J. (EC Chair), Danielle R., Dave R., Katrina E., Marvyn W., Nina L. (EC Vice Chair), and Ron S. (Finance Chair).

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS: Accessibility, Archives, Communications, Correctional Facilities, Finance, Grapevine, Information AA Day 2019, ORC Advisory (Secretary), Public Information, Treatment (Secretary), and Twelfth Step (committee member)

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – APRIL 2019:

MOTION: to adopt Minutes as presented moved by Mike C. (Beverly Hills) and seconded by Tom M.G. (St. Clement's). Motion Carried.

CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS- Bert J. (Silverbirch), EC Chairperson:

After welcoming everyone to the assembly, Bert shared the following announcements:

- Please use recycle bin provided by the church
- We need help cleaning up after the meeting (please stack chairs eight high)
- IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: There is a defibrillator located just outside the meeting space doors at the front of meeting (to the left near kitchen)
- Subcommittee Reports for Tonight: please keep reports brief, 2 minutes max.
- Floor members wanting to address questions, etc. during the meeting: one person per group can speak
- For any concerns from members for the Executive Committee: Please email: executivechair@atoronto.org

At this point in the meeting, Executive Committee members introduced themselves to Floor members.

MOTION: To Suspension Regular Business in order to elect (1) one new EC member immediately, moved by Mike C. (Beverly Hills) and seconded by Bill (North Toronto).

Sobriety requirements: 2 years of continuous sobriety + 6 month's experience as an Intergroup Rep in the past or at the present time. EC member service position responsibilities: attending two meetings a month, plus a subcommittee liaison responsibility once a month. Bert asked for nominees/volunteers from the Floor. No member stepped forward at this time.

An Executive Committee member 'Q & A' (yellow) sheet was made available to Reps. Please announce at your groups.

FINANCE REPORT – Ron S. (North Toronto), Finance Chair: Toronto Intergroup Finance Report at April 30, 2019

SUMMARY	MAR 2019		2 nd QUARTER		2019 YEAR TO DATE		2018	2017
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual
Donations	6,005	4,700	6,005	4,700	31,507	19,800		
Literature Sales	12,659	14,500	12,659	14,500	57,818	60,500		

Cost of Sales	10,440	8,100	10,440	8,100	42,421	35,700		
Net Income	8,223	11,100	8,223	11,100	46,905	44,600		
Expenses	17,460	18,682	17,460	18,682	59,761	70,240		
Profit or Loss	9,238	7,582	9,238	7,582	12,857	25,640	14,284	25,841

We are continually making progress, in reducing cost, as you can see from our 3-year figures shown above.

SUMMARY	<u>1st Quarter</u>		<u>2nd Quarter</u>		<u>3rd Quarter</u>	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Donations	25,503	15,100				
Literature Sales	45,160	46,000				
Cost of Sales	31,981	27,600				
Net Income	38,682	27,600				
Expenses	42,716	51,183				
Profit or Loss	4,034	17,683				

Quarterly reports give a clearer idea of how we are progressing.

Additional Comments from Ron: April hasn't been that great numbers-wise; however, it is useful for use to look at the Quarterly Report numbers to get a better overall views in terms of trends. Literature sales were below budget for two reasons: the school break and the ORC event was held earlier this year, so this seems to have negatively affected Literature sales and donation numbers. Expenses were high this month. Factors for this include pre-paid items (Concepts Workshop, ORC Receivables, Information AA Day event costs). For example: Information AA Day (which is an event held in June this year) cost was \$1,200 to secure the event location. Ron stated that the pre-paid method reduces future accounting errors. To sum, "Everything is going in the right direction".

A New Finance Committee member is needed for September, to rotate into the Finance Chair position for 2020. 5 years of continuous sobriety and accounting experience/accounting designation in needed for this service position.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCESSIBILITY: De R. (K.F.), Chairperson:

Good evening all, my name is De, I'm an alcoholic, member of the KF Group, District Committee Member for Malton, District 02 and I have the privilege of serving as your Greater Toronto Area Accessibility Chair.

We met this past Sunday, May 26 with 4 in attendance. It was an informative meeting with some sharing of why Accessibility was important to members.

Our Area 83 Accessibility Chair, Shane H. shared regarding the Ad-hoc Committee designed to determine if Accessibility could be a stand-alone Committee. The results from that Committee will be on the Agenda at the upcoming Area Committee Meeting in Belleville Saturday, June 1, 2019 to be taken back to GSRs.

We also discussed how, as a Committee, we can reach out to the still suffering alcoholic who are unable to physically attend meetings or are in assisted living situations or hospitalized. We discussed how the 12-step Committee may be helpful in finding volunteers to visit fellowship members and reaching out in a more productive way.

Also, we discussed asking those with barriers what their needs are and not making assumptions based on our own bias. Hidden or invisible disabilities were also discussed.

The main goal of our Committee is to reach out and provide Accessible meetings where and when members may need, based on their experience. **We meet again** Sunday, June 9, 2019 (one week earlier due to Father's Day) at 11:00 am at 234. Anyone is welcome to attend. Chairperson's Email : gtaaccessibility@gmail.com or dcmatdistrict2@gmail.com

ARCHIVES: David T., (Primary Purpose) Chairperson:

During the past month the Archives Committee was involved in the following activities:

Eddy G and David T continue to work on recording donations to archives. David T is logging all the cassette tapes and CD's received by the GTA Archives. The intent is to convert all the tapes we have to MP3. Members wishing to donate tapes of AA talks may contact the Archives Committee in their district or contact the chair directly.

The Chair works in the Archives most Wednesday mornings.

Members of the committee attended the Hamilton archives Breakfast and purchased "on the Road of Happy Destiny Stories of Hamilton AA Old-timers and Built with Love and Service, Glimpses of the Early History of AA in Hamilton.

Attended 71st Anniversary of the Liftlock group in Peterborough Attended the Sunday Morning Men's Meeting 70th Anniversary Attended Audrey G's Memorial Service in Whitby Attended the East Toronto Archives Breakfast Attended the Kingsway Group 73rd Anniversary.

The Committee is cataloguing all histories gathered from the different locations in Ontario broken down by Area and City. We will then contact those locations we have not received responses from.

The archives committee is willing to help all groups in the area who do not have a group history or who require information on when they first started meeting in preparation of their group history for group Anniversaries. We are also available to bring our Archives displays for Group Anniversaries. **Next Meeting:** Fri. June 14 at 7 p.m. at 234.

COMMUNICATIONS: Nina L. (EC Vice Chair), EC Liaison:

The committee met on May 14, and 13 people attended. So grateful for the number of volunteers that showed up to participate.

All training is complete for both the Website and Better Times. Maija facilitated the training session for the Better Times at our last meeting. There is be no issue for June, due to not having enough time allowance between training and meeting deadline for composing and printing. However regular Better Time issues will commence on a regular basis starting July 2019.

We presently have appointed position for Webmaster, Assistant Webmaster and BT Layout Editor. The BT Editor in Chief should be assigned by following Communications Committee meeting.

We hope to complete many projects that have been in the development stage but lacked in manpower to complete. Please continue to give us feedback on the accuracy of your meeting information online, as we rely on the content from the website to create the meeting booklets.

Also please ask your group for new stories for the Better Times, we are always looking for new articles [500-word maximum] send to communications@aatoronto.org **Next Meeting:** Tues. June 11 at 6:30 p.m. at 234.

INFORMATION AA DAY 2019: De R. (K.F.), 2019 Event Chairperson:

Hello all, my name is De, I'm an alcoholic, member of the KF Group, serving as the District Committee Member for Malton – District 02, and this year's Chair for the Information AA Day Committee 2019.

Just a reminder, the event is Saturday, June 8, 2019 at Bonar-Parkdale Presbyterian Church, 250 Dunn Ave. and there are flyers at the registration table.

The Committee met Monday, May 27, 2019 with 15 in attendance. This was our last meeting before the event June 8, 2019 and everyone on the Committee has done an amazing job, each contributing to ensure all the tasks have been completed. We finalized our to-do list and are looking forward to the event.

Service Panel Presenters have been invited along with their displays making our Agenda complete with our Program Chair ready to host the day. Our Host has the details he needs to ensure our GSO Speaker is transported to his hotel and the event and will pick him up from the airport Friday morning. Our Hospitality Chair has volunteers, equipment and food for the event and volunteers from the Committee to help transport equipment and any other requests.

Several members will set up the venue on the Friday evening and all Committee Members will be at the venue bright and early Saturday to complete what needs to be done. Please come on out and support this amazing event!! Tickets are \$5.00 for the buffet lunch. **Next Meeting:** Tues. June 24 at 7:30 p.m. at 234. Email: dcmatdistrict2@gmail.com

ONTARIO REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2019: Barbara H. (Rox Glen Traditional), ORC Advisory Committee Secretary:

Hello, I'm Barbara H., alcoholic and secretary to the ORC Advisory Committee and I'm presenting the final report for the 2019 ORC.

Total registrants:	2824
AA.	2351
Al-Anon	288
Alateen	39
Guest	146

Registration was down about 15% from the average registration over the last 5 years. We had forecast a loss of \$5443 based on higher AV costs for the new hotel. The actual loss was \$17093. This was due to the decreased registration and an underage of banquet sales. This loss does not affect GTA Intergroup. The ORC surplus is over \$25,000 after the loss. After this report, Barbara introduced the 2020 ORC Chair, Roman R. (who was present this evening). Any recommendations from members for the 2020 ORC event can be emailed to: orcadvisory@aatoronto.org.

TWELFTH STEP: MaryAnn B., Committee Member/Overnight Scheduler:

Committee members needed! We currently have 7 members, but are looking for 12 members. There were Greeter Applications Forms (featuring different phone shift availability) at the meeting and Reps were asked to take these back to their groups. Phone Greeters needed! MaryAnn shared that many greeter shifts only have one volunteer per shift, so it would be beneficial to have two volunteers scheduled on shifts. Overnight Phone Shifts: we need a one-year commitment for this service position. This position involves manning the phones remotely (calls get forwarded to volunteer's homes) and the commitment consists of one-week shifts from 9:30 p.m. to 9 a.m. nightly. With the amount of Overnight volunteers we have at this time, volunteers rotate every ten weeks. It is more manageable but it could be better. Monthly Greeter Captains also needed. This month-long service commitment entails scheduling greeter spares when space warrants, and making sure greeters show up for their shifts. Woody was happy to report that Twelfth Step Committee members have grown from 3 members to 7 members. Phone Duty: requires one year of continuous sobriety and a Phone Training Session. 12 Step Volunteer: requires two years of continuous sobriety for this service position. Monthly Phone Training: Every first Sunday of the month at 11 a.m. at 234. Next Training Session: Sun. June 2 at 11 a.m. Please call 234 for contact phone number for phone trainer to RSVP for training. **Next meeting:** Wed. June 12 at 7 p.m. at 234.

WINTER SEASON OPEN HOUSE 2019: No Report. Future WSOH 2019 Committee meetings TBA.

DISTRICT REPORTS

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES: Dave H. (Queensville), Chairperson:

I am an alcoholic and my name is Dave H. I am a member of the Queensville Group and it is my honour and privilege to serve as your Intergruop Corrections Sub Committee Chair.

At the Metro East Detention Centre we are currently looking for AA members who qualify, to put on the Sun evening meetings. Toronto South Detention Centre are getting more new volunteer members into their Orientation and they can certainly use more AA members who are interested for the Tue afternoon and Wed evening meetings.

If any of your Districts are interested we can attend at your Service Days to provide a display and personal presentation on Corrections for AA. Please see me after the meeting here or through email.

We will have our display at the Info AA Day on June 8th and will participate in the panel presentation. Please come and support all of our committees and let us show you how service can work for you and others.

We are always looking to supply our incarcerated members with AA literature, particularly the beginner pamphlets and copies of the Grapevine. We are always running out of Grapevines at the Toronto South Detention Centre and I would ask that you please talk to your home groups and individual members to kindly donate any old Grapevine copies to the Corrections Committee. We are also looking for donations of the pocket sized Big Book. They are \$6.75 each at 234. I can be reached through the Corrections Committee at corrections@aatoronto.org or I will give you my phone number after the meeting. I will gladly pick up multiple copies of the Grapevines at any time.

Again, I urge all members who are involved in Corrections or have an interest, to attend the bimonthly meetings at 234. They are held every 2nd month in the boardroom at 7:30. The **next meeting** will be July 3. Also please contact us through the email, corrections@aatoronto.org if you are interested in becoming a volunteer, there is a 2 year sobriety requirement, a Police CPIC from your local Police force, application forms and several interviews and orientation. This can be a lengthy process, and not all applicants are approved to have access for various reasons. Please be patient!

COOPERATION with the PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC): Katrina E. (Steps to Serenity), EC Liaison:

4 Districts were represented. Elections were postponed again to June in hopes of more representation at the next meeting. One rep got the list of CPC district chairs from the Area CPC Chair, and will contact them about coming out. Area 83 Chair is planning on holding Zoom meetings every quarter for the CPC district chairs.

The Pri-Med Conference went well with a bit of a mix-up with archives participation which was later withdrawn, so a member purchased a video for the display. He is asking for reimbursement for the video from the CPC budget.

Next meeting: Mon. June 10 at 7 p.m. at 234.

GRAPEVINE: John M. (Danforth), Chairperson: Good evening friends, I'm an alcoholic and my name is John M. At the last GTA Grapevine meeting we had the Area Chair Jenny C. attend on SKYPE. We had 4 districts present with one reported regrets. There was some discussion about a Zoom account and the costs. We are not ready to set something

up yet. There will be a ZOOM meeting of Grapevine committees held by the Area Chair sometime in June. Not certain of the possible date yet. A couple of questions were raised; 1) Why do we the Grapevine Committee not have a budget with Intergroup for special events? 2) Is there a subscription of the Grapevine Magazine for Archives at Intergroup? I've contacted the Executive Chair Bert J. about these two questions. There was an error in the GTA GRAPEVINE SURVEY. The price on the website states under Canadian orders \$35.00. This is in U.S. funds so the order would be \$48. plus in Canadian funds. About \$4.00 for each magazine. Copies of the updated survey are available at the back. These surveys are to determine what groups have Grapevine subscriptions, displays, books for sale etc. to develop discussion and interest in Grapevine material. Has anyone heard of the Grapevine Display on disk developed some time ago? Where would the original be today? I will be at Information AA Day on June 8. District 6 will be at Kingsway's 73 anniversary, at Kipling for a 41st, and at the Mississauga Fall Roundup. District 22 has been active at many medallions and will set up for the Silverbirch Founder's Day Dinner on June 7th. That's all I can think of for now. See you hanging around the vine.
Next meeting: Tues. June 18 at 7:30 p.m. at 234 (committee now meets monthly on the third Tues. of each month)

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Greg D. (Fellowship), Chairperson:

Greg reported that one new member attended the table (William L/Prince Edward Group, Dist.12) and William was informed of the activities of the table.

Past Events with P.I. Participation:

- A Health Fair at Michael Garron Hospital (formerly Toronto East General) in Dist.18. Committee member Victoria B. and Greg attended information sessions and organized literature

Upcoming Events:

- A presentation at Western Tech Commercial School (Dist.12)
- Information AA Day (June 8): committee member Victoria B. will give a power point presentation on 'What AA is and What it is Not' in addition to a segment on 'Speaking at Non-AA Meetings' in order to attract more member willing to speak at schools, etc.

Future Committee Initiatives:

- Regarding requests for talks at schools: schools are requesting 'visibly younger' AA members to speak. Speaking commitments include the 3rd week in June and sometime in September. Please contact the committee if you know of younger AAs willing to participate in this service endeavour
- P.I. is looking to contact Youth Centres
- P.I. will utilize part of their committee budget towards Public Service Announcements ('PSAs') for small local newspapers and magazines

Next Meeting: Mon. June 17, 2019, 7:30 pm 234 Eglinton Avenue East.

SELF SUPPORT: No Report. Bert mentioned that this committee needs attendance at the table! Please pass on to your group members. **Next meeting:** Thurs. June 27 at 7 p.m. at 234 (committee meets bi-monthly).

TREATMENT: Chris, Committee Secretary: 2 members attended the May committee meeting. The committee is utilizing the Area 83 list of District Committee Members (DCMs) in order to get more district participation at the table. There was a request for a meeting to be put on in a Newmarket-area shelter (Dist.14). This requested was referred to the Area 83 TF Chair. The Woodgreen Community Centre Service Meeting (in Dist.18, but being handled by Dist.10) is having poor attendance. Regarding Treatment Service Meetings: it was reported that volunteers for these monthly service meetings are sometimes arriving at the meeting locations too early. There was a discussion and recommendation to establish a 'best practice' protocol for volunteers at service meetings (for example: arriving 10 minutes before the meeting start time). **Next meeting:** Thurs. June 20 at 7:30 p.m. at 234.

RECEPTION: Nina L. (Sisters in Sobriety), Executive Committee Vice Chair:

Present this evening were 36 Group Reps, 11 Alternate Reps, 2 Districts, 8 subcommittee chairs, 3 visitors, and 8 EC members, for a total of 68 members in attendance.

THE 7TH TRADITION COLLECTION totaled \$227.70.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS from Previous Meetings:

In June we're going to discuss about the Notice of Motion regarding the Procedures and Guidelines. " (See below)

Notice of Motion presented at the March 2019 General Meeting (from March 2019 APPROVED General Meeting Minutes):

MOTION to suspend regular business in order to present a Notice of Motion to further amend GTAI's current Procedures and Guidelines document (March 31, 2018 version) moved by Mike C. (Beverly Hills) and seconded by Dave H. (Queensville). Motion carried.

Two (2) documents were presented to Floor members:

- a) Notice of Motion (2-page) document;
- b) Draft copy of Procedures and Guidelines (19-page) document, with proposed changes incorporated.

Katrina E., EC member, informed Floor members about 15 items of proposed changes and addressed each proposed change to the Floor for purposes of clarity. Hard copies of documents were provided. Due to some inconsistencies in numbering, etc. *amended* copies of each document will be provided to members via email. Some hard copies will be provided at the April General Meeting. Groups were instructed to bring this item back to their groups for discussion. Discussion on this item on the Floor to commence at the June General Meeting.

Question from the Floor: Will we be voting on each point in the document? Bert answered yes.

Question from the Floor: How do I get a copy of the documents that were handed out, regarding this Notice of Motion?

Bert: "Give your email address to Alexx (administrative assistant) at admin@atoronto.org and she will email you the documentation."

Question from the Floor: How do we prepare for this Motion in terms of our group members? Bert: "Bring this to your group and have a discussion about it. We will be discussing this in June, and then the [Referendum] vote is going to be in October."

Question from Michael W. (Welcome): "This is the first I've heard about the process. I was wondering if you could take a couple of Minutes and talk about the process, and what exactly this process entails."

Bert asked Katrina E., Executive Committee member, to explain the process to Floor members: "These changes are being done as per the current Procedures. The way they are written is that a Notice of Motion is presented (presented at the March 2019 General Meeting – *see above*), you were given the Notice of Motion with the proposed changes, and then there needs to be a three-month period.

"As per the Procedures and Guidelines [under 11.2 'Procedure to amend', 11.2.1]: 'Such a Motion will not be debated on the floor of GTA Intergroup until a period of at least (3) three months has elapsed from the time it was moved and seconded. "It was moved and seconded, so April-May-June, which is why in June it will be discussed."

Katrina continued to read from the Procedures and Guidelines [under 11.2 'Procedure to amend', 11.2.3]: "'Once the (3) three-month period has elapsed, the motion may be debated in the same manner as any other motion. If the motion receives a simple majority on the GTA Intergroup floor, it will be forwarded to the groups to be decided by referendum.'"

Katrina then shared: "If in June the motion receives a simple majority it is then forwarded to the groups to be decided by referendum. There has to be a majority vote at the next [General] meeting. Then we will proceed to referendum. If it goes to referendum, then each one of your group members can vote on each one of the changes. "

Question from Michael W. (Welcome): "What is the appropriate time to discuss this at the group level? There is a lot of items on that document..." Bert: "We've given you three months." Katrina: "You actually have five months, because the Procedures say we skip July and August, so we actually won't be voting on it until September."

In response to Michael W.'s question on the Notice of Motion Procedure, Katrina continued: "At the June meeting, the Floor can 'kill' the whole thing [in order to] go back to the old Procedures [document]. We need a simple majority vote for it to go to a Referendum."

Nina L., EC Vice Chair, reiterated the following information to Floor members: "So what we'll need for you to do is provide your email so we in turn can provide a copy of the proposed changes that you can take back to your groups to discuss with them. So, when you come back to the June meeting, any concerns and any questions that your group has at the group level can be brought back here for discussion."

Katrina continued: "In theory, for the next meeting, we need to know if your group wants to let the Motion go ahead to a Referendum. You can also bring back amendments to what we are proposing at the June meeting."

Michael W. (Welcome): "Is there a policy about photocopying the documents and circulating them around to members of my home group for discussion?" A common consensus was established, confirming that there was no problem with photocopying the documents in order to facilitate group discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gord H. (Bloordale), addressed Floor members: "I am the Intergroup Rep for the Bloordale Group. I would like to put forward a Motion which was approved by my group. I would like a Motion to come from the Floor, reinstating the Intergroup Advisory Committee, which was disbanded a month or so ago by the Executive Committee. This is what I would like to put forward as a Motion."

Gord continued: "If I could give some background: this committee was formed about two and a half or three years ago. It was made up of members probably with an excess of 100 years in service...certain things might not have taken place if this committee had been in place four or five years ago, when we were dealing with the Human Rights issue. This could've saved us \$30,000 to \$40,000. There was an Advisory Committee set up for the Executive Committee. They [Executive Committee] saw fit to disband it.

Notice of Motion that the EC Advisory Committee be reinstated moved by Gord H. (Bloordale) and seconded by Bob D. (Sobriety Plus).

A discussion ensued among Floor members. Prompted by a question from the Floor, Gord elaborated: "There were five members on that committee, each with a wealth of experience in service. There was also a member that served on that committee with legal experience."

Another member asked Gord if he disagreed with the rationale for disbanding the Advisory Committee that was presented at last month's meeting, and did this prompt his bringing this Notice of Motion to the Floor? Gord confirmed that this was correct.

A member from the Floor then asked who had formed this committee and why. Roman R. (Stepping Stones), stated "I was the Intergroup Chair. That committee was formed by the Executive Committee [at that time] because there was responsibility of a great deal of business was ongoing. As a Chairperson, it was a huge responsibility. So I asked our Executive Committee to form an Advisory Committee so I would get some support. There were decisions going forward that had huge ramifications to decisions that were made prior and during my term so that when we formed this committee, it was formed with the intent to support the Executive Committee moving forward with the legal matters that were at hand."

As a response to another question from the Floor, Roman continued: "As a sitting Chairperson – when I stepping into the position of Chair – I did so without any previous support. So, decisions that were put in my lap as a Chairperson were out of context in terms of what needed to be done. Because of this, I couldn't make those calls. So I needed support around me, other than the other EC members who didn't know what was going on."

In response to another clarification needed from the Floor, Roman stated: "We ratified it on the Floor. We asked the Floor if we could form a committee, and the Floor agreed. We brought it forth to the Floor, asking for permission to form an Advisory Committee."

Barbara H. (Rox Glen Traditional), who was a member of the Advisory Committee, was also invited to address the Floor: "In the current Procedures and Guidelines, there is a statement that the Executive Committee has a right to form a committee. That is part of their duties as an Executive Committee. They can form any committee that they would like. So, the Advisory Committee was formed. It was purely advisory; the Advisory Committee had no decision-making authority over the Executive Committee. All decisions were continued to be made by the Executive Committee. We were only there for support, guidance, and advice. We had a great committee with long-time members, and also rotating members from the Executive Committee (the EC Chair, the Vice Chair, and the Finance Chair) who were also standing members of that committee. So that's the background. Thank you."

Nina L., EC Vice Chair, added the following: "I was on that previous Executive Committee when the Advisory Committee was formed. On that committee, we were told that this Advisory Committee was going to be put together; we were told who the members were that were appointed to the Advisory Committee. It was later presented to the Floor, As a statement, there is a Advisory committee formed and these are the appointed members. We tried the format that was set up for one year, as I had stated before. But, the functionality and the way communication was being transferred was not effective.. Yes, we have had legal matters in the past. In the past, when legal matters have come up, we have had

an *ad hoc* committee. All along, when those decisions (correct or incorrect; expensive or inexpensive), they were never made solely by the Executive Committee. The advice can from the *ad hoc* committee concerning the legal issues. So, if this Motion is going to pass and move forward, then it should be form by abiding with Procedures and Guidelines. If a committee is voted on to be formed, then at that point in time we will look at members who will be voted in, as they are in any other committee.

Bert shared the following: "As this is a Notice of Motion, this will be brought to the Floor next month, so therefore there will not be any more discussion on this at tonight's meeting.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Bert thanked members for their patience, and reminded the Floor of the following items to take back to their groups:

- Volunteers needed for various committees (see committee reports from this meeting)
- (1) One more Executive Committee member needed. Please announce at your groups
- The 40th Anniversary of Information AA Day 2019 Sat. June 8 at Bonar-Parkdale Presbyterian Church, 250 Dunn Ave. Tickets \$5. All Intergroup Reps/Alternates are encouraged to attend, as there will be an Intergroup Workshop portion at the event

Bert again thanked everyone for attending this evening and thanked those members who worked hard at setting up this meeting. Bert asked for assistance from members in helping to clean up after the meeting, and reminded everyone about the recycling protocol for the church: please respect this space! Meeting Tear-down: please stack chairs 8-high.

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

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 8 p.m. at Timothy Eaton Church, 230 St. Clair Avenue West (west from St. Clair subway station on Yonge). Meeting will be held in the Flora McCrea Auditorium.