

St. Paul & Suburban Area Intergroup Representatives' Meeting Minutes, August 15th, 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; second: Angie T.). Motion passed with a majority vote.
3. Financial Report, Bill C. - see Treasurer's Report for full details. Total contributions for July increased from June and are now even with 2022. Sales dropped slightly from June and are now about \$2K below 2022. Operating cash fell from \$28K to ~\$15.5K. Operational expenses this year were higher than last because rent increased, more part-time help, and we budgeted for more staff and a higher pay rate for the office manager. Prudent reserve is at ~\$49K of its \$60K goal. We remain below our needed average in contributions and revenue. If you have questions, email treasurer@aastpaul.org.
4. Office Report - Frank N - see Office Report for full details.
5. Night Owl Report - Rachel P - There are currently 7 open shifts, which are listed on the Intergroup website. If you're interested in helping out, please contact the committee at nightowl@aastpaul.org. Orientation is on the 3rd Saturday @ 10AM.
6. Web Report - Jonathan L. - renewed hosting agreement, so we have a place to host the website for the next year
7. Update from the Board - Eliot W. Tom (Outreach) let us know that there are no MIA meetings in the directory - thanks, Tom! We went over upcoming events. We have some events in November that we will touch on more later in the Events sections. Our old business that we went over - a joint NYE event with Minneapolis, setting up recurring online donations - resulted in the creation of a finance committee for further investigation on this matter. Other topics included the hiring committee for an office manager (we are looking over resumes, we have received a few so far), we went over our AAWS outstanding bills and motioned to get those paid off (approx \$2600-2700). Frank was elected as the interim office manager. We discussed cleaning up the Bylaws and creating a one-pager job description to circulate information in advance of elections in November.
8. District Reports - District 8 - no representative present. District 15 - Just completed Washington County Fair assignment (all 40 slots filled!). Reimbursed fair admission fee for all volunteers so it did not cost them to volunteer. Meg H (Area 36 delegate) hosted at the end of July to give an update on the General Service conference. Her powerpoint is available on the Area 36 website. Next Sponsorship forum - September 12th - Christ Lutheran Church in Lake ELmo. Sponsor and Sponsee speaker. This is a quarterly program they provide in D15. Item for future interest: lit chair for Area 36 wants to do a joint workshop on the service manual later this fall. District 19 - no updates.
9. Intergroup Events: Ice Cream Social. August 19th. 4:30PM at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. There will be ice cream, a newcomer intro speaker, and 4 long timer speakers. We need volunteers for this event. Contact chair@aastpaul.org if you would like to volunteer. Gratitude Night (Nov. 18th) - this will be held 6-10PM at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. Founders Day (Nov 25th) - SPI will be selling literature at this event. For more information visit foundersdaymn.org. DoubleTree in Bloomington (same location as Gopher State Roundup).
10. Old Business - Minneapolis Intergroup approached us about the idea of having a joint NYE event. Thoughts? Given the current finances of SPI, I would be reluctant to have to go to my various meetings and have to sell any kind of new event. Vote: All in favor of having a joint event in conjunction with Mpls intergroup? 7 - Yes, No - 2? Take it to your group and bring it back to your groups. Last year, Minneapolis had a very well-attended and well-publicized event at 2218 for young people but Minneapolis's NYE event was at a Lutheran Church in Richfield and in the past they've had them at the Convention Center. It was quite the downsizing from what they have had in the past. Without knowing more about it, it's hard to get behind this idea. The board will gather more information while the reps take the idea to their groups of a collaborative event.
11. New Business - Motion to waive the sobriety requirement for secretary position until the end of the year. Secretary position For - 13 Opposed - 0. Motion passed.
12. Eliot W - Motion to waive bylaw requirement and allow Kelly to advance to the Board Chair role despite 5 months of alternate chair rather than one full year in that position. Vote - Yes - 12. No - 0. Motion passed.
13. Group AA Announcements - Firing Line open house anniversary banquet is Sunday, October 22nd. Event starts at 4:30. Food will be provided and a speaker.
14. Suggestions for next month's agenda: *Please email secretary@aastpaul.org.*
15. Grapevine Report - Chris L. Volunteer for September: Jon C.
16. Concept Review: Next month: Concept VIII & Concept IX: Lindsay C
17. Mock Rep Report: Mike O. Volunteer for September: Kim B.
18. Closed with the Responsibility Statement

Attendance:

Eliot W - Board Chair	Frank N - Interim Office Mgr	Keith I - Advisor	Rachel P - Night Owl Chair
Kelly K - Secretary	Ken S - Como Park BB	Tom W - Member @ Large	Lindsay C. - Builders Big Book
Bill C - Treasurer	Hendrie G - Main Idea	Nancy T. - Dist 15 Liaison	Paul C - Alt SPOSM
Chris L - OMD	Sue C - Alt Women's Basic Text	Deb M - Pocketing our Pride	Nora - Happy, Joyous & Free
Jon C - Third Edition	Dina - Hole in the Doughnut	Kim B - West End	Nancy R - Mendota Saturday 10:30
Mike O - Rule 62	Jonathan L - Web Servant		

Next Meeting: September 19th 7:30PM