



GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2019

(These Minutes approved by Floor Members)

The meeting convened at 8 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Rob (no group stated) read the Twelve Traditions.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

INTERGROUP REP/ALT: Bad Boys Big Book, Bayview, Beaches, Beverly Hills, Birds of a Feather, Bloordale, Danforth, Deer Park, Dry on Danforth, Erin Mills, Fellowship, Friendly, Gay Sober Men, Glenholme, The First 164, High Park, Hill, King City, Lansing, Lawrence Plaza, Living Sober, Long Branch, Markland Wood, Midtown, Mount Royal-York, New Life, Noon Rap, Port Credit, Primary Purpose, Prince Edward, Queensville, Richmond Hill, Royal York, Saturday Morning Discussion, Sisters in Sobriety, Six Points, Sobriety Plus, St. Clement’s, Sunnyside, Twelfth Tradition, Twelve Traditions (Pickering), Welcome, and Westmoreland.

DISTRICT LIAISONS: Districts 06, 12, 14, and 22.

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, CPC, Finance, Grapevine, Information AA Day 2019, ORC 2020 Event Chair, Public Information, Treatment, and Twelfth Step.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – MAY 2019:

MOTION: to adopt Minutes as presented moved by John M. (Danforth) and seconded by Isaac (Glenholme). Motion Carried.

CHAIRPERSON’S OPENING REMARKS- Nina L. (Sisters in Sobriety), EC Vice Chairperson/acting Chairperson for this meeting: After welcoming everyone to the assembly, Nina shared the following:

- Floor members wanting to address questions, etc. during the meeting: one person per group can speak
- After the Finance Report and the Collection of the 7th Tradition, we will be asking for a Suspension of Regular Business in order to facilitate discussion under ‘Unfinished Business’ (Item 1) – Procedures and Guidelines Motion.

MOTION to Suspend Regular Business to Facilitate Discussion for the Procedures and Guidelines Motion (discussion begins on page 2 of these Minutes) moved by Zack (Gay Sober Men) and seconded by [Rep name and group not recorded]. A vote was taken; Motion carried.

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

At this point in the meeting, there was a collection of the 7th Tradition (amount collected under Reception report).

FINANCE REPORT – Ron S. (North Toronto), Finance Chair: Toronto InterGroup Finance Report at May 31, 2019

SUMMARY	MAY 2019		2 nd QUARTER		2019 YEAR TO DATE		2018	2017
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual
Donations	9,721	4,700	15,726	9,400	41,228	24,500		
Literature Sales	11,960	14,500	24,599	29,500	69,760	75,000		
Cost of Sales	7,666	8,100	18,066	16,200	49,891	43,800		
Net Income	14,015	11,100	22,238	22,200	61,098	55,700		
Expenses	14,041	22,860	31,501	41,452	72,680	93,100		
Profit or Loss	26	11,760	9,264	19,282	11,563	37,400	24,292	32,715

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

SUMMARY	<u>1st Quarter</u> Jan-Feb-Mar		<u>2nd Quarter</u> April-May-June		<u>3rd Quarter</u> July-Aug-Sept	
	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:

The loss is \$26 for the month. Quarterly Reports, however, give members the best idea of figures. Ron shared that our biggest ‘income’ comes in during Gratitude Month (October). “We hope to keep up this positive trend, and get into ‘the black’. I think we might make it this year; although I shouldn’t say that as this statement might be the ‘kiss of death’! If you look at the 12-month Actual figures (the 5 months up until now), we had a loss of \$11,500 and our budgeted loss was \$37,400.”

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS from Previous Meetings:

Item 1: MOTION for Proposed Changes Procedures and Guidelines document - **Discussion**

Two (2) documents were previously 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.

Nina L., Executive Committee Vice Chair, led the discussion, and stated the following: “Back in March, we handed out the sheet which itemized the suggested changes and updates that we would like to see happen in the Procedures and Guidelines manual. Tonight is the night that we have a discussion regarding any concerns, questions, or clarifications needed for this process. By now, you should have been able to present the documents to your home groups for discussion. I would like to now open the Floor for discussion on this process.

A discussion ensued among Floor members, and questions were raised about the Referendum Process.

In response to a question from the Floor, Nina shared the following: “[All materials needed for the Referendum Vote] are posted on our website. So if you go on our website, under the icon ‘About’ it has a drop-down feature. Click on ‘Procedures and Guidelines’ and all the forms are there: the Flow Chart, The Procedures, Instructions in a letter form, and the documentation which itemizes the actual suggested changes with a ‘Yes’ and ‘No’ column for each vote. These Referendum forms are to be handed in by September 26.

In response to a question from the Floor, Nina shared the following: “The Motion on the Floor is that you would agree that we move forward to what is called a Referendum. A Referendum is an actual vote, but a vote that has to be taken in a ballot form. It can’t be a verbal vote where you raise your hand. This is why we are giving you a sheet of paper with proposed changes to our Procedures and Guidelines manual: some things that were outdated, some things that weren’t working; items that we needed to make proposed changes. So we need each home group to vote on whether these proposed changes will be accepted.”

In response to a question from the Floor, Nina shared the following: “Referendum Voting Sheets can be submitted before the September deadline. Any submissions after the September 26 deadline will not be counted in the final tally.”

In response to a question from the Floor, Nina shared the following: “In order to vote tonight on whether this item will move to a Referendum, you have to be an Intergroup Rep or an Alternate Rep (in the Intergroup Rep’s absence) in order to vote tonight.” It was also clarified that if a member is appointed to vote on behalf of their group if either the Rep or Alternate Rep will not be present, they can do so.

Discussion on specific questions from Floor members regarding the proposed changes commenced.

Sachiko K. (Welcome) had a questions regarding Section 4.3 regarding the extended terms of Operating Committee members. Could Nina clarify the specific length of terms served by OC members? Nina: “What was missing on the Executive Committee was continuity. There has been a lot of changeover with the positions themselves. There are many things to learn. So what we decided to do was follow what the service districts and GSO do. When you become a member of the Executive Committee you serve for two years. Say there’s an opening for Vice Chair. You are allowed to run for and serve in that position for an additional two years. If the Vice Chair now decides to be the Chair and is voted in by the Floor, then that is an additional two years, for a total of six years. You cannot stay as a member only for six years. It is only when you are changing the three positions. As a member, though, there is the option to stay for that extra (third) year of service.”

Chris Z. (Port Credit) had a question regarding Subcommittee Chairs, and their recognition on the Floor. Nina answered: “The Chairperson of a subcommittee – be it the Archives Chair, etc. – those are called Subcommittees...we are just adding that they have an actual voice, even though we gave them a voice [on the Floor], it wasn’t actually specified in the Procedures and Guidelines.”

Ahmed A. (High Park) had a question regarding Section 1.8 [Group Oversight]: why are we suddenly putting ‘disclaimers’ on meetings? Nina answered: “We just want to make it clear that we are merely a directory, where we say ‘if you’re in this area, you can attend one of these meetings.’ We are not recommending or suggesting [a particular meeting]; we are just saying ‘here they are’. We just want to make it clear that – when someone calls 234 and says ‘I’m looking for a meeting’ – the first thing we say is ‘What area are you in?’ and then we let them know where the meetings are in the area. We are not giving our opinion on any particular meeting; we are just merely directing people to meetings by area...we are not responsible for the meetings that you attend. We are just here to facilitate information and we are just trying to make it clear that we are solely providing information. We’re not recommending any particular meeting; we are just giving information on meeting locations. We are making it clear what our duties are in our role as Intergroup.” Katrina E., EC member, shared the following: “We as Intergroup cannot be responsible for what happens at the meetings. Some of the meetings are going to read the Twelve Steps; some are not. Some are going to read the Twelve Traditions; some are not. So that is why that ‘disclaimer’ is there. It is explaining that we provide information. That is it. We are not responsible for how the meeting is conducted. This was not geared towards any particular kind of meeting.”

Sachiko K. (Welcome) asked about Section 6.1: her group had concerns about transparency, and creation of subcommittees without approval from the Floor. Katrina responded: “Some of these proposed changes are simply to put in writing what we have already been doing. For example, we’ve set up a Computer Committee on the Executive Committee, to take a look at what we are doing with our computers. We did not come to the Floor for that. They had no budget; they were simply gathering information and making recommendations. So it is that kind of committee that we are referring to. The way the Procedures are written now, the Floor plus the Executive Committee has to agree to any committee that is being created. So, in practice, the EC has been creating little committees that go do some research and come back with information to the EC. Any money that has to be spent would come to the Floor. We clarified in the proposed Procedures that we can create *ad hoc* committees for a particular goal (i.e. more efficient computer system). These *ad hoc* committees come back to the EC with a report and recommendations. The way the current Procedures are written, absolutely everything was supposed to come to the Floor. We are codifying what we are actually doing.”

Bill R. (Twelve Traditions) inquired about Section 4.7 regarding District subcommittees, and asked for clarification. Katrina replied: “You’re pointing out something that still needs to be clarified in the Procedures. There are two kinds of committees: District Committees and Intergroup Committees. That is not totally clear right now in the Procedures. The way we described it as is role is District Liaison.” David T. (St. Clement’s), Archives Chair, shared the following information: “I’ve been around for about 48 years now, and I’ve seen this come up a lot. In Toronto, we have what’s called a ‘Zone’. Zone 1 encompasses all of the Districts in the Toronto area. They have their own committees, but we try to get an ‘oversight’ committee that gives reports here, and that’s the difference we are talking about. Each of these committees from the different districts send a ‘rep’ to the Intergroup Committees, and this is what we are talking about. It’s a way of coordinating things into the GTA. For example: Archives has 16 people at their committee table. These are all representatives from the different districts. We on Archives have one member that serves as GTAI Chairperson.”

Nancy (New Life) had a question about Section 10.2 (Guidelines Section): can we put some perimeters on activities, as it seems rather open-ended. Where is the oversight? Another members had questions along the same line (i.e. creation of *ad hoc* committees and informing the Floor of activities, etc.).

Nina responded: "Sometimes there are situations – like employees – where, under the labour law, we are tied to privacy. But, we may need advice on [something like employee matters]. It's something that may be beyond us, or may consume more time than we as volunteers have. We did one recently for computer information: understanding the computers we currently have in the office, and what is required. We asked a few people to go out and get that information for us. We are still, however, going to let the Floor know what we are doing. The transparency will be there; to let members know 'this is what we are working on'. One of the things that we are presently working on is possibly upgrading our phone system, where the cost will be substantially less. We are in the preliminary stages of this task. The Twelfth Step Committee is helping us gather information. Once the information has been gathered, changes are that we will need two or three members to continue the research, as it is too much for one person. So, it's things that don't really require a vote. When, however, we actually have all the information, and the system is going to be changed, then we tell the Floor. It was the same thing with the printing [of the Newsletter]. It's really about gathering information. Or if there is a dilemma that has to be addressed. It's a temporary committee; it's not a committee that will be in place for years. It's a committee that will be struck to address an immediate issue."

Chris Z. (Port Credit) had a question about Section 9.5: "At my home group, there was an objection to remove the reference to Robert's Rules of Order. Will it be removed?" Nina responded: "It was originally suggested to be removed, but we did an amendment. We are leaving Robert's Rules in, until a later time that we can define what procedures we should follow to simplify." Nina also mentioned that there is an amended copy of the proposed Procedures and Guidelines (amended after the March 2019 General Meeting). This amended version is currently available on our website www.aatoronto.org.

There was a vote taken by Floor members to proceed with the Referendum process.

Nina: "**Motion that we move forward to a Referendum** which is a vote by ballot in writing; on whether or not you take it [the proposed changes to the Procedures and Guidelines document] back to your groups and members vote on the individual suggested changes, updates, amendments...whatever the case may be."

All those in favour of the Motion: 45

All those against the Motion: 2

Those abstaining: 3

MOTION PASSES. The Referendum process moves forward.

Nina asked that members bring the Referendum back to their groups and vote on the Referendum items individually. The Referendum Ballots are available on the website www.aatoronto.org (under the 'About' heading on the Homepage and use the drop down feature and go to 'Procedures and Guidelines') or email admin@aatoronto.org and ask for a copy. Referendum Ballots are due on September 24, 2019.

As a response from a question from the Floor regarding suggestions and/or amendments to the proposed changes to the Procedures, Nina stated: "We can take them into account. We can't change them right now; you can vote for it at a later date [after the Referendum process]. If you want to bring back some suggestions [for changes] later, absolutely. We can look at it next time, and put it [amendments or changes] to a vote if everyone agrees as a whole that this could be a change. We could look at them individually...any changes to Procedures have to go to a Referendum process."

Bert J. (Silverbirch), EC Chair, added the following: "There has been over a year and a half of preparation for this [endeavour] with the Procedures and Guidelines. This has been huge; a work in progress." So, what we are doing tonight is we are going to the Referendum vote, and we ask your group to vote on the individual proposed changes. We know there will be proposed changes for this document over the years. It is a work in progress always."

Michael W. (Welcome) asked for clarification on the process: "The method for adopting the results of this is that each of the proposed changes gets voted on individually by group members. Then each group across the GTA votes, and it is an accumulation of those numbers that get tallied. A two-thirds majority is needed for each proposed change to pass."

Nina agreed that this was correct.

Mark C. (Welcome), member of the past EC Advisory Committee, shared the following: "I was a member of the former *ad hoc* Advisory Committee to the EC, who as a body was involved in a review [of the Procedures] and recommended a number of changes. It was important for Michael W. to point out that the vote is, for each item, how many people vote 'yes' and how many people vote 'no'. It is actually 60 % -- not two-thirds -- to affect change for each single item. In effect, each of these items is its own Motion." Nina concurred: "Yes. They are individual votes; that is correct." Each member's vote is recorded ("one person/one voice").

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 one week earlier due to Father's Day, Sunday, June 9, 2019 with 3 in attendance.

We consulted with Ron S. concerning our budget and now have financials we can work with. Our expenses to date were for the 3 Accessibility binders, in stock in the literature department. We have three districts that at this time do not have an accessibility representative but hope this will be temporary.

Each of the Districts continue to work on establishing whether their groups are accessible to update the GTA meeting book.

Shane H., our Area 83 Treatment/Accessibility Chair shared that he and the Area 83 Cooperation with the Professional Community are working to develop a new Accessibility webpage. It will be an illustrated design approach that geared to ease of use and user engagement as the key requirements. The actual release date is not yet available, however a pre-Fall Assembly release timeline for September 2019 is anticipated. One of the features is the facilitation for AA persons with disabilities and AA committees to be able to access and secure resources they need such as American Sign Language and Text-Telephone or TTY.

Shane H. also presented a workshop at the Information AA Day, Saturday, June 8, 2019. The Accessibility display was also available. The need for clarification of what the committee mandate for the term. Some of these include: updating the meeting book with correct accessibility information across the GTA, Sign-language as an ASL project, Mobility/Accessibility as a facilitation project, Visually-impaired vs. Blind definitions and Hard of Hearing vs. Deaf definitions. All of which will be ongoing business. Discussed also was the poor attendance at our Committee and ways to be more inclusive such as video/voice-conferencing.

Our next meeting is Sunday, July 21, 2019 at 11:00 am at 234 Eglinton East and we invite anyone to attend, especially if you have an accessibility need. And for more information about Accessibility visit our website, www.aatoronto.org
Chairperson's email: gtaaccessibility@gmail.com or dcmatdistrict2@gmail.com

ARCHIVES: David T., (St. Clement's) Chairperson:

At our recent meeting of the Archives Committee there were 10 members of the committee in attendance.

The following items were discussed:

Re-submission of the financial report for the Fall Archives Breakfast Establishing a meeting date for the 80 year "AA in Ontario" Book Discussion of the fall archives breakfast and assigning of tickets and flyers for the Archives Breakfast

The Committee re-confirmed the cost estimates for the Breakfast and a letter of intent will be sent to the Finance committee with our cost estimates.

The Committee has some of your group histories but not all and we have included copies of the Group History long form which the groups may use to complete their histories. If any group requires assistance please let us know and we will assist you in completing the history.

Our Committee is also will to come to you group anniversaries with a display of the Toronto Archives as well as providing you with the information on your group for your anniversary.

We are often asked the question by the groups "What should we do with our old minutes, etc.?" The answer is Send them to Archives for safekeeping. Next Meeting(s): Fri. July 5 at 7 p.m. at 234 and Fri. July 12 at 7 p.m. at 234 and.

COMMUNICATIONS: David (Birds of a Feather), incoming Chairperson:

Our committee will meet over the summer months. We are happy to report that, over the next 2 years, we will have an issue of the Better Times produced each and every month. We need articles and stories from members [500 word

maximum]. Communications will now hold their monthly committee meetings on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. (new start time). Next Meeting: Tues. July 2 at 7 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.

This year's event was a great success, with more than 100 in attendance! The lunch was also a success with a variety of foods, including some breakfast snacks.

The Service Committee Panels were informative along with personal sharing and all Committees provided displays and pamphlets and some displays with books for sale.

Amy's Area 83 Service Structure workshop was informative and easy to understand for those in service and those not yet in service. It was a great overview.

Rob's Delegate report was also informative, with moments of humour. His report was also easy to understand and was a great overview of what happens at the Conference.

All districts were represented on the Committee as well as some Alternate DCMs, and liaisons from several districts guiding us through the process.

We met Monday, June 24, 2019 and reviewed the event with suggestions for next year and voted in Bert J., Intergroup Chair as the Chairperson for Information AA Day 2020. There were eight of us in attendance, and many will continue in their roles for next year.

The date we have chosen for 2020 is May 23 – the Conference in New York ends April 25 and we wanted to give our Delegate some breathing space before asking him to commit. We also needed to be mindful of Mother's Day and the Victoria Day long weekend, so the 23rd made the most sense.

Once again, we hope to include our Service Panels with the addition of the Spanish District 16 for the agenda. Our Delegate will be invited to share his Conference Report, and from the General Service Office we will invite a speaker. With business concluded, a new Chair in place and a date for 2020 we will break for the summer and reconvene the 4th Monday of September which is the 23rd. Anyone wishing to join the Committee is welcome to come on out!

It has been an honour, privilege and my pleasure to serve on the Information Day Committee 2019. Lastly, from all of us on the Information AA Day Committee, have a great summer!!! Next Meeting: Meetings for the 2020 Event Committee commence in September at 234.

ONTARIO REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2020: No report. Committee meetings commence in September.

Any recommendations from members for the 2020 ORC event can be emailed to: orcadvisory@aatoronto.org.

TWELFTH STEP: Woody K. (Willowdale), Chairperson:

There were Greeter Applications Forms (featuring different phone shift availability) at the meeting and Reps were asked to take these back to their groups. Woody 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 (19), 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. There is a new initiative from the committee: sending out a 'call for phone volunteers' announcement with each one-year medallion recipient. 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. July 7 at 11 a.m. Please call 234 for contact phone number for phone trainer to RSVP for training. Next meeting: Wed. July 10 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 has been my honour and privilege to serve as your Intergroup Corrections Sub Committee Chair. I am rotating out of this position effective at our next meeting of the Corrections Committee on Wed July 3 at which time we will need to elect a new Chair.

Both Metro East Detention Centre and Toronto South Detention Centre volunteers report that they have had a few lockdowns but most meetings are proceeding as smoothly as possible.

We had our display at the Info AA Day on June 8, and Dave P of our Committee presented a short talk on our behalf.

Thanks to De R for facilitating all of that.

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

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. Next meeting: Wed. July 3rd.

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!

Thank you for your support during the last couple of years. Also my thanks to our EC Liaison, Dave R for all of your help and support, and to our Committee members for your patience and support. I will be available to pass on any information I can to help any interested members getting involved in Corrections meetings.

COOPERATION with the PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC): Dorothy A. (Credit Valley), incoming Chairperson:

My name is Dorothy A and I am the CPC Chair for District 6 Panel 69. My home group is Credit Valley in Mississauga. I am new to CPC and still learning what the position of CPC Sub Chair entails. Last two years I was the Grapevine Sub Chair for District 6 so I am going to follow what worked on that committee.

CPC Committee Meeting for Service Area 1 Area 83 was held on Monday June 10th, 2019 at the Intergroup Office 234 Eglinton Avenue East. Meeting started at 7:00 p.m. with 5 in attendance. In attendance were: CPC chairs Jeff A. Chair District 18; Doug M. Chair District 14; Dorothy A. Chair District 6; Lou Anne Z. Alt Chair District 6 and our Intergroup Liaison Katrina E.

First order of business was the election of a chair; Dorothy A. stood for the position and was acclaimed. Lou Anne Z volunteered to stand as the Alt Chair and she was also acclaimed.

Reports

Doug M. Chair District 14

Highlights of report (full report on file):

- 1) Participation in CPC Area 83 Zoom Meeting May 7th
- 2) Report from the Pri-Med Conference in May;
- 3) CMHA Webinar on free services we may use *Bounce Back Ontario* Both professional & individuals
- 4) Purchase of Slide Show Documentary *Markings on the Journey* 30 minutes
- 5) CPC Budget of \$2500 with \$1370 spent to date

Jeff A. Chair District 18

1. Jeff advised that we should contact Helen in the Intergroup Office for literature purchases using our budget.
2. Jeff will report next month if further info available on reimbursements
3. Jeff attended the Zoom meeting held Thursday May 30th with a discussion around future use of Zoom for meetings; a meet and greet for CPC Chairs, CPC Alt Chairs and DCMs in Service Area 1 and the general dissemination of information.
4. He has had an enquiry from a student in an addiction counselling course regarding a placement for the summer. This is a consideration we will pursue to reach professionals in training, not full placements but with invitations to open meetings.

5. The Pri-Med Conference is a priority to get information on for registration Spring 2020. He will report on who covers the funding for next meeting.

Dorothy A. Chair – District 6

Highlights of report (full report on file):

1. We held a zoom meeting Thurs May 30th – 4 were in attendance for CPC & Alt Chairs, DCMs. We will hold another zoom meeting this summer. Good interim meeting ground with no travelling.
2. Lou Anne and I gave our CPC a makeover for the AA Information Day. We had a 15 minute presentation.
3. I am sorting pamphlets for distribution and getting literature printed.
4. I am trusting we will have a good term and get some positive momentum going with displays and getting information to the professionals who can assist the still suffering alcoholic.

Lou Anne Z. District 6

1. Lou Anne took part in the Zoom conference on May 30th – positive activity with potential.
2. Attended and spoke at the AA Information Day June 8th.
3. Purchased literature – concept checklist; we still need the Tradition Check list and will purchase that from Intergroup
4. Took part in the facelift of the CPC table top display
She will look into the cost of a new display board as the table top version is a little worn.
5. She reported that more information is needed so CPC Committee is aware of events we may take part in and display for the professionals in attendance or those who can pass on info to the professional community.
6. Lou Anne may be available for the June 25th Intergroup meeting and will advise.

Question – If Lou Anne is unable to attend will Katrina be able to give report. Answer – Yes, Katrina will be willing to report on behalf of the CPC Committee

Old Business: Election of Chair – handled at beginning of meeting.

New Business:

- Lou Anne will return the Concepts checklist and order the Traditions checklist as handouts.
- Jeff will look into the funding for the Pri-Med conference and registration information
- We need to contact Helen regarding the budget and administration of funds
- Doug motioned we purchase a metal pamphlet rack. Seconded by Jeff A. All were in favour.
- Lou Anne and Dorothy will refurbish the table CPC display for future use.

Upcoming Events – Gratitude Conference in October. Jeff is looking into this event. Pri-Med conference Spring 2020 will be looked into by Jeff. Jeff has a contact in the legal profession he will discuss an event with.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 with the Responsibility Pledge. Next meeting: Mon. July 8 at 7 p.m. at 234.

GRAPEVINE: John M. (Danforth), Chairperson:

Good evening friends, I'm an alcoholic a member of the Danforth Group and my name is John M. I have the honour of serving you as The GTA Grapevine Committee Chairperson. At our meeting on June the 18th we had 4 Districts present. Among the items discussed were the 2020 Pocket Planners \$6.25 and Calendars \$11.25 which are now available to order from your group GSR. The orders must be in and paid for before the September Area Meeting and the items will be available at the Area Assembly in October. NO SEPARATE AREA ORDER WILL BE MADE. We noticed that the order form was specific to the District order, so Scott MacD. created a group order form which was emailed to all who attended the meeting. This should make it easier for group GSRs to control and tally the numbers before handing everything over to the District. For Groups or individuals who do not have a GSR they can contact me at johnmay1954@gmail.com for an order. We all looked at the proposed budget and made adjustments before submitting it to the finance committee. We never had one before so this will make it easier for us to promote Grapevine sales and in turn help the Literature department at Intergroup. Dareena B. and Scott MacD. in District 6 attended the Freedom of the Spirit Conference on June 14- 16 and were well-received. Dareena has attended various meetings to promote the Grapevine in the district. District 10 is still working on getting a Grapevine Chair. The A/DCM Ann J. was in attendance at our meeting. District 12 is working on getting old Grapevines for their treatment meetings. A suggestion was made to get Gift subscriptions for them as well as donations of old books. District 18 seems to be quiet although I suit up and show up for the Sunday

Morning Men's Meeting each week. I continue to make myself and the district 18 display complete with GRAPES available on request to anyone anywhere in the GTA. The Literature department now has the new book TAKE ME TO YOUR SPONSOR so I have a supply of them to sell. On June 8th I gave a presentation on the history of the Grapevine and unintentionally knocked over Bob's picture. I don't know if Bob was trying to tell me something (?? Be humble or if it was just to add a little drama to a boring talk). Anyway the picture was repaired and returned to its' rightful place. In District 22 Joe A. was busy attending medallions and a Special Founders Day Dinner at the Silverbirch Group. No word from Districts 2, 14, and 16 this month but we continue to send them an invitation to the meeting and this month we will send a copy of the minutes to the DCMs to encourage participation. That's all I can think of for now; see you hanging around the vine. Next meeting: Tues. July 16 at 7:30 p.m. at 234 (committee now meets monthly on the third Tues. of each month)

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

Attendees: William L. District 12, Greg D. District 22. Absent/Regrets: Graham K. District 10 and Victoria B. District 18. Review of last meeting minutes: Read by Greg D. Corrections made and William approved.

Upcoming Events:

Brad H 416-418-1429 Western Technical Commercial School, High School, 125 Evelyn Cres. Toronto (District 12) Brad H requested a speaker to give an AA Talk at the School, also wondering if it was possible the talk could be given by a "visibly younger" AA Member? Looking at one date now, in the Fall in September and October. I collected a few names from three gentlemen at the last Intergroup Meeting. Also William had some contacts that live in the area and would like to help.

Info AA Day was on June 08, 2019. P.I. presentation topic: "How to Speak at Non-AA Type Meeting" explaining what AA does and/or "What AA IS and is NOT". Victoria B. has done a great job carried our message with her experience and professionalism, as I have heard only excellent comments on her presentation. I was out of province and unable to attend.

District Reports, attached if any only from District 18 so far in the last six months.

Old Business:

Proactively contact the incoming DCMs and Alternate DCMS to encourage increased participation in Public Information. The updated list will be available in early April 2019.

Eastern Toronto Archives Breakfast (District 18 and 22) is on May 5th 2019, I did not attend, turn out was excellent 120 people came out in numbers well attended.

Health Fair for the Staff of Michael Garron Hospital (Previously referred to as East General) in April, literature ordered Victoria is leading and planning to attend and help in take down and return to Intergroup Office.

Contact youth centres to determine if there is an opportunity to provide AA support through local meetings

Pursue the opportunity to place Public Service Announcements in the Scarborough Mirror, Beaches Mirror and other local newspapers.

Approach school boards to coordinate participation in future Wellness Day activities that occur in the spring and early summer. Separate School contacts Action Victoria B.

PI will supporting CPC as required in upcoming Medical Conferences, in May Victoria attended.

Public Information will be creating a PowerPoint presentation (Examples Speaking at non AA Meetings) that can be shared for internal audiences that describes Public Information for alcoholics.

Another PowerPoint will be created for presentations outside of AA to help the public better understand AA. (High Schools)

A full list of contacts has been developed for the Toronto Metro Library group. We will be proactively contacting them to determine their information and resources requirements. Action Greg D.

The committee will continue to actively distribute information pamphlets at detoxes, community centres, doctor's offices, police stations and hospitals.

Most of April's meeting was a review and discussions of previous AA Presentations from PI Committee. Some excellent work has been completed here, and we wish to revive this at our upcoming Info AA Day.

New Business:

Monthly meetings will not take place over the next two months, for July and August. Next Meeting: Monday September 16th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. (NOTE Earlier Start Time) at 234 Eglinton Avenue East.

SELF SUPPORT: No Report. Next meeting: Thurs. Aug 22at 7:30 p.m. at 234 (committee meets bi-monthly).

TREATMENT: Denise D. (Midtown), Chairperson:

Three members attended the June meeting: Districts 06, 10, and 12. The EC Liaison (Anisa) was also present. Representation from Districts 02, 14, 18, and 22 are needed at the table. District 06 is involved in carrying the message into a long-term care facility. Woodgreen facility: this is actually located in Dist.18, but is currently being facilitated by Dist.10. The committee continues to work together to manage oversight of this service responsibility. District 12: CAMH wants to standardize all their meetings for a 7 p.m. start time. Meetings at CAMH now has 2 additional weekly meetings (for a total of 5 meetings at the facility). Volunteers coming to put on service meetings there were informed recently that they were to arrive no earlier than 15 minutes before the meeting start, as any earlier arrivals confuse both staff and residents. One Bridging the Gap request was fulfilled recently. Next meeting: Thurs. July 18 at 7:30 p.m. at 234.

RECEPTION: Bert J. (Silverbirch), Executive Committee Chairperson:

Present this evening were 39 Group Reps, 7 Alternate Reps, 3 Districts, 10 subcommittee chairs, 3 visitors, and 8 Executive Committee members.

THE 7TH TRADITION COLLECTION totaled \$195.95 (before coffee expenses).

Nina then shared the following: "Given that it is now 9:20 p.m. and the remaining items on the Agenda are three (3) Motions. We all know that Motions take a while [to discuss], so I am going to suggest if someone could please give me a Motion to table the remaining items on our Agenda."

MOTION to table the remaining three (3) items for discussion under 'Unfinished Business' (1 item) and 'New Business' (2 items) until the July General Meeting moved by Zack (Gay Sober Men) and seconded by Dave H. (Queensville). A vote was taken; Motion carried (with one abstention noted).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS from Previous Meetings:

Item 2: **Motion** that the EC Advisory Committee be reinstated moved by Gord H. (Bloordale) and seconded by Bob D. (Sobriety Plus). Discussion on this item tabled until the July General Meeting (see above Motion).

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1: **Motion** to Form an IT Committee - Discussion on this item tabled until the July General Meeting (see above Motion).

Item 2: **Motion** to Form a Workshop Committee - Discussion on this item tabled until the July General Meeting (see above Motion).

CLOSING REMARKS:

Nina thanked members for their patience and service, and then asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting:

Motion to adjourn moved by John M. (Danforth) and seconded by Dave H. (Queensville). Motion carried.

Nina again thanked everyone for attending this evening and thanked those members who worked hard at setting up this meeting. She 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, July 30, 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.