

## St. Paul & Suburban Area Intergroup Representatives' Meeting Minutes, March 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: Janice K. second: Jen). Motion passed with a majority vote.
3. **Financial Report**, Bill C. -. If you have questions or for more info, please email [treasurer@aastpaul.org](mailto:treasurer@aastpaul.org). - Group contributions for the YTD thru Feb are down \$687 from Last Year. Overall contributions are down \$1,951 from Last Year. Total contributions show similar results. Part of this is due to the reclassification of on-line sales. Expenses are down \$650 from Last Year, primarily because the office manager position was open during the month of January. Other expenses are comparable to Last Year. Bill C. completed and sent a budget forecast with updated financial predictions for the year that has both a numerical and narrative format. Bill answered the question of "where are online sales categorized" and it's within the "total sales" category.
4. **Office Report** - Noah LC - see office report for full details. Overall, Noah has gotten the hang of the day-to-day functioning and administrative processes of the office. He is now an authorized user and has access to the various bank accounts and software. Noah is going through Finance training (with Bill C.) and searching for areas we can save with our current services and subscriptions. Noah has put together a process for utilizing office volunteers to reach out to folks who have signed up online in the last 3 years to be volunteers and updating our records as to whether they still want to volunteer and for what. The April Lifeline is completed but not yet sent. Noah is looking into free training resources, and will look to Kim, who has volunteered to provide paid training, if necessary.
5. **Night Owl Report** - Rachel P - There are four open night owl shifts - website will be updated shortly. If you're interested in helping out, please contact Rachel P. at [nightowl@aastpaul.org](mailto:nightowl@aastpaul.org) or 651-410-0556. Orientation is on the 3rd Saturday @ 10AM.
6. **Update from the Board** - Eliot W. - Keith I. has been elected as the advisor for the rest of the 2023 term, then next year Eliot W. will advance to advisor and Renee B. will advance to board chair. We talked about the website and Jonathan shared the backup protocols for the SPI site. We are holding a Group Inventory next month during our board meeting. The board discussed autonomy and what that means, logistically, to the SPI board.
7. **District Reports** -
  - District 8 - here are four District 8 committee chairs open, including the alt DCM. Please consider serving as a committee chair. The "Delegates workshop" is on Saturday April 8th where the agenda items for the General Service Conference will be discussed. Everyone is welcome. More info at [area36.org](http://area36.org) or call/text Lindsey at 952-215-4471.
  - District 15 - March 8th was the new quarterly sponsorship forum. Getting ramped up for the Washington County Fair. They are working on outreach and visiting all groups from a few angles (1) groups to be thanked for contributions (2) groups that at one time sent a GSR to the meeting or contributed to the district to revive interest in those groups. (3) meetings in Washington County who don't know that District 15 exists - raise awareness of the district's functions. The "ABCs of the Service Manual" workshop has been postponed to the fall.
  - District 19 - No representative present
8. **Intergroup Events**: Spring Fling will be held on April 29th, 2023 at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. Volunteer flyer is available on the Intergroup website and an updated flyer with more details will be available soon. Gopher State is May 26th-28th. Intergroup will be hosting a hospitality suite and will be reaching out to reps soon in order to help fill shifts and bring food.
9. **Old Business** - Conversations with Minneapolis. For: Eliot - wants to ask about policies and procedures and how to improve SPI by example. Against: Kelly - there has been too much talk about "duplication of effort" and things that allude to merging activities in some capacity. Eliot - motion to table. Motion passed.
10. **New Business** - Alt Treasurer attends meetings of board, reps and finance committee. This person will train to become the Treasurer in 2024. This is a very important position that we need filled. Commitment is up to 8 hours per month as alt treasurer. As full treasurer in 2024, Bill C. estimated the commitment to be more like 8-10 hours per month. Helpful if they have some sort of financial background.
11. **Group AA Announcements** - Happy. Joyous and Free is having their annual gathering on St. Andrews Lutheran Church on April 16; food starts at 6PM, speaker at 7PM. Dave P will clarify timing and send a flyer to be posted on the Intergroup site.
12. **Suggestions for next month's agenda**: Please contact Kelly K at [secretary@aastpaul.org](mailto:secretary@aastpaul.org).
13. **Grapevine Report** - Chris L. Volunteer for April: **Dale D.**
14. **Concept Review**: Concept III - Janice K. Volunteer for Concept IV-April: **Henry**
15. **Mock Rep Report**: Dave P. Volunteer for April: **Kim B.**
16. **Closed** with the Responsibility Statement

Attendance - the in person sign up sheet was not received by the secretary so there are likely a few people who attended in-person missing from this list.

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| Eliot W - Board Chair  | Noah LC - Office Manager | Dina - Hole in the Doughnut   | Rachel P - Night Owl Chair             |
| Kelly K - Secretary    | Mary U - Member @ Large  | Tom W - Member @ Large        | Paul C - Night Owl Committee           |
| Bill C - Treasurer     | Mark - House of Hope     | Mandy B - Pocketing our Pride | Dave P - Happy, Joyous & Free          |
| Chris L - OMD          | Jon C. - Third Edition   | Janice K - Member @ Large     | Jen - Practicing These Principles      |
| Lauren D - Fireside BB | Ben J - Basic Text       | Lindsay - Builder's Big Book  | Ken S. - Como Park BB                  |
| Marie D - Firing Line  | Patrice - 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            |
| Lisa - Canvas Health   | Alex S - Second Sandwich |                               | Steve B - No Time Like the Present     |

**Next Meeting: April 18th 7:30PM**