

St. Paul & Suburban Area Intergroup Representatives' Meeting Minutes, February 21st, 2023 7:30 pm

1. **Opened** with the Serenity Prayer, Introductions, and read the primary purpose of Intergroup
2. **Approved** prior month's minutes (motion: Angie T. second: Chris L.). Motion passed to approve minutes with majority vote.
3. **Financial Report**, Bill C. -. If you have questions or for more info, please email treasurer@aastpaul.org. - This month the financials will show a comparison to the annual budget. This is a straight-line budget and does not take into account seasonal variations. Group contributions continued strong in January increasing \$425 over the 2022 totals. Total contributions were slightly down from 2022 and sales were up. Operational expenses were flat to 2022. Overall, expenses are at 7% of annual budget with 'goal' of 8%.
4. **Office Report** - Noah LC - *see office report for full details*. The new office manager, Noah, has been on the job for about two weeks. We have about 7 new volunteers, but only about one-third of volunteer shifts are currently filled. Inventory has been restocked. This week the office will be closed Wed (2/22) due to inclement weather and likely on Thursday as well dependent upon the snowstorm.
5. **Night Owl Report** - Rachel P - There are six open night owl shifts, all listed on the Intergroup website. If you're interested in helping out, please contact Rachel P at nightowl@aastpaul.org or 651-410-0556. Orientation 3rd Saturday @ 10AM
6. **Update from the Board** - Eliot W - We are continuing to table policy discussion (from Nov 2022), but we will start working with Noah on these in the next few weeks to a month. A few new business items. Our expansion committee created a new Intergroup poster that we will be posting at different Alano clubs. Trying to promote that we are here to help and we have literature, medallions, etc. Motion to make the poster less financially charged and accurate as to what Intergroup has to offer. Brian M., board advisor and outreach chair, has resigned. The board is going to take time to consider asking someone who has been a chair in the past to fill this role. Also, we are discussing how to perform better as a board.
7. **Intergroup Events**: Spring Fling will be held on April 29th, 2023. The informational flyer is available on the Intergroup website and it has been sent out by Eliot to the representatives.
8. District Reports -
 - District 8 - There are many open service positions including alternate DCM, and several committee chair positions. You don't need to be a GSR to serve at the district level. You would commit to the district meeting, two to four Saturday meetings throughout the year and working with the area committee to represent District 8. Contact Lindsey D. for more info at
 - District 15 - New website in process, excess funds at end of year disbursed to entities. Looking at changing sponsorship forums from monthly to quarterly. Workshop this spring called ABCs of the Service Manual. Date and time TBD.
 - District 19 - no representative present
9. **Old Business** - none
10. **New Business** - discussion of consolidation of events. How many events should there be each year at SPI? Also discussions about coordination and collaboration with SPI. Value of the Lifeline. Consolidating open house and ice cream social. Consolidation of Intergroup events and questions asked to groups. Angie T - asked her group a question regarding combining events with Minneapolis to save money. Her group said they would not go to Minneapolis for an event. . Chris L - brought this up at OMD. Combining open house and ice cream social - they thought this was a great idea as long as there is both pizza and ice cream. They thought that working with Minneapolis would be a great idea to help run more efficiently. Thumbs up from OMD. Yes, the Lifeline is valued. What else? More content from the groups. Get more member groups to contribute content. Someone else is an artist and would love to contribute a comic strip.. Kelly K - we use Grapevine stuff to fill the Lifeline when we don't have enough content from member groups. We would love to have more original content to publish, please send in your submissions to lifeline@aastpaul.org. Tom W - You can look on the website to see what sort of content has been written in the past if you are looking for inspiration. No open position for advisor or alternate chair. The board is holding steady on this for a month in order to make the best decision. Open member at large position (2-year term) - Volunteer - Janice K. Unanimous approval. Homegroup - A New Pair of Glasses and DW (Fri Nights).
11. **Suggestions for next month's agenda**: Please contact Kelly K at secretary@aastpaul.org.
12. **Grapevine Report** - Jon. Volunteer for March: **Chris L.**
13. **Concept Review**: Concept II - Greg. Volunteer for Concept III-March: **Janice K.**
14. **Mock Rep Report**: Nancy T. Volunteer for March: **Dave P.**
15. **Closed** with the Responsibility Statement

Eliot W - Board Chair	Noah LC - Office Manager	Gerry L - Alt Treasurer	Rachel P - Night Owl Chair
Kelly K - Secretary	Sue C - Womens Basic Text	Tom W - Member @ Large	Paul C - Night Owl Committee
Bill C - Treasurer	Mark - Summit Hill AA	Mandy B - Pocketing our Pride	Dave P - Happy, Joyous & Free
Chris L - OMD	Jon C. - Third Edition	Greg K - Woodbury Wed. Noon	Jen - Practicing These Principles
Lauren D - Fireside BB	Sharon L - Basic Text	Lindsay - Builder's Big Book	Lindsey D - Dist. 8 Liaison
Joe L - Firing Line	Laurel M - Dei by Dei	Erik H - New Brighton BBS	Nancy T. - River Rats, Dist 15 Liaison
Alex L - Rule 62	Guy T - Fairmont AA	Angie T - Member @ Large	Deborah P - Maplewood Alano
		Janice K - New Pair of Glasses	Steve B - No Time Like the Present

Next Meeting: March 21st 7:30PM