**Greater Cincinnati Intergroup Minutes**

January 15, 2017

**Serenity Prayer and Welcome:** Ali E. opened the meeting at 4:04 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer

**Standing Rules:** Mary Ann S.

**Step:** Janet S.

**Tradition:** Carole C.

**Service Concept:** Mary F.

**Spirit of Traditions:** Sharon H.

**Attending:** Ali E. (chair), Matthew H. (vice-chair), Tony A. (treasurer), Mary F. (secretary)

Sharon H., Janet S., Joe B., Maria W., Mary L., Jackie C., Carole C., Dee Z., Mary Ann S.

**Secretary’s Report:** Minutes of the November 2016 meeting were approved. A compilation of notes taken by various members in the secretary’s absence will be presented at the February meeting as the December 2016 minutes.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Tony A. provided the final income statement for 2016 (dated 12/31/16) which included group donations as of 12/26/16. Dollar figures reflect end-of-year close out items and normal items such as the answering service and the telephone.

**Chair:** No report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget:**  Vote in February.

Intergroup Phone Service: Janet L.

**By-Laws:**  No report, but by-laws chair Tony A. indicated that he would be open to any recommendations.

**Communications:** Sharon H. provided a written report including website and email updates and stats.

Telephone: Janet L. indicated that for the period 11/21/16 to 12/20/16. 13 callers were referred to meetings by the answering service; two calls returned by OA. Total for the period: 15

**Delegates:** No report.

**Membership:** Mary F. reported for Barb E. The current meeting directory has been forwarded to Sharon H. for posting on the website.

**Public Outreach:** No report; still looking for a chair for this committee.

**Special Events:** Matthew H. reported that December’s Step Twelve workshop had 18 attendees. He has gotten positive feedback from meetings where some of the ideas presented have been implemented.

Matthew is suggesting that due to the commitment of hosting the 2017 Region V Convention, Cincinnati IG not hold a retreat or mini-convention-type event this year. He envisions a series of one-day workshops. This will be discussed and voted on during New Business at the February meeting.

**Ways and Means:** No report.

**Questions for committees**:

Joe B. asked Matthew about possible spring events. This will be discussed under New Business.

Mary Ann S. asked about the rationale behind having the group IG donations listed on the website. Ali indicated it was a matter of transparency.

Ali E. asked Tony A. about a line item in the treasurer’s report for treasurer’s expenses. Tony said it was for our expenses for literature for the 2016 Region V Convention in Detroit. He said it could have been listed under any number of categories; that’s the one he chose.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The research on the advisability of a central OA Intergroup office is ongoing. To that end, Sharon H. presented a summary of responses to a survey emailed to the general membership on this topic. There was a low response (41 surveys returned). She considered the number of emails returned with invalid addresses and the possibility that some responses were the work of a meeting’s discussion rather than individuals as possible factors in the numbers.

(Joe B. indicated he had spoken with Mr. Aglamesis. Rent on that property would be $225.00 per month. There was some concern about meeting size and the property is not yet vacated.)

Ali asked whether we can agree that there is interest in having an OA office – this was the reason for the survey. Mary Ann S. noted that the results of the survey speak for themselves. Concerns raised include the accessibility issue and whether the office could be self-supporting. Tony A. moved that we not go forward with the proposed location but that we continue researching locations with the goal of finding a site by the end of the year. Mary L. seconded the motion.

The motion carried with eleven (11) voting for the motion and one (1) against.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No new business had been submitted to the chair prior to the meeting.

**Credentials:**

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 13

 Meetings represented – 11

 Eligible to vote - 12

 Delegates – 4

 Alternate delegates – 0

 Committee chairs – 3

 Board members – 1

 Visitors – 0

Meeting closed at 5:02 p.m. with the recitation of the Responsibility Pledge.

Respectfully submitted by Mary F.