

St. Paul & Suburban Area Intergroup Representatives' Meeting Agenda, April 15th , 2025 7:30 pm

I. **Open** with the Serenity Prayer, Intros & Primary Purpose of Intergroup

Intergroup's primary purpose is to assist the AA groups of Saint Paul and the Suburban area in carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to those who still suffer. Intergroup derives its legitimate authority from, and is responsible to the member groups which it serves. In all its activities, policies and proceedings, Intergroup observes the practice and spirit of AA's Twelve Traditions and Twelve concepts for World Service, as well as its three legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service.

II. **Approve** prior month's minutes (motion: Jimmy, 2nd: Katie K___)

III. **Treasurer's Report** – Brittani G.

Saint Paul Intergroup saw a negative impact in our Net Income for March. I did notice there was an error with the Operational Expenses numbers in the Forecast and Budget Comparisons. I have corrected those numbers, and it is now reflected properly in those columns, as well as the Average Income per Month Needed to Break Even based on Forecast. As of right now, we are on track to lose money this year. We need an average income every month of \$9,932 in order to break even, we are just under that at \$9,921, which is a difference of \$11/month. Please let me know if you have any questions, and thank you for letting me be of service. We have cut costs in quite a few areas, so we are doing our best to be mindful of how we're spending the group's money.

IV. **Office Report** – Jacob F.

- [Office Report April](#)
- LifeLine e-mail sign-up is still in the works on the website. If you want to sign up, reach out to manager@stpaulaa.org
- Can we put meeting minutes in the LifeLine or on the website?
- Jacob - yes.
- Where on the website will the minutes be?
- Under "Intergroup Council"
- Will the current faithful fivers get the LifeLine e-mailed, or will they still get physical copies?
- Jacob - They will continue to get them via USPS.
- Kelly K - The minutes from the reps meeting used to go into the LifeLine every month. Can we start doing that again or make a shortcut on the website that's easier to access? Would be nice to access them more easily.

V. **Outreach** – Jacob F. & Ricardo G.

- Please help! If you want to join, reach out to manager@aastpaul.org or stop by the office, or call 651-227-5502.
- This is especially important for newcomers. This helps ensure they are showing up to meetings that actually exist and follow the traditions.
- You can find out more about outreach on the website under "Unity" > "Group Outreach".

VI. **Night Owl Report** – Lesli D.

- All shifts are covered, things are going well!
- There will potentially be a shift opening up in June on the 1st Saturday of every month 9 AM - 2 PM.
- If you want to be oriented, we have the orientation every 3rd Saturday of the month at 10 AM. Next one is 4/19/2025.

VII. **Website Report** – Jonathan L.

- Currently have 15 meetings in MIA list under the meeting directory online that we need to confirm. These meetings are on the list because someone reported them as not meeting anymore at some point.

- Don't want to send newcomers to meetings that don't exist or follow traditions. This is a huge part of our mission as Intergroup. Please help us.
- No conflict of interest for men to go to women's only meetings to verify they still exist, or vice versa. Just give them information and explain why you're there and leave before the meeting begins. Good idea to introduce yourself to the trusted servant.
- No real changes to website, except for the contributions using Vanco.
- If your group has a Venmo, PayPal or other electronic payment service, if you tell us that code, we can put it in your meeting listing and it will show up on our website and the Meeting Guide App. You can donate directly through that link.
- Always happy to post flyers for AA related events that include AA content. This will be on the Events page. E-mail your flyer or event details to webservant@aastpaul.org and manager@aastpaul.org.

VIII. Update from the Board - Alex S.

- There's a lot going on. We really are working hard to be of service to the groups right now.
- You can see this by efforts to reduce costs, preparing events for the year, Jacob is doing very well managing the office.
- Want to stress the faithful fiver: please sign up if you can. We need contributions to continue serving the St. Paul area groups. Benefits us all.
- Send help for outreach.

IX. Liaison Report

A. District 8

- Dan S - Met on 4/9/2025 to discuss delegate agenda items. No highlights because he missed the meeting.
- PI Chair is working to spend down budget through various means.

B. District 15

- Sarah M - Met on 3/24/2025
- Lots of discussion. 3 DCMs went to West Central Service Conference and said it was very good. There was an attendee that put together demographics research. If anyone's interested let Sarah know.
- Did a spring workshop last weekend. It went very well. There was a panel and 3 speakers on the topic of relapse prevention.
- Archives hasn't had any luck reaching out to an archivist to help get archives digitalized, but continues working on it.
- Interest in jail meetings. They need more women.
- Financially everything is good.
- Discussed upcoming events, so keep an eye out for those.

C. District 19

- Karen - Met on 4/9/2025
- Attendance has been low, so we are working on outreach. Getting GSRs, etc. by putting the word out at meetings.
- Meet at Eagan Community Center
- Financially solvent. Haven't spent the money down, so they plan on working on spending that money down.
- Contacting libraries and detox centers to get literature out into the community.

- Jacob - Please drop off district contribution envelopes to keep at the office.

X. Intergroup Events

A. Past

- i. NA

B. Upcoming

- i. Spring Fling - 4/26/2025 Lutheran Church of the Redeemer 4-9 PM
 - Need lots of volunteers for setup, clean up and during the event. E-mail treasure@aastpaul.org or manager@aastpaul.org to sign up.
- ii. Gopher State

- Suite is paid for
- Need volunteers for setup on Friday around 12 noon
- Need volunteers for tear-down Sunday
- Ricardo - have 5 spots left available for intergroup suite. Contact Ricardo at 651-354-3664 if interested.

XI. Old Business

A. Building

- Asked groups for feedback last month on what they'd like Intergroup to do about trying to move out of current spot.
- Since we are currently operating at a deficit, and haven't found a new spot in our budget that is accessible, etc., we have decided to extend the current lease agreement. This includes a 60 day notice clause, allowing us to give 60 days notice at anytime if we want to move out.
- Most places for rent are roughly \$3,000/mo.
- We are currently paying \$10.75/sq. Ft., other places are around \$21/ per sq. ft.
- Next year rent will increase by \$27/mo
- Year after, it will increase by \$50/mo
- There are no other options currently available, and we can still get out of this lease without penalty with a 60 day notice after signing the extension.
- No other options have worked out. Multiple offers rejected, etc.
- This is a really good deal to re-sign.
- Jacob is going to look the extension offer over with another board member familiar with commercial leases before signing.
- Building Manager wouldn't offer a 1 year lease extension or renewal.
- Apologetic for not being able to find a new location.
- Alex S - Intergroup is grateful for the trust the groups put in us. The Board trusts Jacob and fully supports Jacob signing the 3 year extension.

XII. New Business

A. Online Contributions - See linked document in Office report above. Vanco is working out well.

- Kelly K - Go online and set up a recurring contribution if it's in your budget. It provides consistent financial support for Intergroup. We have an \$11/mo deficit currently, so your contributions can help a lot!

B. Gopher State - See notes under Intergroup Events ii. above.

XIII. Group AA Announcements

- Kelly K - Rule 62 potluck June 28th at Hamline and Jefferson at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church at 6 PM.
- DJ - Thursday 24th potluck karaoke at The Point Is group.

XIV. **Suggestions for next month's agenda:** Contact the secretary at secretary@aastpaul.org XV.

Grapevine Report- Kristine ; **Volunteer for May:** DJ

XVI. **Concept 4 Report** - Lois ; **Volunteer for May: (Concept 5):** Carol

XVII. **Mock Rep Report** - DJ ; **Volunteer for May:** Jimmy

XVIII. **Close** with the Responsibility Statement

Next meeting: May 20th at 730PM

In-person 730 PM, 33 E Wentworth Ave, West St Paul, MN Zoom ID: 870 8744 5662 / Passcode: 103549